

Resource Gateway: for teachers working with refugee young people in Victoria

Eligibility and Entitlements

Eligibility for educational pathways and support services

- Government Entitlements in Victoria, VSPC: http://www.immi.gov.au/settle/providers/service_providers_vic.htm
- Australian Government Payments, Centrelink: <http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/publications/co029.htm>
- Australia's Support for Humanitarian Entrants, DIMIA: http://www.immi.gov.au/search_for/publications/ashe.pdf
- Landing on Your Feet (Translated legal information for new arrivals), CMYI: <http://www.cmyi.net.au/landing/index.html>

The impact of eligibility on young people

- Needs of Adolescent Humanitarian Entrants - Data Profile Project, VSPC: http://www.immi.gov.au/settle/publications/data_profile_aug_2001.pdf
- Assistance for Asylum Seekers in Australia - Fact sheet, DIMIA: <http://www.immi.gov.au/facts/62assistance.htm>
- Temporary Protection Visas - Fact Sheet, DIMIA: <http://www.immi.gov.au/facts/64protection.htm>

The Refugee Experience

Situation in the country of origin

- The World Guide, SBS: <http://www.theworldnews.com.au/Worldguide/index.php3>
- Country of Origin Information, UNHCR: <http://www.unhcr.ch/cgi-bin/texis/vtx/research>
- Global Survey on Education in Emergencies (Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children): http://www.womenscommission.org/pdf/Ed_Emerg.pdf

Resettlement issues

- Strategy for Refugee Young People (Settlement issues and recommendations), RRAC: <http://www.immi.gov.au/settle/publications/rys.htm>
- Wealth of All Nations Report (Research and strategies to assist refugee young people), ACYS: http://www.facs.gov.au/internet/facsinternet.nsf/aboutfacs/programs/youth-wealth_of_all_nations.htm
- A guide to working with young people who are refugees (Section 1), VFST: <http://www.survivorsvic.org.au/Publications.htm#schools>
- No Space for Racism - Young People's Voices and Recommendations, WYPIN: http://home.vicnet.net.au/~wypin/nospaceforracism_lowres.pdf
- Not a matter of choice - information about refugees for schools and teachers (Video - for teachers about refugee students), DE&T: <http://www.sofweb.vic.edu.au/lem/esl/ecurri.htm> for purchasing details

Refugee young people arrive in Australia at a critical time in their development. In order to effectively support this vulnerable group of young people it is important to access information in each of these four categories.

Learning and Teaching Strategies

ESL and ESL Literacy

- Online ESL Resources, DE&T: <http://www.sofweb.vic.edu.au/lem/esl/index.htm>
- Moving in new directions - Literacy strategies for ESL learners with disrupted schooling (Professional development activities), DE&T: http://www.sofweb.vic.edu.au/lem/esl/esl_lit.htm for purchasing details
- VCAL - For students with disrupted education (Report and teaching strategies), AMES: <http://www.ames.net.au/youth>
- HealthWize - health literacy teaching resource for refugee and other ESL students, VFST: <http://www.survivorsvic.org.au/Publications.htm#schools>

Student support and group work

- A guide to working with young people who are refugees, VFST: <http://www.survivorsvic.org.au/Publications.htm#schools>
- School's in for refugees - whole school guide to refugee readiness, VFST: <http://www.survivorsvic.org.au/Publications.htm#schools>
- Changing Cultures Report (Holistic teaching strategies for refugee learners), NMIT: <http://www.changingcultures.com.au>
- The Rainbow Program for Children in Refugee Families (Primary level structured sessions), VFST: <http://www.survivorsvic.org.au/Publications.htm#schools>
- Human rights and refugee issues teaching resource (Secondary lessons to promote human rights awareness), VFST: <http://www.survivorsvic.org.au/Publications.htm#schools>

