

you CAN do it!

help change the lives of refugees and asylum seekers in NSW



your guide to fundraising for SSI

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international

About SSI

Persecution, war, political instability and displacement are all factors that lead individuals and families to leave their homes to seek permanent protection elsewhere, including Australia.

Refugees who come to Australia face many challenges on settlement such as financial hardship, dealing with experiences of torture and trauma, and family separation – yet Australia is a nation built on immigration.

We have a long history of providing safe asylum to refugees, many of whom have gone on to make great civil, social and economic contributions to Australian society.

SSI is committed to ensuring that people in vulnerable communities in NSW are supported and resourced to fulfil their potential – as members of the Australian community. SSI provides support and assistance to the majority of people in NSW on refugee and bridging visas. The organisation values difference and the right to self-determination for the people we support, as well as meaningful social and economic inclusion in Australian society.

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15.1
million

The latest figures available show that the number of refugees of concern to UNHCR in mid-2015 reached an estimated **15.1 million refugees** – the highest level in 20 years¹, and in mid-2014 there were more than **1.2 million asylum-seekers**².

¹ www.unhcr.org/pages/49c3646c1d.html

² www.unhcr.org/pages/49c3646c137.html

Fundraising for SSI is a fun, social and rewarding way to play your part in changing the lives of refugees and to help asylum seekers to feel welcome.

This fundraising kit provides suggestions on how you can enlist your community – friends, family, colleagues, neighbours, network circles, and others – to raise funds to support SSI's work.

Organising your event

It's as easy as 1-2-3

1

register with SSI

It is important to **register your event with SSI** so we can keep track of our everyday heroes.

You can follow this link to start setting up!

www.ssi.org.au/support-ssi/fundraise-for-ssi

You can customise your own fundraising page by following the steps.

2

spread the word

Promote your fundraiser any way you can and as early as you can. Tell everyone you know what you're doing and ask them to tell everyone they know. This will help to give your fundraiser some momentum.

Promote on social media sites such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn by sharing your everydayhero fundraising link. Contact local businesses for support by sticking up posters or flyers.

Send news about your fundraiser to your networks via email. An incentive could be reminding them that any donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible.

3

have fun

Remember to always have fun! The sky's the limit, from fun runs, morning teas and dress up days to BBQ's and trivia nights.

If you collect any cash donations, just print the offline donation form on your page (found under your image titled 'Process Offline Donations') and bank the monies. This will automatically add up to your fundraising goal.

Where your money goes



\$50
can help provide access
to community and
sporting activities



\$25
can help provide
hot meals and activities
at SSI Community Kitchen



\$100
can help overcome
barriers to education
through scholarships

How fundraising helps

From July 2015 through to April 2016 a total of **4061 refugees** and **people seeking asylum** participated in SSI's community engagement programs. This included Community Kitchen, Community Playtime and Community Garden.



2265

The number of refugees and people seeking asylum who enjoyed a meal and activities as part of our Community Kitchen Program.

771

The number of participants in SSI's Community Playtime Program for mothers and children.

1025

The number of refugees and people seeking asylum who have a green thumb and participated in SSI's Community Garden and bush regeneration programs.

Fundraising support

Before you start your fundraiser, you must have an *Authority to Fundraise* letter, which is automated through your registration process.

To help with your fundraiser, here is what support the SSI fundraising team can offer.

We can:

- provide advice to help you plan your fundraising activity.
- provide tax deductible receipts for donations of \$2 or more.
- provide you with official SSI promotional material such as a customisable poster.
- supply approved wording for communicating with your audience about our work.
- allow you to use our brand name in the promotion of your fundraiser to indicate where your raised funds will be donated. However, you are *not* able to use our name as part of the fundraiser.
For example you MAY use *'Proudly Supporting Settlement Services International'*.
but you may NOT use *'Settlement Services International's Trivia Night'*.

We cannot:

- advise or help you clarify the relevant legislation for your fundraising activity (particularly raffles and competitions). It is best that you refer to your local state or territory authority. Please refer to the Australian Taxation Office for tax advice.
- undertake tasks for you in the running of the fundraiser (source prizes, sponsorship, publicity, staff resources, goods or services, promote etc.) as we do not have resources.
- provide public liability insurance cover for community fundraising activities as there is no way for us to assess and manage the risks of all these activities (we strongly recommend you organise public liability insurance).
- provide tax advice (we recommend contacting the Australian Taxation Office).
- allow you to produce any unofficial merchandise bearing the name or logo of Settlement Services International.

Contact us:

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or visit

www.ssi.org.au/support-ssi/fundraise-for-ssi

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you!