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"When I first came across CMY, I was amazed that there is an organisation that looks after young people like me."

CMY Young Person



migrant and refugee young people

Who we are

The Centre for Multicultural Youth is a community based organisation that provides services to and advocates for the needs of young people from migrant and refugee backgrounds.

What we do

We help refugee and migrant young people create new lives in Australia. We do this by focusing on their strengths and putting them at the centre of all our work. This approach allows us to develop stronger communities, support other service providers and influence positive change at local, state and national levels.

Working from offices in Broadmeadows, Carlton, Dandenong and Sunshine, our 60 staff and 800 volunteers support young people in areas such as education and employment pathways, justice, homelessness, resettlement and participation.

Why we do it

We believe that diversity is a cornerstone of Australia's success.

We believe that by focusing on the potential of young people, we can support them to fully participate and create meaningful change in their own lives and their communities.

Young People

We provide direct support for young people who are in need through casework and community development. We also provide opportunities for those wanting to make a difference through arts, sports, participation and leadership programs.

If you are a young person of a migrant or refugee background aged between 12–25 years old and you are looking for opportunities to get involved, learn and make a difference then we have programs for you.

 www.cmy.net.au/YoungPeople

Volunteers

We provide a range of volunteering opportunities for people wanting to make a difference for migrant and refugee young people. Some of our programs rely on volunteers to support young people as they negotiate the challenges and opportunities that living in Australia can present. All our volunteers receive full training. You can get involved by:

- Helping newly arrived young people settle happily
- Assisting refugee and migrant young people with their education
- Supporting young people in police custody

 www.cmy.net.au/VolunteeringwithCMY



"It is worthwhile—these are very precious lives."

CMY Volunteer

Get involved

Service providers

We provide extensive support to community and government organisations from a wide range of sectors. Our capacity building and sector development services assist organisations to successfully engage and work with young people from migrant and refugee backgrounds.

Professional development

Our training packages include Cultural Competency and Cultural Awareness Training. We can also tailor training to suit your needs. Our annual events calendar includes regional network meetings and forums that allow workers to keep up-to-date with current issues, network with peers and share knowledge about good practice.

Publications and resources

Our website contains over 500 reports and resources that can provide you with information about migrant and refugee young people on a range of topics.

“It’s very important to hear about what others in the field are doing and be able to workshop strategies.”

Service Provider

Invest in our future

We want to continue building partnerships and delivering projects with more practical outcomes for diverse young people. We also want to use our leadership position to continue to build a genuinely cohesive, multicultural Australia. To succeed, we must build more evidence, grow our influence and demonstrate our impact.

We are looking for strategic investment partners to help us build a robust multicultural society where human rights are respected and the participation of diverse young people is embraced.

To find out more about the opportunities that exist for strategic investment, please call us on 03 9340 3700.



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