

Constance on the Edge highlights how simple everyday acts of welcome and assistance from community members can make all the difference to how refugees settle in Australia.

Here are some ways you can **Take Action...**

INDIVIDUALLY...

LISTEN and get to know people from refugee backgrounds – every refugee has an individual story to tell.

VOLUNTEER your time, skills or experience to organisations supporting people seeking asylum and refugees in Australia

- > **Refugee Council of Australia and its member organisations**
www.refugeecouncil.org.au/volunteering/
- > **Settlement Council of Australia's member organisations**
<http://www.scoa.org.au/content/find-a-member>
- > **Australia's specialist rehabilitation agencies working with survivors of torture and trauma**
www.fasstt.org.au/how-to-help-2/

DONATE money or goods to Australian or international agencies

- > **Refugee Council of Australia**
www.refugeecouncil.org.au/donate-2/
- > **Welcome to Australia**
www.welcometoaustralia.org.au/
- > **Forum of Australian Services for Survivors of Torture and Trauma**
www.fasstt.org.au/how-to-help-2/
- > **Australia for UNHCR**
www.unrefugees.org.au/
- > **Film Aid**
www.filmaid.org/

FAMILIARISE yourself with the facts

- > **Refugee Council of Australia's *Get Facts***
www.refugeecouncil.org.au/get-facts/
- > **Andrew & Renata Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law at UNSW *Fact Sheets***
www.kaldorcentre.unsw.edu.au/factsheets
- > **UNHCR's *Figures at a Glance***
<http://www.unhcr.org/en-au/figures-at-a-glance.html>

STAND UP to casual racism

- > ***Racism. It Stops With Me* campaign**
<https://itstopswithme.humanrights.gov.au/>
- > **All Together Now resources**
www.alltogethernow.org.au/

TELL YOUR LOCAL MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT that you support Australia's refugee settlement services and a generous refugee resettlement program.

IN YOUR FAMILY...

TALK WITH YOUR KIDS about how they can welcome people from refugee backgrounds.

READ YOUR KIDS stories about refugee experiences.

REFUGEE STORIES FOR CHILDREN

I'm Australian Too, Mem Fox

Ziba Came On A Boat, Liz Lofthouse

Teacup, Rebecca Young and Matt Ottley

The Little Refugee, Anh Do

A Safe Place to Live, Bic Walker

Rainbow Bird, Czenya Cavouras

The Red Shadow, Shelley Davidow

The Arrival, Shaun Tan

Soraya the Storyteller, Rosanne Hawke

The Island, Armin Greder

AT YOUR WORKPLACE...

HOST a *Constance on the Edge* screening, Harmony Day activity or Refugee Week event:

- > **Host a *Constance on the Edge* screening**
www.constanceontheedge.com/host-a-screening
- > **Harmony Day Events**
www.harmony.gov.au/
- > **Refugee Week Events**
www.refugeecouncil.org.au/refugee-week/

INVESTIGATE opportunities in your workplace giving program to contribute to organisations supporting people seeking asylum and refugees in Australia.

CONSIDER whether your workplace can offer people from refugee backgrounds employment opportunities – recruitment, employment preparation programs, vocational training, work experience or mentoring programs:

- > **SSI's Youth@Work mentors**
www.ssi.org.au/support-ssi/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities/759-youth-work-mentors
- > **SSI's Ignite business mentor program**
www.ssi.org.au/support-ssi/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities/844-ignite-business-mentor
- > **CareerSeekers**
www.careerseekers.org.au
- > **Refugee Talent**
www.refugeetalent.com

REFUGEE STORIES FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS

Boy Overboard, Morris Gleitzman

Songs of a War Boy, Deng Thiak Adut

My Australian Story: Refugee, Alan Sunderland

Dark Dreams: Australian refugee stories by young writers aged 11-20 years, Sonja Dechian, Heather Millar, Eva Sallis

Walk in My Shoes, Alwyn Evans

Jumping to Heaven, Katherine Goode

ACTION TOOLKIT

IN YOUR COMMUNITY...

GET INVOLVED in community events and initiatives, or local groups supporting asylum seekers and refugees:

- > **Refugee Council of Australia and its member organisations & Take Action and Events Calendar**
www.refugeecouncil.org.au/volunteering/
www.refugeecouncil.org.au/take-action/
- > **The Settlement Council of Australia's member organisations**
<http://www.scoa.org.au/content/find-a-member>
- > **Rural Australians for Refugees**
www.ruralaustraliansforrefugees.org.au
- > **Welcome to Australia, Events and Initiatives**
www.welcometoaustralia.org.au/
- > **Multicultural NSW**
www.multicultural.nsw.gov.au/
- > **Harmony Day**
www.harmony.gov.au/
- > **The Welcome Dinner Project**
www.joiningthedots.org/the-welcome-dinner-project

ENCOURAGE YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL to host a *Constance on the Edge* screening or Refugee Council Face to Face program:

- > **Host a *Constance on the Edge* screening**
www.constanceontheedge.com/host-a-screening
- > **Refugee Council of Australia's Face to Face program**
www.refugeecouncil.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/F2Fbrochure.pdf

ASK YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUP to invite people from refugee backgrounds as guest speakers to their meetings.

TALK WITH YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL about programs supporting residents from refugee backgrounds and encourage your local Council to become a Refugee Welcome Zone:

- > **Refugee Welcome Zones**
www.refugeecouncil.org.au/our-work/refugee-welcome-zones/