

# CASE STUDY: Youth Visit to Parliament House Canberra



**SydWest Multicultural Services supports young refugees and migrants to engage and participate in Australian society.**

## AT A GLANCE



### Target Participants

Young people from refugee background



### Aim

To support young people from refugee and migrant background to engage and participate in Australian society.



### Organisations Involved

SydWest Multicultural Services



### Location

Western Sydney, NSW and Canberra, ACT



### Funding

SydWest Multicultural Services

## Youth Visit to Parliament House Canberra:

SydWest Multicultural Services runs a comprehensive youth development program that aims to support young refugees and migrants to settle, engage and participate in Australian society.

In 2018 SydWest's Youth Team visited Canberra with a group of 26 young people from refugee backgrounds for a trip to both Old and New Parliament House, and a chance to learn about how the Australian Government operates.

The Youth group toured the houses of parliament where their guide explained the architectural aspects of the buildings and environmental and other features of the new building. They also had the opportunity to visit where the parliament members undertake their everyday work.

The visit provided education to the youth on how law is made in Australia and a chance for them to ask many of the questions they had about how parliament operates (e.g sitting time, question time, etc). The trip provided to be fascinating, interesting and enjoyable for the young new arrivals and we hope it stimulated them to learn more and possibly consider a career in politics in the future!

### Program learnings:

- The visit showcased the importance of educational opportunities for young people from refugee background to learn about Australian society and encourage them to engage and participate in decision making.

*SydWest Multicultural Services is a leading organisation for all cultural diversity issues responding to community needs and opportunities. We offer flexible and integrated service models across the life course of refugees and migrants, supporting the self-determination and empowerment of our diverse communities. We focus on the vulnerable and the most in need.*

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