

# Panel Discussion: Strengthening Settlement Capacity and Social Cohesion in Regional Areas

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# Connecting people into community life



Harmony Day 2015



Cultural Festival 2016

# Engaging with the whole of community



Cultural Festival 2016



Cultural Festival 2017

# Engaging with the whole of community



Cultural Festival 2017

# Connection through sharing



Sharing of culture



# Connection through sharing



**Left:** Sharing of cultural painting

**Above:** Sharing of stories

# Breaking down barriers



**2013:** First Youth Cultural Exchange between Newcastle and Taree

# Menna Al Naqa (Connecting Community Services)



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# Raquel Aldunate (Illawarra Multicultural Services)



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# Multicultural Illawarra



# Debbie Carstens (Northern Settlement Services)



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# Events in Partnership



# Programs in Partnership



**MULTICULTURAL  
YOUTH GROUP**  
Wednesdays  
3.00-5.30pm  
Wallsend Callaghan  
College

HIGHSCHOOL AGED REFUGEE &  
MULTICULTURAL  
BACKGROUND students from any school,  
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# Partnerships with Volunteer Organisations



# Welcome



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