

WESTERN SYDNEY REGION SETTLEMENT CONSORTIUM



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Western Sydney Celebrates ‘A Million Stories’ During Refugee Week 2026

Four community organisations across Western Sydney, working together through the Western Sydney Region Settlement Consortium (WSRSC), will deliver a coordinated program of events this June to celebrate Refugee Week 2026 and its theme, “*A Million Stories.*”

The collaborative program highlights the stories, contributions and resilience of refugees and people seeking asylum who call Western Sydney home.

This year’s theme marks a significant milestone - more than one million people have been welcomed to Australia through its humanitarian program, each bringing a unique story that has helped shape the nation.


Western Sydney is home to vibrant, diverse communities shaped by migration and refugee journeys, and the region continues to demonstrate how inclusion, collaboration and community support can transform lives.


Through WSRSC, partner organisations are proud to showcase the power of collaboration in delivering a shared Refugee Week program that strengthens community connection and local leadership across the region.

Across the week, community members are invited to attend events that celebrate culture, promote understanding and foster stronger connections across diverse communities.

Details of the four member events during Refugee Week:


CMRC Celebration


 Holroyd Centre, Merrylands

 13 June | 10.30am-2pm

Celebrate diversity with arts, music, workshops & delicious food


SydWest Celebration


 The Colebee, Doonside

 16 June | 1.00pm-4pm

Share in the stories that make the Blacktown community special


WSMRC Celebration


 Whitlam Leisure Centre, Liverpool

 18 June | 10.am-1pm

Celebrate diversity, culture, and community with music, food & fun

ADSi Celebration

 Holroyd Function Centre, Merrylands

 19 June | 4.30pm-8.30pm

Join us as we celebrate diversity, culture, music, food, and community.

“Refugee Week is a powerful opportunity to celebrate the strength and contributions of refugee communities in Western Sydney and to recognise that every story matters.” said Elfa Moraitakis CEO of SydWest.

Members of the community are encouraged to participate, learn and support initiatives that build inclusive and welcoming communities.

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<https://sydwestms.org.au/partnerships-and-initiatives/ws-region-settlement-consortium/>

About the Western Sydney Region Settlement Consortium

The Western Sydney Region Settlement Consortium (WSRSC) is a partnership of community organisations working collaboratively to support refugees and people seeking asylum across Western Sydney.

Through coordinated services, advocacy, and community engagement, WSRSC members are committed to **building inclusive, resilient communities where everyone can thrive.**

Members:

- SydWest Multicultural Services – lead
- Community Migrant Resource Centre – CMRC
- Western Sydney Migrant Resource Centre – WSMRC
- Accessible Diversity Services Intl – ADSi