

# You are invited to the launch of Home Lands

Saturday | June 26 | 6.30pm  
Atrium | Federation Square

**Home Lands** is an exciting multimedia project that uses digital technology to connect young people from a refugee background with their homelands.

This launch event will showcase multimedia stories and videos created by young Karen people in both Melbourne and Thailand over the last 6 months. A live link to the **Home Lands** team in Thailand will highlight how digital technology can be used to keep young people connected with their homelands.

**Home Lands is a collaboration between La Trobe University, City of Melbourne, the Centre for Multicultural Youth, the Cultural Development Network & apc.au**

The project partners are proud to launch Home Lands as part of Federation Square's program for The Light in Winter.



"My homeland is always in my head."

**Home Lands is a three year (2009–2012) multimedia project which uses communication technologies to connect young Karen and Sudanese people in Melbourne of a refugee background with young people in their homelands and other diaspora communities.**

The participants in Australia and overseas create digital productions with entry-level digital tools and communicate regularly via a collaboratively produced website.

[www.cmy.net.au/homelands](http://www.cmy.net.au/homelands)

As a research project **Home Lands** is underpinned by the premise that refugee youth resettlement is more successful if communication and engagement is maintained with home communities.

The project is funded by the Australian Research Council, City of Melbourne and the Melbourne Community Fund. Project partners include La Trobe University Refugee Research Centre, the City of Melbourne Arts and Participation Program, the Cultural Development Network, online media advisory organisation [apc.au](http://apc.au), and the Centre for Multicultural Youth.



**The Light in Winter | 4 June–4 July 2010**

The Light in Winter celebrates the cultural significance of light and the rich experiences of Melbourne's multicultural communities, with a series of light-based artwork, community events and forums.

