



# CASE STUDY:

## Common Threads Project

The Common Threads Project promotes individuals from diverse cultural backgrounds to develop, share and extend skills within various textile fields by offering weekly group sessions.

### AT A GLANCE



#### Target Participants

Individuals within the local community who have an interest in developing and sharing skills within a variety of textile fields



#### Aim

Support development, extension and sharing of creative skills and build capacity to explore other opportunities



#### Organisations Involved

Multicultural Council of Wagga Wagga, Wellways and NSW STARTTS



#### Location

Wagga Wagga, Australia



#### Funding

Initially supported through Wagga Wagga City Councils annual grants program, and has recently received funding to expand and grow project through Multicultural NSW's Unity Grants program.

### Connecting through Creating

The Common Threads project aims to support individuals from diverse cultural backgrounds develop, share and extend skills within various textile fields by offering weekly group sessions.

This group also acts as a forum to link participants to a range of services and activities within the broader community with a focus on building the capacity of members to pursue opportunities to showcase their product at public events and participate in opportunities such as hosting market stalls and exhibitions within the broader community, which provides opportunities to celebrate and value diversity within our community while promoting multicultural arts.

The project is delivered as a partnership between Multicultural Council of Wagga Wagga, Wellways and the NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS), with sessions facilitated by a wonderful group of volunteers who bring a wealth of experience within a range of creative practices.

Since its inception in late 2017 the program has gone from strength to strength with over 40 participants representing 10 cultural backgrounds attending the program.

*"It is a great way to meet new people, share ideas and learn new skills and have fun while practicing English in a social setting. We are now looking at opportunities to sell some of the products at local markets."*

**Hakimeh Rahimi**

31 years old  
from Afghanistan

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