

CASE STUDY: Welcome to the Neighbourhood



Community Migrant Resource Centre (CMRC) promoting integration and participation.

AT A GLANCE



Target Participants

People of various backgrounds living in the community



Aim

To strengthen community relations between various communities and integrate them with the wider community.



Organisations Involved

Community Migrant Resource Centre (CMRC)



Location

Western Sydney, NSW



Funding

NSW Settlement Partnership

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Community Migrant Resource Centre's (CMRC) Welcome to the Neighbourhood project has focused on bringing people of various backgrounds together to breakdown prejudices and discrimination by promoting respect, fairness, inclusion and a sense of place and belonging for everybody irrespective of their culture, racial, religious or political differences. The goals of the project were to promote common bonds and strengthen community relations between various communities and integrate them with the wider community. An interactive community education program was developed and delivered to participants focusing on understanding the Australian system of governance, civic values, leadership and advocacy.

The project has grown organically out of consultations with various multicultural groups and mainstream services which indicated that social cohesion is an issue impacting on the communities living in Western Sydney due to the large number of new arrivals including a large number of refugees and asylum seekers in the area.

Program learnings:

- The need is felt for an increased sense of belonging for new settlers in the area, fostering mutual respect and engaging in activities and events that will bring them closer to mainstream.

Community Migrant Resource Centre (CMRC) is a not for profit community based organisation established to promote a just, equal and inclusive society where individuals are valued, contributing and self-sufficient members of Australian Society. CMRC coordinates the development and provision of a range of services for newly arrived migrants, refugees and humanitarian entrants.

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