Pathways and Partnerships

Referral options

- Youth Central Website (Government information and services for young people), DVC: <http://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au> or phone: 1800 152 025
- Jobs Pathway Programme (JPP), DEST: <http://jpp.dest.gov.au/>
- Job Placement, Employment and Training Program (JPET), FACS: <http://ipet.facs.gov.au/>
- New Apprenticeships Access Programme (NAAP), DEST: <http://naap.dest.gov.au/Default.aspx>
- Reconnect, FACS: <http://www.facs.gov.au/internet/facsinternet.nsf/aboutfacs/programs/youth-reconnect.htm>
- Youth Pathways Program (YPP), ACE: <http://gftp.otte.vic.gov.au/gftp/ypp/>

Identifying appropriate pathways

- A Guide for Newly Arrived Young People - Understanding the Victorian Education Sector (Translated), RYPT / CMYI: <http://cmyi.net.au/publications/newlyarrived.html>
- Information Resource Kit for the Horn of Africa Communities (CD - Translated education information), MCM: <http://www.melbournecitymission.org.au/contact.htm> for contact details

Working with families and communities

- Working with Parents Manual, CMYI: <http://cmyi.net.au/publications/>
- Parent Consent forms (Translated), CMYI: <http://cmyi.net.au/publications/consentdownloads.html>
- Good Futures Report, NMIT: <http://www.changingcultures.com.au>

What is the Gateway?

The Gateway contains links to the latest information on the range of settlement and education issues facing refugee young people in Victoria.

Who is the Gateway for?

The Gateway is intended to act as a launching point from which education providers working with refugee young people can deepen their understanding of this vulnerable student cohort and start to develop learning and teaching strategies.

Whether you have only recently started working with refugees or whether you want to update your knowledge with the most recent research, the Gateway offers resources to suit.

How to use the Gateway?

The Gateway draws together resources under four major categories, which are central to developing a stronger understanding of the issues facing refugee young people. You can search for information regarding:

1. Eligibility and Entitlements;
2. The Refugee Experience;
3. Learning and Teaching Strategies;
4. Pathways and Partnerships.

If you are using the Gateway online, just click on the links you are interested in. If you are reading it in hardcopy, be sure to enter the exact website address in your internet browser.

Where did the Gateway come from?

The Gateway was produced by the Victorian Settlement Planning Committee's Refugee Young People and Transitions Working Group (RYPT), which has been commissioned to advocate for the education and training needs of young people from refugee backgrounds living in Victoria.

Through the Gateway the RYPT seeks to provide a simple but comprehensive way to access the growing body of research and programs focused on young refugee learners.

Who developed the Gateway?

The RYPT Working Group consists of government and community representatives from across the education sector with extensive experience in working with refugee young people. Members are from:

- Adult Multicultural Education Service;
- Centre for Multicultural Youth Issues;
- Centrelink;
- Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs;
- Department of Education and Training;
- Department of Education, Science and Training;
- Family and Community Services;
- Migrant Information Centre (Eastern Melbourne);
- Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE;
- North West Migrant Resource Centre;
- Department for Victorian Communities;
- Western Young People's Independent Network;
- and
- Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture.

Where to go for more help?

For additional information please contact:

- o Adult Multicultural Education Service (AMES) for English language teaching for migrants and refugees: <http://www.ames.net.au>
- o Centre for Multicultural Youth Issues (CMYI) for multicultural youth information and programs: <http://www.cmyi.net.au>
- o Department of Education and Training (DE&T) for multicultural education resources: <http://www.sofweb.vic.edu.au/lem/index.htm>
- o Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (DIMIA) for settlement information for service providers: <http://www.immi.gov.au/settle/providers/index.htm>
- o Languages and Multicultural Education Resources Centre (LMERC) for the Ethnic Schools Resource Centre: <http://www.sofweb.vic.edu.au/lem/lmerc/index.htm>
- o Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture (VFST) for social and emotional information and counselling for refugees: <http://www.survivorsvic.org.au/>

