

Circle of Friends 111 Wayville

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SUPPORT FOR REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

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SECTION 1: ADELAIDE COMMUNITY LINKS

Resources, Networks, Associations or Centres for Refugee and Asylum seekers

The SA Refugee Health Network site can be accessed under Useful Links – SA Refugee Health Network www.sarhn.org.au/SARHA_Links

This site gives a list of NGOs, Government services, Research Organisations and others assisting refugees, with web addresses for each group. There is an information sheet available with Refugee Health contact information. It includes many of the centres listed and others.

1. MIGRANT RESOURCE CENTRE

www.mrcsa.com.au

59 King William Street Adelaide SA Tel: (08) 8217 9500. MRCSA is an independent, non-government, leading settlement agency servicing all of South Australia. The purpose of MRCSA is to support the effective settlement and participation of people from refugee and migrant backgrounds, particularly new arrivals to SA.

2. ARA - AUSTRALIAN REFUGEE ASSOCIATION

www.australianrefugee.org/

304 Henley Beach Rd, Underdale SA 5032 Tel: (08) 8354 2951. Various services for refugees including furniture and electrical goods, job seeking assistance; homework clubs.

3. STTARS - SURVIVORS OF TORTURE & TRAUMA ASSISTANCE & REHABILITATION

www.sttars.org.au/

81 Angas Street, Adelaide (08) 83465433 and 12 Hawker Street, Bowden (08) 8340 4785. STTARRS assists people from a refugee and migrant background who have experienced torture or been traumatised as a result of persecution, violence, war or unlawful imprisonment prior to their arrival in Australia. Many programs are available including a family Relationships Counseling Service for families of Refugee Background (08) 82179510. You can also download publications from the site for the Forum of Australian Services for Survivors of Torture and Trauma: www.fasstt.org.au

4. MIGRANT HEALTH SERVICES (MHS)

http://sacommunity.org/org/201977-Migrant_Health_Service#

21 Market St, Adelaide, SA Ph 08 8237 3900 1800 635 566

For common Refugee Health problems, health assessment and screening. Recently arrived

refugees, other humanitarian entrants and asylum seekers with multiple and complex health needs are eligible. Appointment necessary for medical clinic, counseling and visiting services and interpreters available

5. MULTICULTURAL MENTAL HEALTH AUSTRALIA

www.mmha.org.au/mmha-products/fact-sheets

6. THE WELCOME TO AUSTRALIA CENTRE

<http://www.welcometoaustralia.org.au/volunteer/item/634-the-welcome-centre> or

<http://www.welcometoaustralia.org.au/about> at 100 Drayton Street, Bowden is open - Tues 10.00 - 4.00, Wed 10.00 – 6.00, and Thurs 10.00 - 4.00. Tel: 0449 795 752. Many young people are involved in this centre, providing support to asylum seekers, refugees & new arrivals through English classes, volunteer & work experience opportunities, emergency relief and friendship. Donated furniture is also available - the coordinator is Kate:

kate@welcometoaustralia.org.au The founder is Brad Chilcott: brad@welcometoaustralia.org.au

7. RED CROSS

www.redcross.org.au

Ph: (08) 81004642 Range of services and programs to assist refugees and asylum seekers including international tracing and reconnection of family members whose loss of contact is caused by international or internal conflict, war and disaster. They are also involved in a new project – Community Development for Refugees.

8. MUSLIM WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

www.mwasa.org.au/

Level 4, 182 Victoria Sq, Adelaide, SA, 5000 Tel: (08) 8212 0800 Mob : 0439 002 305

Email: admin@mwasa.org.au Opening hours: ☒Monday – Friday 9.30am – 4pm.☒ Other times by appointment only. Welfare services - including financial assistance, settlement assistance, general information and referral, new arrivals information sessions, English classes, computer and financial literacy classes, referrals to Muslim doctors, imams and other professionals and & particular programs such as programs for women including employment workshops, parenting sessions, exercise, recreational activities and other skills workshops and programs for youth, soccer, mentoring sessions, health, confidence building workshops.

9. WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE

www.wccsa.asn.au

64 Nelson Street, Stepney, SA, 5069. Tel: 08 - 83626571 08-83620388

Email: enquiries@wccsa.asn.au

Services include: a diverse range of Educational, Social, Support and Fun programs within the areas of Education, Literacy and Languages, Child and Youth, Arts and Crafts, Recreation and Fitness, Health, Nutrition and Cooking, Parenting, Computer/ Information Technology and Personal Development as well as a Food Donation Program, entitled "WAP - Weekend Assistance Package", developed to assist women with food packages for the weekend This package is available every Friday by appointment for women who are in need. A Key feature of this service is also information and referral.

10. MERCY HOUSE of WELCOME

43 Le Hunte Avenue, Kilburn - across the road from St Bridget's Catholic Church. Open Monday - Thursday from 10.00 - 3.00pm. Sr Ali Roach, Coordinator. The centre provides English classes 10.00 - 12 and 1.00 - 3.00 Mon - Thurs; Legal advice on Tues pm and Wed am; Budgeting advice on Thurs; Sewing classes on Wed pm; and emergency relief when required. This service is limited to asylum seekers on Bridging Visas or Community detention.

11. ANGLICARE SA REFUGEE HOUSING SERVICES - TRANSITIONAL HOUSING SCHEME AND ANGLICARE REFUGEE HOMEMAKER KITS

www.anglicare-sa.org.au/housingservices/

This site details help available from Anglicare

www.anglicare-sa.org.au/refugee-homemaker-kits/ Some items are made up into special parcels, called Refugee Homemaker Kits, which are given to refugees who move into Anglicare housing. Central office - 18 King William Road, North Adelaide.

12. REFUGEE SERVICES – BAPTIST CARE (SA)

www.baptistcaresa.org.au/services/Refugees

Baptist Care supports people from refugee backgrounds who are living in Adelaide with programs and community assistance, hope, independence, life skills and connections to the local community.

13. LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CARE – REFUGEES

www.lccare.org.au

309 Prospect Road, Blair Athol SA 5084

Tel: 08 8269 9300

Lutheran Community Care New Neighbours Settlement Support (formerly Refugee Services and New Settler Services) offers a range of services to assist new arrivals confidently participate in the wider community as soon as possible after arrival. www.lccare.org.au/new-neighbours-settlement-support.html gives details of the various Refugee Services Programs for specific groups including support groups, English classes, cultural awareness, homework classes, youth programs etc. Contact Sumati Maharjan smaharjan@lccare.org.au For appointments, referrals, or more information regarding these programs, contact LCC New Neighbours Settlement Support at Blair Athol offices at Blair Athol & Marion.

Email:newneighbours@lccare.org.au

14. ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – MIGRANT AND REFUGEE COMMITTEE

www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find_Help/SA/Resettling_in_Australia/Migrant_and_Refugee_Committee/

564 Port Rd, Allenby Gardens, SA, 5009 at bus stop 14. Open Tues. and Thurs.

Tel:(08) 8340 3053☒ Email:

svdp@svdpsa.org.au

Please phone to make an appointment.

Free assistance is provided to migrants and refugees who have fled war, persecution and significant injustice. This service is provided by a committee of about 15 volunteers and one part-time paid Co-ordinator. Specific services include: housing and immigration information;

material assistance (food, clothing, basic furniture and payment of essential service bills); support for migrants released from detention; advocacy, counselling and referrals to other agencies; emergency accommodation; education scholarships and budget counselling.

15. SOPHIA SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

www.sophia.org.au/

Sophia Spirituality Centre, 225 Cross Road, Cumberland Park 5041. Tel: (08) 8373 3781
Open: 9.30am - 5.00pm ☐Tuesday to Friday.

