Refugee Week 17-23 June 2018

#WithRefugees is the theme for Refugee Week 2018 in Australia.

NSW Refugee Health Service (RHS) will be celebrating Refugee Week with:

- **RHS Event**: Tue 19 Jun 10am at Liverpool Hospital. Activities include an art exhibition, guest speakers, cultural performances, and a light morning tea.
  
  Register for your free ticket by emailing SWSLHD-RefugeeHealth@health.nsw.gov.au. Please contact Martin Silveira for further information.

- **Keep Cup competition for NSW Health staff**: Complete the HETI module “Meeting the Healthcare Needs of Refugees” (116308950) and email your certificate by Friday 16/06/2018 to: SWSLHD-RefugeeHealth@health.nsw.gov.au. The first 50 will receive a Keep Cup, with winners announced at the above event.

- **Movie screening**: ‘Human Flow’ by Ai WeiWei presented in partnership with Macarthur Diversity Services Initiative.
  
  Wed 20 June 2018 - 6pm, at Events Cinemas Macarthur Square, Campbelltown. The movie trailer can be viewed [here](#). Human Flow is a detailed exploration of the global refugee crisis and its profoundly personal human impact.
  
  Tickets can be purchased on-line for $14 each.

  For further information, please contact Sue Gordon on 46271188

**Calls for art works** for Refugee Week 2018: organisations may submit works of art by their clients for inclusion in the exhibition (by 21/05/18). There is also an opportunity for organisations to host some of the collection during Refugee Week as a way of showing support for the refugee artists. For further information contact Martin Silveira.


**Call for Abstracts**

**Status Resolution Support Service**

Status Resolution Support Service (SRSS) provides support to people seeking asylum. Recent changes in eligibility requirements mean that people with work rights will be exited from the system if deemed ‘employable’; this will occur even if they are studying or unable to find work. Some exceptions exist; such as pregnancy with complications, severe mental illness. Medicare for those currently entitled will continue. The changes will affect over 3000 asylum seekers in NSW, with a likely flow-on effect to supporting services.

**Support group for LGBTI asylum seeker women**

The Queer Sisterhood Project is a peer-run and peer-support group aimed to provide a space of community and belonging to all women (including transgender women) who are identifying as queer (homosexual, bisexual, lesbian, same-sex attracted, or pansexual) and have sought asylum in Australia because of the persecution on the grounds of gender or sexuality. Further information including a flyer to display in your service is available here, or you can contact Tina Dixon who runs the group in partnership with Twenty10.

**Refugees rebuilding their lives**

ABC Radio National interviews Professor Peter Shergold, Coordinator General for Refugee Resettlement and Shaun Nemorin, school liaison program STARTTS; “While a lot of media and political debate is focused on where asylum-seekers should be resettled, what challenges do they face in their new homes?” ‘Refugees rebuilding their lives’ can be listened to here.

**Refugee Health Network of Australia meeting**

Concerns were expressed nationally regarding the health information provided for humanitarian entrants from overseas immigration posts, and changes to access to this information. In order to mitigate client health risks, DSS has interim measures in place until the roll-out of the secure web-based application HAPlite is complete (scheduled for end of April 2018).

**Settlement Data Access**

**Reminder:** The online DSS Settlement Reporting Facility was decommissioned in March. The most commonly requested datasets can now be found at www.data.gov.au on the Settlement Reports page. More specific data requests can be made via a form on the DSS Settlement services page.

**E-News email distribution lists**

If you or a colleague has dropped off our E-News distribution list and you wish to be re-added, please email: christine.maidment@health.nsw.gov.au

Current and past E-News issues are available on the RHS website

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**New resources**

**National Disability Insurance Scheme Booklets**

Northcott and RHS have produced two Arabic booklets to help people living with a disability, and their carers get ready for the NDIS. English and Arabic versions and available through our Multilingual Health Resources page:

- Getting NDIS ready for you (English and Arabic)
- Getting NDIS ready for your child (English and Arabic)
LGBTI Refugees factsheet

RHS has a newly developed factsheet ‘LGBTI Refugees’. Updated factsheets also include a revised ‘Immigration Medical Examination and Departure Health Check’ factsheet, and changes to the Multilingual Resources page.

Free on-line training

National Workforce Centre for Child Mental Health; Trauma and the Child: This course explores a trauma-informed approach to understanding the prevalence of trauma, and its impacts on the child and families; and explains how, with the right supports, children can and do recover from experiences of trauma and adversity. This course would be of particular benefit to GPs, teachers, clinicians, carers and health professionals who work with or care for children from a refugee background.

Refugee Health and the NDIS: Webinar available from the Refugee Health Network Queensland; links to speaker’s presentations are also available.

Training and professional development

Regional Workshops, STARTTS: Working with Families from Refugee Backgrounds

3 May Wollongong | 29 May Newcastle | 5 Jun Coffs Harbour | 19 Sep Wagga Wagga

15 May 2018: Refugee Health (The patient journey and GP guide to healthcare and settlement services for newly arrived refugees); for GPs and Practice Nurses; South Western Sydney PHN, Liverpool

18 May 2018: Cultural Competence in Working with People from Refugee Backgrounds; STARTTS Carramar

24-25 May 2018: Cross-Cultural Assessment and Treatment of Torture and Refugee Trauma in Adults; STARTTS Clinical workshop, Carramar


10-12 July 2018: Society of Academic Primary Care Conference: Learning from Europe and Populations on the Move (refugee/migrant focus), London

22-24 Feb 2019: PACFA Working with Trauma Conference 2019: Sydney

Publications & research

[For published articles below; links to abstracts are provided where full texts are not available for free]


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