



Groups supporting refugees

The groups listed below all have information on their websites, and on Facebook. You can follow them and subscribe to their mail-outs to keep up to date with how to be involved. Lots of them will post about action ideas, campaigns you can support and share, events you can attend and invite people to, or updates about refugee rights & what's happening in the community.

Some groups below also do very practical things like refugee tutoring, welcome dinners and picnics in which you could get involved at any time.

CAPSA (Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum)

<http://capsa.org.au/>

<https://www.facebook.com/joinCAPSA/>

An alliance of Catholic organisations supporting refugees and people seeking asylum. Some of their resources and activities include:

- Parish/community and school resources
eg: Circle of silence/vigil events) www.capsa.org.au/circles-silence/
- Prayer suggestions
- General suggestions for using skills/volunteering
- Summary of Catholic teachings related to refugees

Australian Churches Refugee Taskforce (ACRT)

<https://www.facebook.com/AustralianChurchesRefugeeTaskforce/>

ACRT works on behalf of churches nationally to campaign for just and humane treatment of refugees and people seeking asylum. ACRT has played a leading role in some major actions seeking to bring about just and compassionate policies in Australia's refugee and asylum seeker policy including the Churches Sanctuary Movement.

LMAW - Love Makes a Way

<https://www.facebook.com/LoveMakesAWayForAsylumSeekers/>

<http://lovemakesaway.org.au/>

Love makes a Way is a movement of Christians seeking an end to Australia's inhumane asylum seeker policies through prayer and nonviolent love in action.

LMAW publicly witness to and dramatise the injustice of Australia's asylum seeker policies, to awaken the conscience of the church and wider community, and to point to a better way.

- MP office vigil sit ins
- #kidsout – use of paper dolls as a powerful visual symbol for those detained
- Nauru Files readings #naurufiles

BRASS (Brisbane Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support Network)

<https://www.facebook.com/brassnetwork/?fref=ts>

<http://www.brassnetwork.org/>

Collaborating for change. A network of organisations and individuals involved in supporting refugees and asylum seekers in South East Queensland. The BRASS Network meets on the last Friday of every month at Justice Place, 5 Abingdon St, Woolloongabba (10 am - 12 pm). All are welcome!! Contact brass.netw@gmail.com for more information or to sign up to our mailing list.

Welcome Dinner Project

www.facebook.com/TheWelcomeDinnerProject/

[@TheWelcomeDinnerProject](https://www.instagram.com/TheWelcomeDinnerProject)

www.joiningthedots.org/

The Welcome Dinner Project enables newly arrived people and established Australians to meet over dinner conversation in the comfort of their own home. The aim of these pot luck-style dinners is to create a platform for meaningful connection, sparking friendships between people of diverse cultures who are living in close proximity to one another but have not had an opportunity to connect in a supported environment.

VoRTCS

Call 3010 1069

info.vortcs@svdpqld.org.au

www.refugeetutoring.org

www.facebook.com/VoRTCS

The VoRTCS program is a volunteer run tutoring program for refugee families. It aims to assist people to take up the opportunities that exist in Australian society. VoRTCS volunteers believe that refugees have a lot to contribute to Australian society and should be assisted and encouraged to take up the opportunities available to all Australians, whether they be educational, social or vocational.

Amnesty International

<https://www.facebook.com/aiaqldnsw/>

qldaia@amnesty.org.au

<http://www.amnesty.org.au/qld>

Amnesty International is a not-for-profit human rights organisation that demands the protection of human rights for all people around the world. Their vision is of a world in which every person enjoys all of the human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights instruments. Amnesty is well known for its powerful letter writing campaigns.

ARTillery (A creative, arts based Amnesty group)

[@artisanartillery](https://www.instagram.com/artisanartillery)

<http://www.artisanartillery.com/wp/brisbane/>

<https://www.facebook.com/artisanartillery>

An initiative of Amnesty International Australia, run by young volunteer activists, ARTillery aims to inspire, educate and inform others with art, music, theatre, dance and spoken word to communicate

human rights messages creatively. Art is used as a form of activism which involves people in a non-confronting and engaging way.

Asylum Seeker Resource Centre

<https://www.facebook.com/Asylum.Seeker.Resource.Centre.ASRC/>
<https://www.asrc.org.au/>

Based in Melbourne, but a great source of information and resources - both a movement and an independent organisation that supports and empowers people seeking asylum in Australia.

Refugee Action Collective (RAC) Qld

www.facebook.com/racqld/
www.rac-qld.org

The Refugee Action Collective Queensland is a broad group of concerned people from all walks of life dedicated to taking public action for the rights of refugees and people seeking asylum, and for the reform of Australia's immigration policies. Members are mostly based in Brisbane and Ipswich. All volunteers are welcome. RAC organises rallies, protests, speaking events and also runs stall at markets and public gatherings to help inform people about issues facing refugees. Gives lots of campaign/news updates.

Mums for Refugees (M4R)

<https://www.facebook.com/mums4refugees/?fref=ts>
<http://www.mums4refugees.org.au/>

A group which wishes to work towards an Australia that is fair, just and inclusive, and which treats people seeking asylum and refugees with dignity and compassion. M4R collect donations for people in the community, do creative actions at MP offices, hold stalls at markets and do creative activities with schools, kindergartens and playgroups.

GetUp!

www.facebook.com/GetUpAustralia/
www.getup.org.au/

GetUp gives everyday Australians the opportunity to be involved in creative and effective campaigns to challenge unfair and cruel policies on people seeking asylum. Some of GetUp's refugee campaigns include:

www.nobusinessinabuse.org/site/take-action
<https://www.getup.org.au/campaigns/refugees/bring-them-here/petition-bring-them-here>

