



E-VENTS CALENDAR

March 2009



CULTURAL WORKSHOPS

ARA offers another great opportunity to attend some exciting and informative workshops to develop your Cultural Competency Skills. Training topics include:

Information * Cultural orientation * **Ethnic community speakers** * Country demographics * **Historical perspectives** * Stereotyping and prejudice * **How to communicate effectively with a client group** * Needs and issues * **Cultural clashes** * Common misunderstandings * **Diversity in the Workplace** * Cross-cultural clientele * **Multi-cultural issues in SA** * Case stories **and much more.**

Further information and booking flyers are attached or please go to ARA's website at www.ausref.net
Email CulturalTraining@ausref.net

"I have been to many workshops over the last 25 years relating to child care and I have to admit that this would have to be one of the best, both informative and thoroughly enjoyable"

FURNITURE DONATION CENTRE



The **Furniture Donation Centre** relies on donations of clean, ready to use furniture, including sofas, beds, unmarked mattresses, dressing tables, shelves, wardrobes, desks, tables and chairs.

Your donation of good quality furniture and household items enables refugees to establish homes in their new communities.

Surplus goods will on occasion be sold and all funds raised in this manner will be used to support refugees. For further information or to advise of a donation please contact:

Steve Fuller at ARA on Telephone: 8354 2951 Mobile: 0413 562 988 or Email: Steve.Fuller@ausref.net

REFUGEE WEEK 2009

14-20 June 2009

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS



The new 2009/2010 Entertainment Books are worth their weight in gold!

Purchase your brand new 2009/2010 Entertainment Book now and receive over **\$15,000** in valuable offers, valid through 1 June, 2010. At the same time, you'll be helping ARA with its fundraising.

The Entertainment Book is your guide to the best restaurants, hotel accommodation, attractions, sports and leisure activities...all with 25% to 50% off or 2-for-1 offers.

Books sell at \$65 each. Please contact Erika Marshall on 8161 3322 or email: Erika.Marshall@ausref.net if you are interested in purchasing a book. Books purchased prior to the launch on 26 March will receive 5 bonus offers immediately.

ARA DOUBLE FEATURE FILM NIGHT in conjunction with Adelaide Combined Lodges



THE BOAT THAT ROCKED – Comedy
Gemma Arterton, Emma Thompson, Bill Nighy
&

DUPLICITY – Thriller
Tom Wilkinson, Paul Giamatti, Julia Roberts

Sundays 19 & 26 April 2009 at 6:00pm

Chelsea Cinema - 275 Kensington Road, Kensington Park
Adults \$14.00 Students \$7.00 Bookings essential please

Tickets available from Erika 8161 3322 or 0407 976 319
Erika.marshall@ausref.net

AUSTRALIAN CENTRAL 2009 COMMUNITY LOTTERY

Everyone's a winner with this annual lottery.

Show your support and win some great prizes. 130 Prizes are on offer with a value of \$261,029. First prize is a Mitsubishi Lancer VR-X Auto sedan valued at \$33,000. A Jurgens Caravan valued at \$28,000 is second prize and third is a \$25,000 shopping spree at Harvey Norman.

Tickets are only \$2 each (Books of 10) and ARA will retain 100% of funds from tickets it sells.

If you would like to purchase tickets/books or are able to assist with the sale of books please contact Erika Marshall on 8161 3322 or Email: Erika.marshall@ausref.net

For a full prize list please go to www.australiancentral.com.au



ARA MUM'S GROUP



For mums of 0-5 year old children

This group meets at the Australian Refugee Association on a weekly basis – every Tuesday between 10.00am & 12.00noon. Morning tea is provided.

The group discusses child raising in Australia, how to use childcare, helping children at school, children's learning and play and how to have happy children.

ARA Mum's group is an ARA program, supported by funding from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship under the Settlement Grants Program.

