



WESTERN SYDNEY REGION --- SETTLEMENT CONSORTIUM

Delivering settlement services
for refugees and migrants



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What is the Western Sydney Region Settlement Consortium?

The Western Sydney Region Settlement Consortium (WSRSC) is a partnership between 4 community organisations and migrant resource centres delivering settlement services in agreed areas of NSW under the Department of Home Affairs' Settlement Engagement and Transition Support (SETS) program.

Led by SydWest Multicultural Services, the consortium covers a broad geographical area across Greater Western Sydney, South-Western Sydney and into areas including The Hills, Hornsby and North Sydney.

The consortium has significant expertise supporting new arrivals to Australia become self-reliant members of the Australian community. Its partners are:

- **SydWest Multicultural Services**
(SydWest, consortium lead)
- **Accessible Diversity Services Initiative Limited**
(ADSI)
- **Community Migrant Resource Centre**
(CMRC)
- **Western Sydney Migrant Resource Centre**
(WSMRC)

We have a long history of working together collaboratively and innovatively to achieve the best possible outcomes for newly arrived clients and emerging communities.

80%

Over 80% of new arrivals to NSW settle in the Greater Sydney region

65%

Of these, 65% settle in Western Sydney

Popular settlement areas include Blacktown, Campbelltown, Cumberland, Liverpool and Penrith.

“Settlement is multifaceted and complex. With the right support, people coming to live in Australia can become active members of the community benefiting themselves, and the nation. They bring valuable skills and experiences, which can help meet labour force needs and contribute to Australia’s productivity and development.”

From the National Settlement Framework

How will the new consortium work?

- Our aim is to improve social participation, economic and personal wellbeing, independence and community connectedness among new arrivals, enabling them to re-build their lives and contribute to community.
- We do this by ensuring new arrivals improve their English language skills and have access to education and training. We also assist in areas including housing, family and social support, health and mental health referrals, transport and civic participation.
- Our approach is to build a strong foundation of trust with individuals, families and communities. We deliver services through qualified, experienced, bi-lingual staff and build and maintain strong partnerships with government and others in the sector.
- Our interactions will be based around the unique needs of the individual or family. We will strive to connect newcomers with services no matter where they live in the region, based on evidence-based and outcomes focused service principles.
- The consortium will operate consistently under the National Refugee and Humanitarian Entrant Settlement and Integration Outcomes Framework and settlement standards.
- Together we will have a more powerful advocacy voice.

Opportunities for partnering

If you would like to partner with us on an initiative please contact SydWest in the first instance via info@sydwestms.org.au or **(02) 9621 6633**.

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Areas covered

