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MEDIA RELEASE

SydWest and Western Sydney MRC Champion increase in Refugee Intake

SydWest Multicultural Services and Western Sydney MRC, both members of the Western Sydney Region Settlement Consortium, are proud to announce its upcoming advocacy event, aimed at championing an increase in Australia's refugee intake and enhancing the resettlement experience for migrants and refugees.

The event, set to take place on 17th June at West HQ will bring together community leaders, peak bodies, policymakers, and advocates to drive meaningful discussions and push for positive change.

With global displacement increasing year after year, Australia has a unique opportunity to strengthen its commitment to humanitarian support.

This event will shine a spotlight on Australia's refugee response compared to other nations and the challenges refugees face upon arrival, while presenting solutions to their inclusion and belonging.

The event will feature speakers from SBS, SSI, Refugee Council of Australia and UNSW, some of whom were refugees themselves.

Attendees will have the chance to engage with policymakers and stakeholders, reinforcing the call for increased intake and a more compassionate and structured support system.

"This event is a crucial step toward ensuring Australia remains a leader in humanitarian action," said Clement Meru, Settlement and Community Services manager at SydWest. "By advocating for an improved resettlement experience, we aim to empower refugees and build a stronger, more inclusive society."

Members of the public, media, and key decision-makers are encouraged to attend and take part in shaping the future of refugee support in Australia.

Event Details:

Date: 17th June

Time: 12:00pm – 2:00pm

Location: West HQ, 33 Railway Street, Rooty Hill

Registration: https://sydwest_refugee_week_2025_in_conversation_with.eventbrite.com.au/

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SydWest is an innovative employer of choice, with passionate, qualified and experienced bilingual and bicultural staff who are sensitive to the languages and cultures of the communities we represent. With locations in Blacktown, Mt Druitt and Penrith, we cover all matters of cultural diversity in the region.