

FOREWORD

Across the world millions of people have been protesting the desperate situation in Gaza, with eighty percent of its population of 2.3 million people displaced from their homes and the territory hovering on the brink of disaster with tens of thousands of people killed – the majority women and children – and famine an everyday reality. Unlike many humanitarian tragedies, the population is trapped in a fishbowl, unable to leave, unable to seek shelter nor safety and under the watch of global media.

Ukraine is also in our headlines with twelve million people now displaced, five of those into neighbouring countries. Not so publicly reported are the situations of the other 100 million displaced people worldwide - 35 million of whom are refugees.

In Sudan seven million people have been displaced by military action, in Syria six and a half million have sought refuge, and closer to home Rohingya refugees extend beyond one million. This is not to mention Afghanistan, so recently impacted, and a swath of African countries.

In 2023-2024 Australia will resettle some 20,000 refugees and in exchange they will make significant contributions to our country's future economy, culture and social life. In this exhibition by students across South Australia from reception to tertiary studies, in both the public and private systems, we see their responses to the themes of multiculturalism, human rights, cultural diversity, anti-racism and the welcoming of refugees into Australia, as well as how refugees become part of, and contribute towards, the Australian family.

In these posters we can see the complete journey undertaken by refugee people as they escape war and conflict in their homelands, to their flight towards refugee camps, their perilous travel by sea, their welcome, sometimes detention, and finally settling and becoming residents in a new land. We see also the goodwill and encouragement offered to new arrivals, and the myriad of issues with which they must deal before they are able to find some peace in their re-established lives. Students stress a willingness to work in unison with refugees and to look at what unites us rather than what separates us, all the while emphasising the benefits of diversity. A strong desire for peace and an harmonious world strikes at the very heart of the causes that force people to begin their refugee migration.

The organisers would like to thank all those people who have been responsible for, and who have assisted in, bringing this exhibition to fruition, and chief amongst those are the many students from over fifty schools who have given of their time and invested their creative energies in producing the wonderful works on the walls. We are always grateful for the support of the teachers and lecturers who have encouraged the artists, the community members of the Australian Migrant Resource Centre who have visited schools to relate the reality of refugees' lives and, of course, the AMRC staff, and especially Keith Preston, who provide organisational support.

Most notably we would like to acknowledge all the support we continue to receive from the South Australian Ministers for Education and Multicultural Affairs, from the state and federal governments more generally, and from the Adelaide Festival Centre.

We hope you find this exhibition enlightening and that it reinforces the faith that you have in young people to create a positive and compassionate society. We also hope that the discussion of the issues in the posters bring us all closer to a more sane, less hateful place for us all to live in peace.

Andrew Hill AM
Project Director and Exhibition Curator

THE AUSTRALIAN MIGRANT RESOURCE CENTRE

The Migrant Resource Centre of South Australia was established in 1978 by the federal government as part of a national network to assist the settlement of new arrivals to Australia and to support their cultural life. In 2015 the Migrant Resource Centre of South Australia became the Australian Migrant Resource Centre, and since its founding has supported over 150,000 humanitarian entrants from across the world - from Africa, the Middle-East, the Americas and the South East Asian regions - to become part of the Australian community.

As part of its activities the AMRC convenes a committee to coordinate a program of events around Refugee Week, centered upon United Nations World Refugee Day, honouring people who have been forced to flee their homelands. Refugee Week has become a forum for diverse community groups, government bodies and support organisations to highlight the issues refugee peoples face worldwide, and to celebrate Australia's new and establishing communities and the positive contributions they have made, and continue to make, to our cultural, social and economic development.

This youth travelling exhibition is a key component of those events. For fourteen years the AMRC has asked schools and tertiary educational institutions to engage young people to contribute to an exhibition centered around refugees and their reception and settlement in Australia. Each year hundreds of students participate and from their entries an exhibition of approximately eighty works is created. After its initial showing at the Children's Artspace it will tour for a year to both metropolitan and regional galleries.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS

PRIMARY

AMRC Murraylands Art Group
Aberfoyle Hub Primary School
Blyth Primary School
Colonel Light Gardens Primary School
Darlington Primary School
Elizabeth Vale Primary School
Emmaus Catholic School
Gabriela Mistral American
The Hills Montessori School
Immaculate Heart of Mary
Ingle Farm Primary School
Kilkenny Primary School
Meningie Area School
Mt Gambier North Primary School (IELP)
North Ingle School
Norwood Primary School
Para Hills West Primary School
Pinnacle College Gilles Plains
Pinnacle College Golden Grove

