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**STATEWIDE MULTICULTURAL YOUTH ISSUES
NETWORK (SMYIN) MEETING**

**A National Human
Rights Charter:
Protecting the rights of
young people from refugee
and migrant backgrounds**

DATE

Thursday 14th May 2009

TIME

9.30am-12.30pm

VENUE

Conference Room
CO.AS.IT
189 Faraday Street
Carlton VIC 3053

Note: There is limited on-street parking.
Paid parking is available at Melbourne
Museum (on Rathdowne St) or Lygon
Court (entrance on Drummond St)

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INFORMATION

For more information about this
meeting call Nick Butera, CMY Policy
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**Please feel free to bring
information about your service to
share with others. There will be an
information table on the day to put
your fliers on.**

For more information about the human
rights charter consultation, go to:
<http://www.humanrightsconsultation.gov.au/>

The Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY) would like to invite you to the first Statewide Multicultural Youth Issues Network (SMYIN) Meeting of 2009, exploring strategies to protect and promote the human rights of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds.

"If rights are not capable of legal enforcement then they are not rights at all. They are empty promises."
Geoffrey Robertson QC

The Australian Human Rights Commissioner, Graeme Innes AM, will be speaking at this statewide forum. The Australian Government is currently consulting on human rights and ways of protecting human rights in Australia. Most of us would be surprised to learn that in our country there are few legal protection of human rights.

Come along to hear about the state of human rights in Australia and have your say about how it can and should be protected.

Questions to be explored include:

- **Which human rights and responsibilities should be protected and promoted?**
- **How could we better protect and promote human rights?**

Information from these discussions will be documented and inform CMY's submission to the National Human Rights Consultation.

SPEAKERS

- **Graeme Innes AM** – Australian Human Rights Commissioner
- **Rys Farthing** – Lecturer- Global Studies, Social Science and Planning RMIT University
- **Demetrio Zema** – Human Rights Youth Ambassador Program