

# Day 1 Saturday 20 May

8.30am Registration and coffee

9.00am–9.15am Welcome to Country

## Session 1 Purpose

9.15am–9.30am Welcome

Welcome to the conference, the intent of the conference and the outcomes we seek

## Session 2 Looking backwards, looking forwards: perspectives for the refugee campaign

9.30am–9.45am Introduction

9.45am–10.30am Discussion

## Session 3 Activism part 1: what has worked?

10.30am–10.45am Introduction

10.45am–11.45am Small group workshops\*

Protest rallies/ snap actions	Creative activism	Media
Social media	Lobbying/letter writing	How to start a new group
Developing resources (fact sheets, videos, leaflets, badges, stickers) & distribution		Other forms of activism which have been effective

11.45am –12.15pm Morning tea

\*Which groups take place will depend on the interest in them registered by conference participants. Please feel free to suggest a group.

## Session 3

### Activism part 2: activism in and across constituencies

12.15pm –12.30pm Introduction

12.30pm–1.30pm Small group workshops\*

RAR group meeting	Students	Creative–artists, writers etc
Unionists	Mothers/ grandmothers	Political groups
Faith communities	Academics	Medical/prof assoc.
Rainbow	Educators/ librarians	Refugee ambassadors

1.30pm–2.30pm Lunch

## Session 4 Towards a common campaign platform

Can we agree on a common objective/aim/purpose?

2.30pm–2.45pm Introduction

2.45pm–4.00pm Discussion

4.00pm–4.30pm Afternoon tea

## Session 5 Strengthening the refugee movement

4.30pm–6.00pm Panel discussion

Representatives from RCOA, GetUp, and ARAN member groups, followed by Q&A and discussion from the floor

7.00pm Conference dinner and drinks

This is not included in the conference price.

# Day 2 Sunday 21 May

8.30am–9.00am Coffee

## Session 6 Proposal for national co-ordination: developing ARAN

9.00am–9.15am Introduction

9.15am–10.30am Small group discussion

- Proposed terms of reference for a national committee
- Proposals for common themes for national events, coordination of petitions, specific campaigns
- ARAN – Communication
- Sharing resources–e.g. fact sheets, videos, etc.
- Networking to support stronger co-ordination
- Future conferences
- Summary and next steps

10.30am–11am Morning tea

## Session 7 Conference wrap-up: common themes, common strategies, common purpose

11.00am–11.15am Introduction

11.15am–12.00pm Discussion

12.00pm–1.00pm Lunch and goodbyes

- From 1pm – 3.30pm there will be a meeting of delegates nominated by ARAN member organisations to elect a national committee and discuss plans for further national coordination. For more information go to:

<https://australianrefugeeactionnetwork.wordpress.com/ARAN-Conference-2017/>

## Objectives

The objective of the conference is to bring together refugee activists and advocates from around Australia to discuss ways to strengthen the refugee movement. We hope it will represent a turning-point, resulting in a more co-ordinated and powerful campaign for just and fair refugee policies.

We believe that the refugee movement can be strengthened by:

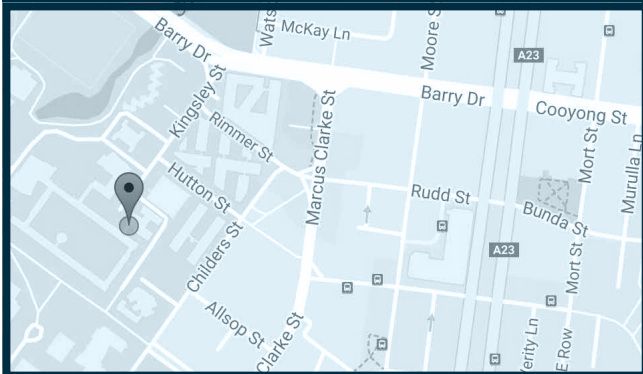
- Sharing success stories and discussing various approaches to activism and advocacy – learning from each other
- Agreeing on common priorities to strengthen campaign focus on behalf of refugees and people seeking asylum
- Some form of national coordination to enable widespread and concerted actions/advocacy on key issues in order to strengthen the impact of efforts across Australia

It is proposed that discussions at the conference be focussed on 3 key themes:

- Activism and advocacy strategies
- Agreed campaign priorities
- Organising for stronger national co-ordination

## Location

Australian National University Copeland lecture theatre and Copeland building, Kingsley Street, Acton 2601



## Registration

\$50 (waged)

\$20 (concession)

Registration cost includes lunches, morning and afternoon teas.

## Register online:

<https://australianrefugeeactionnetwork.wordpress.com/ARAN-Conference-2017/>

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