Pinnacle College Elizabeth East
Pulteney Grammar School
Rose Park Primary School
St Joseph's Catholic School
St Michael's College
St Spyridon College Unley
Tenison Woods College
Unley Primary School

SECONDARY

Adelaide Secondary School of English
Brighton Secondary School
Cornerstone College
Endeavour College
Investigator College Victor Harbor
Kildare College
Meningie Area School
Modbury High School
Mt Compass Area School
Mt Gambier North Primary School (IELP)

Murray Bridge High School
Naracoorte High School
Para Hills High School
Paralowie High School
Pinnacle College Golden Grove
Pinnacle College Elizabeth East
Sacred Heart College
St Aloysius College
St Mary's College
St Peter's College
Southern Montessori Middle School
Temple Christian College
Unity College
Urrbrae Agricultural High School
Walford Anglican Girls School
Woodville High School

TERTIARY

TAFE SA Light Square
University of South Australia

First showing at Children's Artspace, Adelaide Festival Centre, from Friday 21 June - Sunday 21 July 2024.

For exhibition touring, contact admin@amrc.org.au
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This awards exhibition is a joint project of the Australian Migrant Resource Centre and Adelaide Festival Centre. It is supported and assisted by the SA Ministers for Education and Multicultural Affairs and both the South Australian and federal governments.

FRONT COVER IMAGE: Room 16 IELP Students, Mt Gambier North Primary School (IELP)

SA REFUGEE WEEK YOUTH POSTER AWARDS EXHIBITION

2024



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PRIMARY

- 1 **Aaizah Najeeb**
Pinnacle College Gilles Plains
- 2 **Afsana Haidari**
Elizabeth Vale Primary School
- 3 **April Chen**
AMRC Murraylands Art Group
- 4 **Aria Diakou & Annie Bui**
Norwood Primary School
- 5 **Billy Schulze**
St Spyridon College Unley
- 6 **Casey Peterse & Jeremy Smith**
Tenison Woods College
- 7 **Chester Palmer, Henry Taylor, Liam O'Connell & Max Paschke**
Colonel Light Gardens
- 8 **Chloe Fleming**
The Hills Montessori School
- 9 **Daniella Evangelista**
The Hills Montessori School
- 10 **Diane Banaei**
Unley Primary School
- 11 **Ellie McMillan**
North Ingle School
- 12 **Emily Knights**
Rose Park Primary School
- 13 **Enayat Ullah**
Elizabeth Vale Primary School
- 14 **Grace Dianos**
Pulteney Grammar School
- 15 **Harry Caputo, Benjamin Jackson, Aleksander Perac & Liam May**
St Michael's College Primary
- 16 **Isla Zweck**
Blyth Primary School
- 17 **Junior Primary Class**
Gabriela Mistral American
- 18 **Katerina Huddleston**
St Spyridon College Unley
- 19 **Khondamir (Honda) Avazov**
Ingle Farm Primary School
- 20 **Lucy Semler**
Emmas Catholic School
- 21 **Max Spears, Ezra Lowe & ZiZhao Zhou**
Kilkenny Primary School
- 22 **Coraline Gillespie, Mia MacDonald, Nikita Lekkas, & Tia MacDonald**
Colonel Light Gardens Primary School
- 23 **Mirabel Francis-Yacham**
Emmas Catholic School
- 24 **Quratul Ain Habibi**
Pinnacle College Elizabeth East
- 25 **Rayhan Jangra & Riveen Sandinu**
Senarathne Norwood Primary School
- 26 **Room 16 IELP Students**
Mt Gambier North Primary School (IELP)
- 27 **Saanvi Avin**
Para Hills West Primary School
- 28 **Sabera Ali Zada**
Ingle Farm Primary School
- 29 **Sanjana Saminathan**
Para Hills West Primary School
- 30 **Sathyanga Fernando**
Tenison Woods College
- 31 **Shafia Nadeem**
Darlington Primary School
- 32 **Siheli N Abeyrathna**
St Joseph's Catholic School
- 33 **Toby Horder**
Aberfoyle Hub Primary School
- 34 **YEAR 3/4 P**
Immaculate Heart of Mary
- 35 **YEAR 5/6 L**
Immaculate Heart of Mary
- 36 **Zohair Mohammad**
Pinnacle College Golden Grove