Email: info@sophia.org.au

Courses and activities on a wide range of subjects including special English classes for refugee women. ☐This centre provides English tuition and practical life skills for refugee women, and others not able to access alternative classes. It is a supportive environment, with child minding provided. Weekly during school term Wednesdays, from 10.00am-12.30pm.☐No cost.

16. UNITING CHURCH SA

<http://sa.uca.org.au/solidarity-and-justice/refugees-and-asylum-seekers>

Various resources, fact sheets, statements and other information from the Uniting Church. The Refugee Community Capacity Program <http://www.ucwpa.org.au/program> details programs run by Uniting Care Wesley - Port Adelaide to help refugee families access services and connect with informal support networks such as playgroups and parenting skills development. It includes African women's group weekly meetings (held at Seaton Central), Advocacy, support, home visits, Group visits to service providers - Women's Health Service, and local events and Parenting education. Uniting Care Wesley Bowden <http://www.ucwb.org.au/services.html> provides a wide range of community services in the North and West Adelaide Metropolitan region. See also <http://www.unitingjustice.org.au/refugees-and-asylum-seekers>
Many Uniting Church congregations have special services for particular refugee groups eg Sudan refugees – Modbury UC; Iranian refugees - Coromandel Valley UC; Unley UC – Iranian Christians- special weekday service. Contact the local church for information.

17. CITY SOUL CAFÉ

13 Hutt Street, Adelaide. Uniting Church
A Hospitality Training Café for refugee people trying to get work in this industry
Cafe Enquiries: Rev. Ruthmary Bond:
rmbond@citysoul.org.au Ph: 0407 608 000

18. UNITING COMMUNITIES' SUDANESE COMMUNITY PROGRAM

www.unitingcommunities.org/Sudanese-community-program

Third Floor, 10 Pitt St, Adelaide

Tel: (08) 8202 5060 This program works with members of the Sudanese Community to support them to engage with their local communities with the aim of the program is to assist Sudanese community members to engage with their local communities through advice, referral, support, workshops and advocacy. Free of charge.

19. SALVATION ARMY

www.salvationarmy.org.au/adelaide

City Salvos Church, 277 Pirie Street Adelaide has the Adelaide Community Support Services. The goal of the Salvation Army Adelaide Community Support Services is to provide a Christian basis for involvement with individuals and families to assist them with material aid, counselling and other needs. ☐☐We provide: Emergency Relief, Financial Counselling and Budget Services, General Counselling. Open: ☐Mon. Tues. Thurs. and Fri. 9 – 3pm and Wed. 9 – 12.30pm -closed for lunch 12.30 – 1.15 pm. Seemoreat:<http://www.salvationarmy.org.au/en/FindUs/SouthAustralia/AdelaideCongress/Ministries/Adelaide-Community-Support-Services/#sthash.sNiFy6bU.dpuf>

20. CARE WORKS – CHURCH OF CHRIST SA

www.cwsa.org.au/

114 Henley Beach Rd, Torrensville, SA

Tel: 8234 5802 Email: admin@cwsa.org.au

This agency provides various programs including financial counseling and budgetary advice, Emergency Assistance Practical assistance can include food parcels, supermarket food vouchers, school shoes, bus tickets, help with bills and referrals to other services. The program runs from 10.00 - 1.00, Monday to Thursday. It is essential for clients to make an appointment, which can only be done by phoning at 9:00am for an appointment on that day.

21. TRANSLATING & INTERPRETING SERVICE

Phone 131 450. This can be telephone interpreting, or if organized and booked in advance, face to face interpreting. There is a cost for this. See also:
www.immi.gov.au/living-in-australia/help-with-english/help_with_translating/

22. JUSTICENET – LEGAL ASSISTANCE

<http://www.justicenet.org.au/rasp.html>

A Legal Referral Service for Refugees and Asylum – JusticeNet, operates a specialised referral service for Refugees and Asylum Seekers. The network of pro bono lawyers experienced in migration law can provide expert advice and assistance to asylum seekers.

23. LEGAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF SA

http://www.lsc.sa.gov.au/cb_pages/education.

Justice issues for young migrants and refugees are many and varied. The Education and Awareness Project (LEAP) is an important initiative aiming at filling this gap in South Australia.

24. TENANCY ADVICE

www.sa.gov.au/...and+land/customer...and.../consumer+and+business+services

The SA Consumer and Business Services (CBS) has a single phone number Ph.131 882. for all sections including the Tenancies Branch, Residential Tenancies Tribunal Registry, Consumer Affairs and Business and Occupational Services. Ring for an appointment.

25. BIKES FOR REFUGEES

www.bisa.asn.au/

Community Bicycle Co-operative workshop, at Plympton Community Centre. Saturdays 9-12; 32 Long Street Plympton. Bikes for Refugees is a small, local, Adelaide-based volunteer scheme which supplies reliable, safe secondhand bikes, at no charge, to refugee families settling in Adelaide. The scheme has been running since 2003, and has recycled around 2000 bikes. The scheme is run by The Bicycle Institute, SA (BISA). To access a bike for a refugee on a Saturday morning you do need to phone for an appointment time call Mike Brisco the co-ordinator: 0435 02 16 81
Mike.brisco@flinders.edu.au

25. KILBURN COMMUNITY CENTRE

www.portenf.sa.gov.au

59 Gladstone Ave, Kilburn, SA 5084

Tel.: 08 8349 8363

The services provided here include: Adult community education – including English conversation group on Fridays; Arts and crafts, Kindergym, Recreation - holiday program and after school activities, Drop-in for young people, Martial arts, Recreation for older people.

26. WEEKLY EVENING CLASSES FOR LIBERIAN AND SIERRA LEONEAN REFUGEES

Clearview Hall, 11 Clearview Crescent, Clearview 5085. Computer classes for basic Word programs and powerpoint, resume writing, homework revision and exercises, games and activities. For further information contact Sahr Bockarie on 0432 109 153 or email: diompillar@yahoo.com

27. ENGLISH CLASSES FOR IRANIAN REFUGEES

Christian based English classes are held on Mondays from 10.00 – 2.00pm at The Baptist Church, 1 Northgate Street at Unley Park. Classes are designed for Iranian refugees.

28. MULTICULTURAL YOUTH SA

www.mysa.com.au/

Building 7, 255 Torrens Road, West Croydon SA 5008 T: 08 8212 0085

E: info@mysa.com.au

The Multicultural Youth South Australia Inc (MYSA) is a community based not for profit organisation that provides leadership, advocacy and direct support services for multicultural young people in SA.

29. NEOVOICES MULTICULTURAL YOUTH RADIO PROGRAM AT RADIO ADELAIDE - 101.5FM

Every Monday from 6.00pm to 7.00pm at Radio Adelaide 228 North Terrace, Adelaide Neovoices - a weekly Multicultural Youth radio program is produced and presented by teams of young broadcasters from new and emerging communities in Adelaide. The program has 12 registered volunteers from Afghanistan, Iran, and African cultural backgrounds, ranging in age from 14 to 30.

30. SCHOOL'S IN FOR REFUGEES ONLINE

www.foundationhouse.org.au/service_innovati_on_program/working_with_schools/schools-refugees-online

This site, hosted by Foundation House, Victoria, connects young refugees in education with a learning community in schools supporting refugee students. Sharing ideas and accessing PD, resources and news services.

31. RURAL AUSTRALIANS FOR REFUGEES

www.ruralaustraliansforrefugees.org/

Rural Australians for Refugees (RAR) began in the Southern Highlands of NSW in 2001 as group of concerned citizens working to turn this country away from an inhumane and bizarre policy.

32. TAFE ADULT MIGRANT ENGLISH

PROGRAM www.els.sa.edu.au English

Language Services, Rundle Mall Campus 5th Floor Renaissance Centre, 127 Rundle Mall, ADELAIDE SA 5000 Phone: 8 8226 6567.

