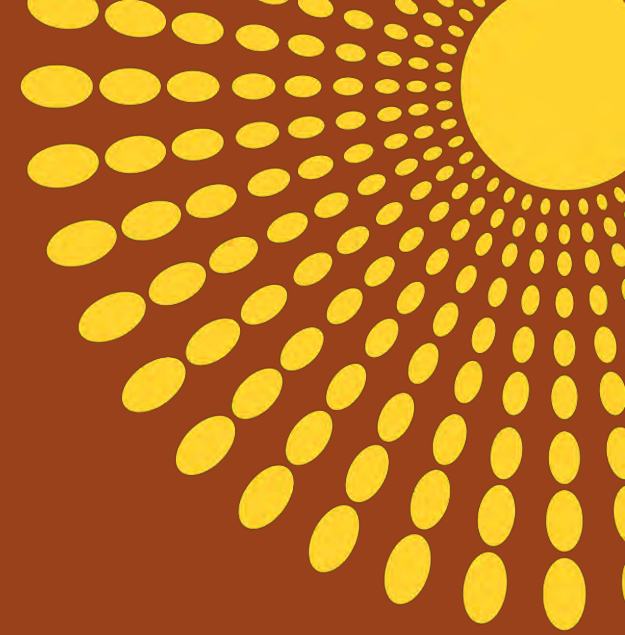


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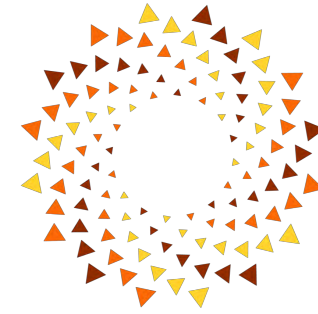
SESSION 9:

**VOLUNTEERING BY AND FOR MIGRANTS,
REFUGEES, AND ASYLUM SEEKERS**

Partnerships: The Australian
Volunteers Program and Refugee
Social Services

Wendell Westley – Australian Volunteers

Yasmin Rajah – Refugee Social Services



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Australian
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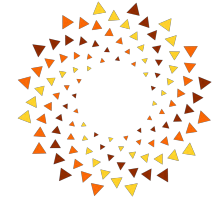
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REFUGEE
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- HOW COULD REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS BECOME ACTIVE AGENTS AND LEADERS IN THE DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES RATHER THAN BENEFICIARIES OF THE SERVICES AND SUPPORT PROVIDED BY VOLUNTEER ORGANISATIONS?
- HOW CAN WE MAKE THE MIGRANT AND REFUGEES LET ORGANISATIONS AS EQUAL PARTNERS IN THE VOLUNTEERING PROGRAMS?

Australian Volunteers Program



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Our approach to partnerships

Locally led development

Working together

Package of support

- International volunteers

- National volunteers

- Small grants program

- Peer to peer learning and knowledge sharing

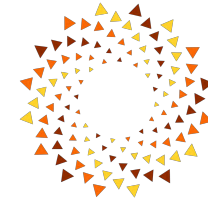


Refugee Social Services



- Locally registered Not for Profit organisation working with refugee, asylum seeker and migrant communities
- Provides integrated package of psycho-social services and capacity building aimed at promoting integration and independence
- Staffed by a diverse team made up of locals and refugees/migrants
- Team made up of professional paid staff and volunteers from the both local and international communities as well as from the client community
- Services are culturally appropriate, provided in refugee and local languages and there's an emphasis on working in partnership with the community to bring about sustainable changes

International Volunteer



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Need identified by RSS for assignment

Research Sales Force for case management and M&E

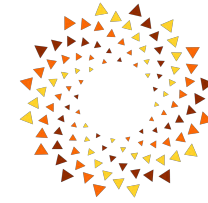
Capacity building of RSS staff

Working with national volunteers to capture and implement use



RSS Teams in training session with Australian Volunteer Graham. Credit: Refugee Social Services

National Volunteers



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Testing new models and approaches to volunteering

Funded through an Innovation Grant to support young graduates

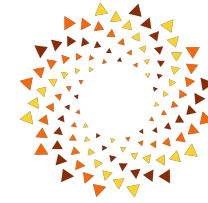
RSS hosting 4 national volunteers

Social worker, finance administrator, 2 SF administrators



National Volunteers and Peer at RSS office. Credit: Refugee Social Services

Peers educators and volunteers



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Partnership with refugee community
and building of relationships of trust

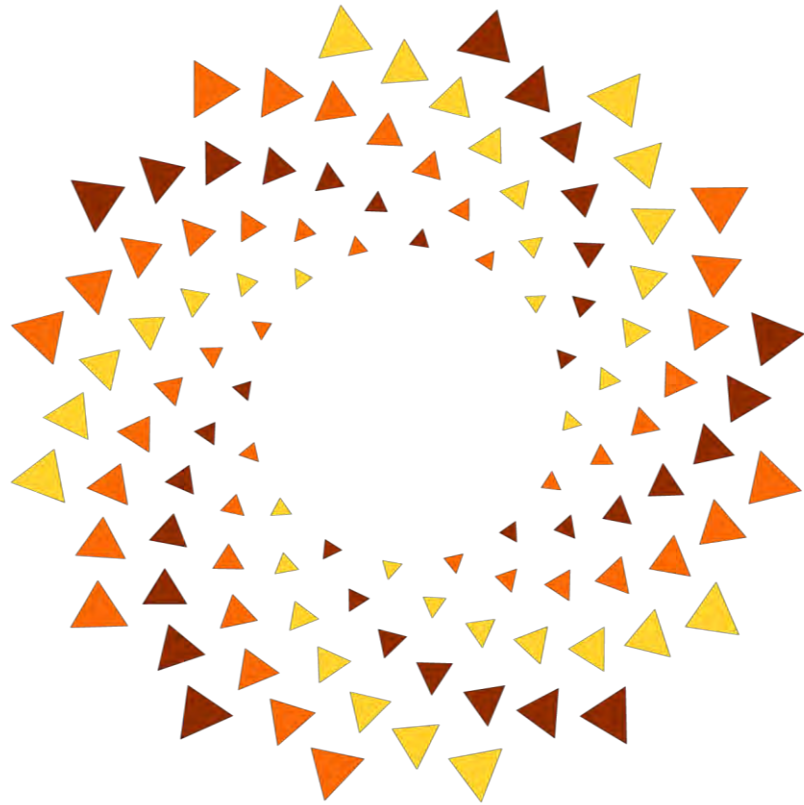
Support – language and community
visits, culturally appropriate services

Restore dignity, confidence and
genuine commitment

Equal participatory partnership



Young peers gathering at workshop. Credit: Refugee Social Services

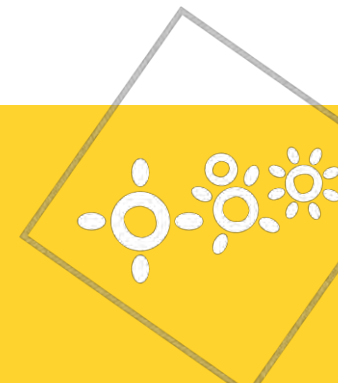


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