

Our vision

All young people from multicultural backgrounds in NSW are connected, influential and valued members of Australian society.







What we do

- MYAN network meetings
- Training and capacity building
- Policy advice and advocacy
- eNews, information and referral
- Factsheets, reports & resources
- Youth settlement support programs
- Youth Ambassador program

What is the Welcome to Australia Project?

- Weekly workshops delivered with peer facilitators who have lived migration/ refugee experience.
- Workshops designed by young people from migrant and refugee backgrounds.
- Provides casual employment for young people.
- Delivered in Bankstown and Holroyd Intensive English Centres.





What is the Welcome to Australia Project?

- Aboriginal culture
- Knowing your rights
- Australian slang
- Volunteering
- Emergency preparedness
- Making friends and dating norms
- Overcoming racism and discrimination
- Customs and social norms





Introducing Active Citizenship within the National Youth Settlement Framework

The NYSF is Australia's first national

framework for understanding and

responding to the needs and strengths

of young people in the settlement

context





The four domains of active citizenship

- 1. Social participation
- 2. Economic participation
- 3. Civic Participation
- 4. Personal well-being



ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION

Aquiring English language skills

Engaged in pathways towards employment, including education/ training

Stable income

Safe, stable housing

SOCIAL PARTICIPATION

Participation in community life, eg sport and recreation

Free from racism and discrimination and/ or able to manage experiences of racism and discrimination

Positive peer networks

Bridging and bonding networks

CIVIC PARTICIPATION

Understanding and enjoyment of Australia's political and civil rights and responsibilities

Participation in democratic processes/political decision-making

Understanding and enjoyment of legal rights and responsibilities

Participation in volunteering activities

ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

Navigation of multicultural identity

Sense of belonging in Australian society

Positive cultural and religious expression
- freedom to engage with cultural/religious expression

Understanding Australian culture and society

Access to and capacity to navigate a range of services

PERSONAL WELL-BEING

Positive relationships – connections with peers, family, community

Positive self-esteem

Positive physical, mental and sexual health

Goals for the future and understanding of pathways to achieve these goals

Well developed life skills

Positive intergenerational relationships - in Australia and overseas





The six indicators Welcome to Australia focuses on:

- 1. Acquiring English language
- 2. Bridging and bonding networks
- 3. Positive peer networks
- 4. Understanding and enjoyment of Australia's rights and responsibilities
- 5. Access to and capacity to navigate services
- 6. Sense of belonging in Australia

Pathways towards employment



and training



"I also loved that we got facilitator training beforehand and support along the way."

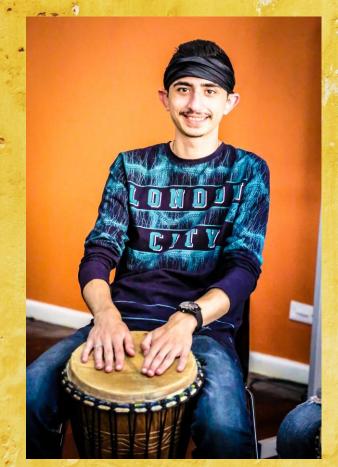
"I found it great that we always had an hour before the workshop to go through plans and then an hour after to debrief. All of that really helps build up our confidence."

Positive peer networks

"Over all, the feeling of knowing that we really had a positive impact on these young people has no comparison. There are just no words to describe it. Just amazing."

Access to and capacity to navigate other services

"I love having other organisations involved and also the Amazing Race. I got to learn about some fantastic services in my area now which is great."





Learnings



- Young people are experts in their migration experiences
- Teaching peers increases a sense of belonging
- Professional employment opportunities, no matter how small, matter
- Improve evaluation methods to focus more on peer facilitators





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