

ARAN NATIONAL CONFERENCE MELBOURNE
POLITICS AND PROTEST
THE FIGHT FOR REFUGEE RIGHTS



The conference is open to anyone interested in refugee activism and advocacy. Gather with other activists and advocates to:

DISCUSS

the political context and campaign priorities.

SHARE IDEAS

and experience for mobilising and effective campaigning.

EXPLORE IDEAS

for strengthening national coordination.

Registration

\$75 full / \$40 concession

Includes lunches

Bookings

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More details on the ARAN website:

australianrefugeeactionnetwork.wordpress.com/conf-2018/

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We thank the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (Victorian Branch) for providing the venue for the conference.

535 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne
(between Victoria and Queensberry Streets)



ARAN NATIONAL CONFERENCE MELBOURNE 7-8 JULY 2018
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SATURDAY 7 JULY CAMPAIGN FOCUS AND TACTICS

- 8.30am **Arrival and registration**
- 9.15am **Welcome to Country**
Overview of program
- 9.30am **Opening address**
What kind of country is Australia becoming? What do we want to be?
- 9.50am **Audience questions and discussion**
- 10.00am **Panel discussion**
The political context and challenges for the campaign for refugee rights
Moderator: Corinne Grant
- 10.30am **Facilitated discussion**
- 10.50am **Morning tea**
- 11.10am **Focussing the campaign for refugee rights**
- 11.30am **Group discussions**
Seizing the moment – responding to issues
- 12.10pm **Plenary**
Successful strategies
- 12.30pm **Lunch**

- 1.15pm **Workshops**
Sharing success and skills – Round 1
- Protests, vigils and actions
 - Letter writing and lobbying politicians
 - Raising awareness and changing attitudes
 - Using your story to influence others
 - Planning campaigns
 - Creative activism and using social media to get your message out there
 - Getting media for your action
 - Building your group or network
- Networking discussions**
- Activism through union networks
 - Activism in student / campus groups
- 2.45pm **Afternoon tea**
- 3.00pm **Workshops and networking discussions – Round 2**
All workshops repeated
- Networking discussions**
- Activism through faith networks
 - LGBTI / Rainbow activists
- 4.30pm **Plenary**
Sharing highlights from workshops and networking discussions
- 5.30pm **Close**
- 6.30pm **Drinks and dinner – Tamil Feast**

SUNDAY 8 JULY CO-ORDINATING OUR CAMPAIGN EFFORTS

- 8.30am **Coffee**
- 9.15am **Report from the ARAN Committee**
- 9.30am **Review key objectives of ARAN**
- 9.50am **Workshop discussions**
Creative strategies for ARAN
- 10.30am **Plenary discussion**
- 11.00am **Conference wrap up**
- 11.15am **Morning tea**
- 12 noon **Delegates session and election of ARAN Committee**
- 1.00pm **Lunch meeting for newly elected ARAN Committee**