Please contact Michelle Meinel on 8354 2951 for further information

REFUGEE YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP

On **14-16 April 2009**, 60 young people from diverse refugee backgrounds will be taking part in a residential leadership camp organised by the Migrant Resource Centre of SA at the Nunyara Conference Centre in Belair. They will participate in workshops and activities focusing on their development as leaders and mentors, employment pathways, sporting and recreation needs, cultural expression through the arts, and other areas of interest that have been identified by consultations with young people from new and emerging communities leading up to the camp. Places are still available but filling up quickly. Service agencies, youth organisations and community groups are welcome to nominate young refugees (15-21 years) for the camp which is a free event. For information, contact Cynthia Caird or Bosco Opi on (tel) 8217 9510 or (email) admin@mrdsa.com.au

ARA MEMBERSHIP

ARA welcomes membership applications from all friends and supporters.

Membership entitles you to a membership badge, newsletters and annual report together with voting rights at general meetings.

To ARA, your membership is of vital importance when we are advocating with governments for better policies for refugee and asylum seekers.

Individual membership \$22, Couple membership \$33 or Business membership \$55 together with a special rate for Volunteers \$11 per annum are available.

If you would like to support ARA in this manner, please contact ARA (8161 3322) for a membership application and return it together with your remittance to ARA Membership at 304 Henley Beach Road, Underdale 5032. Applications can also be downloaded from www.ausref.net

WORKPLACE GIVING

Workplace Giving allows employees to donate funds on a regular basis to a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) charity directly through their pay.

Workplace Giving is easy to set up and just a small contribution from each pay can really add up. This scheme is totally voluntary and amounts can be changed or ceased at the donor's discretion.

If you would like to donate in this way to support ARA, please check with your employer to see if he/she is happy to participate and then contact Erika Marshall at ARA on 8354 2951 – Erika.marshall@ausref.net for further information.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOLD AN EVENT TO SUPPORT ARA?

ARA would be pleased to hear from you if you would like to run an event to support our work with the refugee sector.

This support can take many forms and the following are suggestions only:

- Organise a 'Casual Day' at your work place for a gold coin donation
- Hold a morning tea or get together at work or with your friends.
- Organise some friends to hold a Badge Day at a local shopping centre
- Suggest your friends and family make a donation to ARA in lieu of gifts for a birthday or anniversary

Your support in any of these areas or suggestions of your own is most welcome. ARA is happy to assist with publicity, brochures about the organisation or tins and badges if you choose to organise a collection. To register your interest or to discuss any possibilities, please contact Erika at 8354 2951.

Your support will help us to help others. Please contact us soon!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

• **AUSTRALIAN REFUGEE ASSOCIATION** needs volunteers especially for the **Homework Clubs, Family Support Program, Reception and Marketing, Fundraising and Promotions.**

To view/download a volunteer information pack about all our volunteer placements visit www.ausref.net or call reception for details on 8354 2951

DONATIONS AND FUNDS NEEDED

•ARA REFUGEE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

ARA has set up the Refugee Scholarship Fund as a practical way of demonstrating support and empathy for refugees and to assist with education and training. Donations are managed and administered by the Australian Refugee Association and are tax deductible. Contact reception@ausref.net or telephone: 8354 2951

•**THE ASYLUM SEEKER FUND** at the **Australian Refugee Association (ARA)** needs your help with funds and non-perishable food. **All donations are tax deductible** (please mark 'Asylum Seeker Fund'). For more information contact Reception at ARA on 8354 2951, or at reception@ausref.net

OTHER USEFUL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- Amnesty International: www.amnesty.org.au/refugees
- Centre for Refugee Research at University of NSW: www.crr.unsw.edu.au
- DIAC: www.immi.gov.au
- Edmund Rice Centre for Justice and Community Education: www.erc.org.au
- Lutheran Community Care: www.LCCSA.org.au
- Migrant Resource Centre of South Australia: www.mrcsa.com.au
- Multicultural Youth South Australia: www.mysa.com.au
- Refugee Action: www.refugeeaction.org
- Refugee Council of Australia: www.refugeecouncil.org.au
- STTARS – Supporting Survivors of Torture & Trauma www.sttars.org.au
- UNHCR news at: www.unhcr.ch/refworld/reflink
- Volunteering SA & NT Inc: www.volunteering.sa.org.au

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