South Australian REFUGEE WEEK 2024

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SECONDARY

- 37 **Anastasia Hunt**
Southern Montessori Middle School
- 38 **Annabel Norris & Piper Hopkins**
Endeavour College
- 39 **Arya Gulyani & Jason Mai**
Endeavour College
- 40 **Benika Kaundal**
Modbury High School
- 41 **Benja Gachruzi Benjamin**
Adelaide Secondary School of English
- 42 **Caylan Berkefeld**
Murray Bridge High School
- 43 **Devanshi Patel**
Kildare College
- 44 **Dom Lopresti**
Sacred Heart College
- 45 **Ema Gonzalez Iglesias**
Woodville High School
- 46 **Evie Riley**
St Mary's College
- 47 **Fang Yeng Luk**
Temple Christian College
- 48 **Grace Harper**
Sacred Heart College
- 49 **Harvey Bryant**
St Peters College
- 50 **Henry Collins**
Naracoorte High School
- 51 **Jacinta Wood**
Cornerstone College
- 52 **Jake Nagel**
Cornerstone College
- 53 **Jameson Heaven**
Murray Bridge High School
- 54 **Jenny Nguyen**
Paralowie High School
- 55 **Jess Humphry**
Sacred Heart College
- 56 **Lilav Mamo**
Mt Gambier North Primary School (IELP)
- 57 **Lilly Purvis**
Unity College
- 58 **Lola Stephens**
Sacred Heart College
- 59 **Madelyn McArdle**
St Aloysius College
- 60 **Matilda Weaver**
Investigator College Victor Harbor
- 61 **Medlin Mesto**
Mt Gambier North Primary School (IELP)
- 62 **Mia Krotiris**
St Mary's College
- 63 **Mika Lodge**
Urrbrae Agricultural High School
- 64 **Niamh Wells**
St Aloysius College
- 65 **Nicholas Paech**
Cornerstone College
- 66 **Oceana Reinhardt**
Urrbrae Agricultural High School
- 67 **Philippa Stevanja**
St Aloysius College
- 68 **Sarah Jorfi**
Pinnacle College Golden Grove
- 69 **Syed Azaan Shah**
Pinnacle College Elizabeth East
- 70 **Tarnicka Preston**
Murray Bridge High School
- 71 **Tayla McNicol**
Meningie Area School
- 72 **Tess Harrington**
Sacred Heart College
- 73 **Sepo Simasiku**
Walford Anglican Girls School
- 74 **Yangzom Dorji**
Woodville High School
- 75 **Vaishnavi Chandel**
Brighton Secondary School
- 76 **Zahra Shafahi**
Para Hills High School



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TERTIARY

- 77 **Daniele Affortunato**
TAFESA Light Square
- 78 **Emilie Jade Flavel**
TAFESA Light Square
- 79 **Haylee Cook**
TAFESA Light Square
- 80 **Jayani Amanda Maddumage Don**
University of South Australia
- 81 **Johnny Raston**
University of South Australia
- 82 **Nikhil Sharma**
University of South Australia
- 83 **Scarleth Molina Arias**
University of South Australia
- 84 **Shin Tung Gan**
University of South Australia
- 85 **Tsz Leung Lee**
University of South Australia

AWARD WINNERS

PRIMARY AWARDS

- Winner**
- 26 **Room 16 IELP Students**
Delin Mesto, Easter Zaw, Eleen Rash, Jimmy Tun, Kritha Patel, Lady Eh Eh Tun, Lucas Shrestha, Mavleen Sehgal, Mishleen Sehgal, Parsa Kamyab, Vithuki Godewatthe Arachchige & Yasmine Kasongo
Mt Gambier North Primary School (IELP)

Runner-Up

- 4 **Aria Diakou & Annie Bui**
Norwood Primary School

Joint Commended

- 13 **Enayat Ullah**
Elizabeth Vale Primary School

- 25 **Rayhan Jangra & Riveen Sandinu**
Senarathne Norwood Primary School

SECONDARY AWARDS

- Winner**
- 67 **Phillipa Stevanja**
St Aloysius College

Runner-Up

- 43 **Devanshi Patel**
Kildare College

Commended

- 40 **Benika Kaundal**
Modbury High School

TERTIARY AWARDS

- Winner**
- 77 **Daniele Affortunato**
TAFESA Light Square
- Runner-Up**
- 83 **Scarleth Molina Arias**
University of South Australia
- Commended**
- 81 **Johnny Raston**
University of South Australia