

Ten steps to welcome asylum seekers

1. Be informed

Know the facts. Contact one of the agencies listed for accurate information. ACSJC has publications; NSW CLRI has an education kit.

2. Spread the word

- Inform others of world events, which cause people to flee their country.
- Participate in education campaigns targeting racism.

3. Speak of asylum seekers as people

Establish personal contact, friendship, understanding and acceptance.

4. Make a contribution

- Offer financial or other support or voluntary services for asylum seekers' assistance centres.
- Provide a travel pass or phone card for an asylum seeker.

5. Visit a detention centre

Identify an asylum seeker and visit her or him.

6. Be a mentor and friend

- Mentor a person with a temporary protection visa in the workplace.
- Befriend these people in the neighbourhood or your local church.

7. Advocate

- Monitor parliamentary bills.
- Draw attention to legislation; the removal of basic human rights; discrimination; conditions in detention centres; inadequate representation.

8. Use the media effectively

- Be alert to the use of manipulative language in the media: newspapers, talk-back radio; television.
- Write letters.

9. Encourage others

Encourage family, friends and colleagues to participate in some of these activities.

10. Pray

Use the accompanying [Prayer Card](#).