Home Tutor Scheme Enhancement Program Coordinator: Jenny Cooper. This service is available for those who have refugee status granted by the Australian Government.

35. ENGLISH CLASSES AVAILABLE IN ADELAIDE AND SUBURBS

See these entries

6. Welcome to Australia Centre at Bowden - page 1

8. Muslim Women's Association in Victoria Square, Adelaide - page 2

10. The Mercy Welcoming Centre, at Kilburn - page 2

13. Lutheran Community Care at Blair Athol – page 2

15. Sophia Spirituality Centre at Cumberland Park – page 3

25. Kilburn Community Centre at Kilburn – page 4

27. English classes for Iranian Refugees at Unley Park - see page 4

36. CIRCLES OF FRIENDS AUSTRALIA INC. (COFA)

There are many Circles of Friends in Adelaide, rural areas and interstate. Each Circle has a particular focus but all assist Refugees and Asylum Seekers in detention and once in the community, with friendship and support. Some Circles are able to help refugees studying at tertiary level with assistance to buy computers, others take maternity kits to asylum seekers in need in Inverbrakie, or help in emergencies once families are in the community - assisting refugees find accommodation or household goods, or take refugee families on outings. For example Circle 111 based at Wayville has had a Harmony Day party; a Christmas picnic in the parklands for refugee families and their supporters sharing food, games and Christmas gifts with the children; and has taken a large group of families to the Zoo. Membership of Circles is free and you can get information by email, including *Circle Focus – Newsletter of the Circle of Friends Australia Inc.*

If you would like to join Circle 111 at Wayville contact julie@aldermanredman.com.au or contact cofa.admin@bigpond.com to find a Circle of Friends near you.

33. ASYLUM SEEKER RESOURCE CENTRE

(based in Melbourne) <http://www.asrc.org.au/>

Look at their Resources page, where there are sections entitled myth busters, fact sheets, statistics, for students and teachers etc. They keep the website up to date with special sections on current problem spots like Manus Island, Nauru etc.

34. UNLEY COMPUTER SHARE CENTRE

Contact: Colleen Eddie on

colleeneddie@gmail.com

She has reconditioned desktop computers ready to plug in and use, which they are willing to give away to people who need them. You do need to contact her by email and agree to collect the computer from the address she will give you in Unley at an appointed time. They do not have laptops. All computers have:

- All cables, monitor, keyboard and mouse included.
- Operating system is Vista with 2GRAM
- Word processing software
- Internet enabled

PLACES AND RESOURCES TO SHOW REFUGEES FAMILIES IN THE COMMUNITY

- 1. Local Community facilities in the area** where the families get accommodation
 - Local Library – books and DVDs etc often in their language
 - Toy libraries
 - Local Library or Community Centre for internet connections for email
 - Playgroups and Kindergartens
 - Playgrounds and parks
- 2. Transport maps/ Timetables** for the metro area from STA information Office - King William Street – corner of Currie Street
- 3. Local Council** – facilities available – check the relevant council
- 4. Public Hospitals and Medical Centres** in the locality
- 5. Local Churches and Mosques** (if applicable)
- 6. Local 'Op shops'**
- 7. Central Market and other fresh food markets** eg. Main North Road, Nailsworth.
- 8. Parkland facilities - Bonython Park, Botanic Park and Gardens, Elder Park etc**

IDEAS FOR THINGS TO GIVE OR SHOW REFUGEE FAMILIES

- Maps of Adelaide and environments - available from SA Tourism
- Bus/ tram / train timetables – available from STA
- Atlas – available often at Op shops
- Dictionary in English and if possible English and their language
- Brochures such as ones from Le Cornus showing furniture and prices
- Supermarket brochures from the local area etc.

