

WHY A CONFERENCE?

The Refugee Action Collective Qld (RAC) is hosting a Brisbane-wide Refugee Welfare and Advocacy Conference on Saturday 7 March 2015.

This conference brings together advocacy groups, service delivery agencies, and independent advocates from various refugee, activist and welfare networks in Brisbane.

We want to start a discussion about the situation facing asylum seekers coming to Australia and the challenges of the movement to support them.

With bipartisan support for various forms of offshore "solutions" and the recent legislation tightening access to permanent protection, it is imperative that the movement for refugee rights start making inroads in 2015. The first step towards developing strategies in the year ahead is to connect community and ethnic organisations, as well as volunteers.

Developing leadership from within migrant communities is a priority for this conference. Refugees are very welcome to attend and get involved in the organising working group. For more information, drop us a line on rac.qld.events@gmail.com

WORKSHOPS

This conference brings together advocacy groups, service delivery agencies, and individuals from within the various refugee, advocacy, and welfare networks in Brisbane. We want to start a discussion about the situation facing asylum seekers coming to Australia and the challenges of the movement to support them.

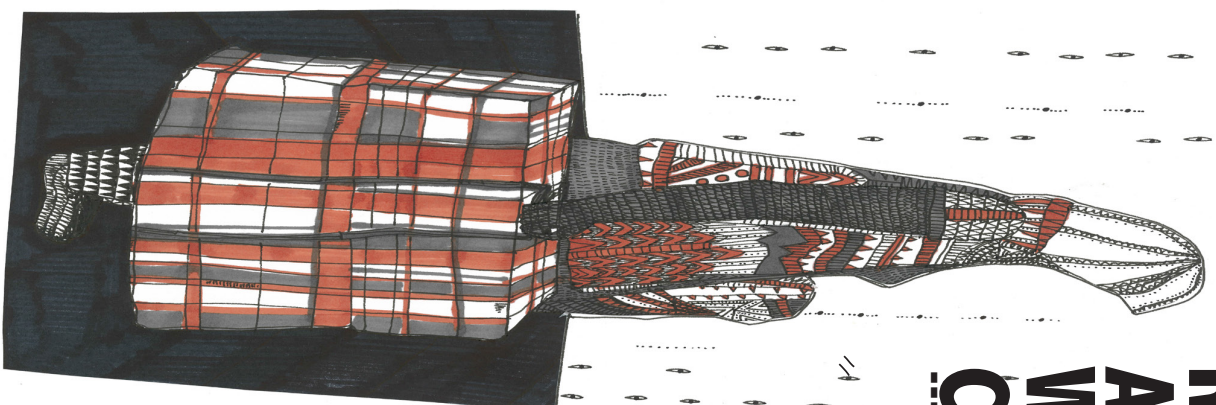
The purpose of the workshops is to facilitate this discussion amongst individuals and organisations active in the community.



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REFUGEE ADVOCACY & WELFARE CONFERENCE



**SATURDAY MARCH 7
B BLOCK
QUT GARDENS POINT
BRISBANE CITY**
ORGANISED BY REFUGEE ACTION COLLECTIVE

Program Refugee Advocacy and Welfare Conference

10-11:30am

Keynote Address:

Kon Karapanagiotidis.
CEO and Founder Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, Melbourne

11:45-12:45pm

Workshop Stream A

1. Working with Faith-Based Groups	2. Fundraising	3. Refugee Mental Health: From Detention to the Community
Father Pan Jordan Rebecca Lim, Romero Centre Dr. Nada Ibrahim, Qld Centre for Domestic and Family Violence Research, CQU	Carly Stephan, Centre for Social Change Multicultural Development Association Kon Karapanagiotidis, ASRC	QPASST World Wellness Group Jeni Nichols and Anne Hilton

12:45-1:45

Lunch & Volunteer Expo

1:45-2:45pm

Workshop Stream B

4. Arts Activism & Community Education	5. Incarceration	6. Women Migrants
Brian Procopis, Scattered People's Choir Casey Crocket, Community Café: The Café Conversations Project Scotia Monkivitch: Walking Borders	Alain Rondot, Chiloit Ian Rintoul, Refugee Action Collective Fernanda Claudio, Post-doctoral Research Fellow, School of Social Science, The University of Queensland	Rima Filhan, Syrian writer and human rights activist Nera Komaric Beata Ostapiej-Piatkowski, Harmony Place

3:15-4:45pm

Closing Plenary: How Can We Succeed?

Robert Nicholas, Refugee Action Collective
Alain Rondot, Chiloit
Third speaker TBC

