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Networking the Diaspora

Thursday October 30th, 2-5pm

VicHealth Seminar Room, Ground Floor, 15-31 Pelham Street, Carlton

This exciting half day forum looks at the possibilities of modern technologies to facilitate, develop and maintain communication between dispersed communities.

The *Networking the Diaspora* aims to include refugee community leaders, human rights lawyers, and the broader community service sector to discuss new ideas in refugee resettlement policy and the premise that refugee youth resettlement is more successful if young refugees are able to identify, communicate and engage with their home communities.



Networking the Diaspora considers the home land of birth, the interim 'home land' of refuge and the adopted 'home land' of hope. The UN Declaration of Human Rights is not specific about geography when affirming the right 'to participate in the cultural life of the community' and the forum will examine how cultural participation can happen with dispersed refugee communities through new communications, technologies and media channels.

Panellists will discuss the rights of communities to communicate with each other, new policy developments, the possibilities of new technologies, and building cultural continuity across diasporas.

Panellists include:

Dr Raelene Wilding - Lecturer in Sociology at La Trobe University

Rachael Bongiorno - Youth and Women's officer at the National Ethnic and Multicultural Broadcasters' Council (NEMBC)

David Vincent - Youth Facilitator, Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY)

Andrew Lowenthal - Indymedia journalist, commentator and activist working with Engage Media

Kirsty Baird Project Coordinator for CDN's HomeLands Project

This event is free, please RSVP to rsvp@culturaldevelopment.net.au

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