SECTION 2: VISITING REFUGEES/ASYLUM SEEKERS IN INVERBRACKIE

- If you would like to visit Inverbrackie you will need to register as a visitor with the **Inverbrackie Good Neighbour Council** www.inverbrackiegnc.org.au

You will see on that site you can get further information from: maggie@ignc.org

She will send information to you, however I have put most of it here for your interest.

- You can visit at Inverbrackie between 9am-11am, 1pm-3pm or 6pm-8pm seven days a week. Arrangements to visit asylum seekers/ refugees are quite complicated. You must fill in documents and so must the family you are visiting, so this does need to be arranged. Maggie from the Good Neighbour Council will send the Serco form to you that has to be filled in, or you can download it yourself - see below. The Good Neighbour Council will give you the name of the family and their house number, which you need for the form and advise you of the appropriate procedure and protocols about visiting.

- **Inverbrackie Good Neighbour Council** c/o Wistow General Store, Wistow, SA 5251
Ph 8391 5218 Email: info@inverbrackiegnc.org.au This is an independent, non-political, community-based group that draws on the wider community to provide volunteers, donations of goods, friendly visitors, events and activities that directly benefit asylum seekers in Inverbrackie. This site tells how you can also volunteer at the homework club and also give donations.

- **Visitor's Application Forms** can be downloaded from Serco, who run the centre on this site:
http://www.immi.gov.au/managing-australias-borders/detention/_pdf/idc-visitor-application-form.pdf

This Visitor's Application Form required by Serco must be filled in and scanned and then attached to an email to: inverbrackievisits@serco-ap.com.au. Serco will email you back accepting the visit.

The Visitor's Application form can also be printed, filled in and **faxed** back to Serco at Inverbrackie on (08) 83890047. They can also be sent by post to SERCO, Nairne Road, Inverbrackie SA 5244

- The forms must be submitted at least 24 hours in advance. You will get a phone call to say your visit is approved. The family will be notified when you arrive. Applications to visit should be sent in as early as possible for each visit as Serco has now capped the number of visitors/families down to 35 people in the visiting area. A new form must be submitted for each subsequent visit and photo identity documentation **must be taken** for each visit.

- There is another form '**Conditions of Entry**' you should read and print off. This needs to be taken with you and you may be asked to sign it in front of the guards at Inverbrackie. It is on this site:
http://www.immi.gov.au/managing-australias-borders/detention/_pdf/idc-visitor-conditions-of-entry.pdf

PROCEDURE FOR VISITING (From the Inverbrackie Good Neighbour Council)

- The conditions of entry are that you provide A PHOTO ID, usually a Drivers' Licence, and for young children a Medicare Card. You CANNOT take in mobile phones, computers or money. You **MUST WEAR ENCLOSED SHOES.**

- There are tables under cover in the outside visiting area or you may sit in the Visitor's centre if the weather is inclement. You visit at an appointed time and meet in the Visitor's Centre area or in the outside area. You cannot go into the family's homes. If you are unsure of whom you are visiting one of the officers will direct you to your nominated family. You will most probably be greeted by your family and asked to share a meal, which they bring. You can take unopened supermarket packaged food and bottles of drink and sweets to share. Once you know the family you can take in other items that you feel may be of interest such as books on Australia or whatever subject they are keen to talk about.

- All food products taken in to Inverbrackie Visitor's Centre to share with the family while you are there MUST be brought from supermarkets and still be in the original unopened sealed packets. These are checked at the gatehouse as you go in. Food products such as dried apricots, nuts, biscuits are suitable items. You can take in fresh fruit such as bananas, rockmelon, mango, grapes and pineapple.
- Good quality books such as Dictionaries, Atlases, Children's Picture books and stories in English and new or good quality clothes or toys, if there are children, can be useful. All goods, whether food or books etc, must be shown at the gatehouse. They are kept there and distributed to the families after you leave. If goods are left you will be given a property form to fill out and a receipt for the things you have brought. If goods you bring are in the prohibited list and so not allowed in, you leave them there during the visit and pick them up to take home as you leave.
- Visitors give the families in Inverbrackie reassurance that many Australians are welcoming, friendly and value them as people and it's important that asylum seekers know people are out there advocating on their behalf. Visiting does require a regular commitment as families quickly become attached to their visitors and become quite upset if they fail to turn up or stop visiting.

