



Community organisations to contact for referral and support

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Overview

This CMY Information Sheet lists community organisations in Victoria that can provide information, useful support or referral points for youth workers, students, teachers and others supporting culturally and linguistically diverse (CLD) young people. The organisations listed under Sections 2 and 3 are some key statewide, regional and peak bodies in the multicultural youth sector. Sections 4 and 5 provide a compilation of useful web listings and directories of services.

Statewide and regional bodies

Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY)

304 Drummond St, Carlton 3053

Ph: (03) 9340 3700

Web: www.cmy.net.au

See website for details of the Broadmeadows, Dandenong and St Alban's outposts.

The Ecumenical Migration Centre (EMC), Brotherhood of St Laurence

95-97 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy 3065

Ph: (03) 9416 0044

Web: www.bsl.org.au

Search under refugee services.

VICSEG (Victorian Cooperative on Children's Services for Ethnic Groups)

11 Munro St, Coburg 3058

Ph: (03) 9383 2533

Web: <http://www.vicseg.com.au/>

The Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture

6 Gardiner Street, Brunswick 3056

Level 5, 280 Thomas Street, Dandenong 3175

Postal: PO Box 96, Parkville 3052

Ph: (03) 9388 0022

Web: <http://www.foundationhouse.org.au/>

Western Young People's Independent Network (WYPIN)

Melbourne City Mission

214 Nicholson Street, Footscray 3011

Ph: (03) 9680 8265

Web: home.vicnet.net.au/~wypin

Peak bodies

Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria (ECCV)

Peak body in Victoria representing culturally and linguistically diverse communities. Website includes useful resources, listing of ethnic community councils in Victoria, and links to the Infoexchange Service Seeker database.

Web: www.eccv.org.au

Refugee Council of Australia

Peak body advocating for the rights of refugees and humanitarian entrants.

Website includes statistics, useful resources and website listings.

Web: www.refugeecouncil.org.au

Youth Affairs Council of Victoria (YACVic)

YACVic is the peak body representing young people in Victoria. The website includes a good list of youth sector resources and organisations.

Web: www.yacvic.org.au





Listings of CLD workers and services

CLD youth workers in Victoria

A listing of all current workers with migrant and refugee young people is available via the CMY website. The listing includes contact details and a description of services.

Web: www.cmy.net.au/ResourcesfortheSector#Directories

DIAC funded settlement services (SGP)

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) website lists all settlement services funded in Victoria under the Settlement Grants Program (SGP), including contact details and a description of services.

Web: <http://www.immi.gov.au/living-in-australia/delivering-assistance/settlement-grants/funded-orgs.htm>

Infoxchange Service Seeker

Search for a wide listing of services (culturally specific, generalist, youth, health, etc) via the Infoxchange Service Seeker online database.

Web: www.serviceseeker.com.au

Migrant Resource Centres (MRCs)

For settlement assistance, community profiles, and links to multicultural networks, leaders and organisations, local Migrant Resource Centres are a good point of contact. Contact details for all MRCs are available from the DIMIA website.

Web: <http://www.eccv.org.au/17.html>

Multicultural Resources Directory

A web listing of a range of multicultural services can be accessed via the Victorian Multicultural Commission website.

Web: <http://www.multicultural.vic.gov.au/directory>

Organisations working with Asylum Seekers

Hotham Mission's Asylum Seeker Project has posted a listing of organisations in Victoria working with asylum seekers.

Web: www.hothammission.org.au
(and go to link, "OTHER AGENCIES")

Listings of other useful services

Youth services

To find out what youth and family services operate in your region, contact your local **School Focused Youth Service (SFYS)**. All SFYS in Victoria are listed at:

Web: www.sfys.infoxchange.net.au

To contact **local city council youth services** go to the 'Council Contacts' section of the Municipal Council of Victoria website and search for your local council.

Web: www.mav.asn.au

Education services

English Language Schools and Centres in Victoria, which provide intensive English language programs for newly arrived young people, are listed at:

Web: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/studentlearning/programs/esl/newelscontact.htm>

To find out about **Community Language Schools** (which operate Saturday morning language classes) operating in local areas, go to:

Web: <http://www.communitylanguages.org.au/>

The Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) provides intensive English language programs for people of post-compulsory school age. Contact details for AMEP providers in Victoria are available from:

Web: <http://www.immi.gov.au/living-in-australia/help-with-english/amep/teaching-english/amep-sp-websites.htm>

Police

A listing of **Police Multicultural Liaison Officers** in Victoria can be accessed via:

Web: www.apmab.gov.au/mlo/contacts/vic.html

Health services

Community health services often have bi-cultural workers. Search under keyword 'Community Health' on the Infoxchange Service Seeker website to find local community health services.

Web: www.serviceseeker.com.au

The Centre for Culture, Ethnicity and Health (CEH) provides education and training to the sector and has a resource library. The library catalogue can be searched online.

Web: www.ceh.org.au