Visiting - From the experience of many of our Circle of Friends who visit or have visited families over the last two years, these are suggestions we have found helpful.

- Once you make the connection with the family it is likely they will wish you to visit as often as you can. You do need to be aware of the commitment involved, as after establishing contact and trust, and the family can come to depend upon you for support. They may ask you questions about living in Adelaide, costs of rental accommodation, food, furniture costs, electricity and gas bills, telephone costs etc.
- It is important that you do not ask questions about why the families came on boats or why they are seeking asylum. Once they gain your friendship and trust they may share more with you. Be aware also of cultural mores of particular groups you are visiting. Hospitality is important so do try some of the food that has been prepared for you.
- To begin with it can be useful to take with you maps of Adelaide and Australia, showing distances between capital cities, bus travel maps and show families how to read them, photos of Adelaide, beaches, central market etc. These are generally allowed in and they are useful talking points. Sometimes local magazines such as the *Messenger Press* free papers are allowed in and they can be used to discuss costs of food, furniture, rents in Adelaide etc. Brochures from supermarkets are important particularly 'no frills or the name brands', so they can get an idea of food costs.
- There is a list of prohibited items pinned up in the guardhouse, which includes creams, perfumes etc. You should read this before showing items to the guards.
- Many of our Wayville Circle 111 have visited people at Inverbrackie and when the families have refugee status granted, or are given community detention, they continue their interest in the families in the Adelaide community, unless the family moves interstate. Please be clear to the family in detention whether you wish to continue to support them in the community.
- Many refugees are traumatised and have psychological scars and need support. Help is available from various organisations. Once in the community they may require help with other links, eg many Tamils are Christians of the Catholic faith and can ask for links to other Christian families or churches. Muslim families may need links into the Muslim community for support. There are various Community Support Networks available for refugees and asylum seekers – and if you are prepared to

provide support to families coming into the community, you should make yourself aware of what they are, so you can help the families and also give them names of other people they can turn to for support. **See Section 1: Adelaide Community Links: Resources, Networks, Associations or Centres for Refugee and Asylum seekers**

- Government policy is in a state of change. If a family is given Community Detention they could be released into the community on bridging visas or Community detention orders. They are supported by either Red Cross or the Migrant Resource Centre and helped with furnished housing for the first 3 months. They do need to pay for electricity, gas, food transport etc from the amount given to them by Red Cross. After this time they may ask for help to get accommodation, and also help with furniture and household necessities. Those with refugee status are allowed to get jobs, and you could be asked to help with CVs and job applications. Other families, who are released on Bridging Visas or Community Detention, are not allowed to work for financial gain.
- A few people may be released on permanent visas and will receive some assistance from government including Centre link payments and they can work.
- The Uniting Church website Uniting Justice has papers on the Temporary Protection Visas and Temporary Humanitarian Concerns Visa for downloading. See <http://www.unitingjustice.org.au/refugees-and-asylum-seekers/about>
- The circulation of myths and misinformation is one of the biggest barriers to understanding the issues affecting refugees and asylum seekers. Myths create confusion and can fuel conflict, resentment and disharmony. If you would like to read the sheets on Myth Busters on Refugees and Asylum Seekers see material on the Australian Refugee Council website: <https://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/f/myth-long.php>
This website also has statistics about refugee and asylum seekers arrivals.
- If you wish to write to Politicians about any matters that affect Asylum seekers and refugees look first at the letter Writing Project on http://www.safecom.org.au/pdfs/letter_writing_project.pdf
This has been taken from Julian Burnside QC's website. It explains how to effectively go about writing to politicians: www.julianburnside.com
For letter writing ideas from *A Just Australia* see also: <http://www.ajustaustralia.com/>



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