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The Network of Immigrant and Refugee Women of Australia is an independent body that seeks to advocate for immigrant and refugee women at the national level by working to achieve cultural, social, economic, educational and gender equality for immigrant and refugee women in Australia.

NIRWA'S purpose is based on the following guiding principles:

To acknowledge, respect and value the diversity of immigrant and refugee women

To facilitate opportunities for immigrant and refugee women to participate in and contribute to the network through leadership, mentoring and mutual support

To uphold the principles of human rights, social justice, gender equality, and access and equity

To recognize and value immigrant and refugee women's life experiences, skills and knowledge, and their contribution to the wellbeing of society

To promote peace, harmony, democracy and community capacity in Australian society

The objectives of the organisation:

(a) To facilitate the exchange of information, experience and skills for our members.

(b) To consolidate and extend the organisation through all existing States and Territories networks to achieve the widest possible participation of immigrant and refugee women living in Australia.

(c) To work in conjunction with other relevant national organisations on issues of common concern.

(d) To support the establishment of immigrant and refugee women's groups and activities at the States/Territories level and to provide them with the resources and information to develop their skills to enable immigrant and refugee women to work effectively for change and the achievement of cultural, social and economic equality for all immigrant and refugee women living in Australia.

(e) To develop national responses to immigrant and refugee women's issues which reflect on the needs of immigrant and refugee women living in Australia.

(f) To further develop and refine policies affecting immigrant and refugee women living in Australia.

(g) To promote access & equity for immigrant and refugee women living in Australia by fostering and facilitating the establishment and development of culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate services for them.

CURRENT PROJECTS

The Australian Immigrant & Refugee Women's Alliance (AIRWA)

AIRWA is a partnership between NIRWA, with membership of women's organisations in the eight States and Territories, and the Federation of Ethnic Communities Council of Australia (FECCA), through FECCA's women's committee in the eight States and Territories. Its focus is to lift the status of immigrant and refugee women through a unified and national front.

AIRWA is one of the six National Women's Alliances that is funded by the Federal Office for Women.

AIRWA's mandate is to raise immigrant and refugee women's concerns and aspirations to government.

Migrant Women in Precarious Employment

NIRWA obtained a Leadership and Development Grant to auspice a support project for migrant women in precarious employment on behalf of Asian Women at Work. The project highlights the issues migrant women face in the workplace, at home and in the community and provides information and training to assist them to raise their concerns at community and political levels.. The issue is now being incorporated into the AIRWA work plan.

CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

Ordinary Membership

Any immigrant or refugee women's organisation in Australia whose primary objective is either of an ethnic or multicultural focus.

Individual Membership

Immigrant and refugee women living in Australia who do not belong to any women's organisation but who show an interest in ethnic and or multicultural issues.

Affiliate Membership

Ethnic, multicultural organisations whose aims and objectives are consistent with those of NIRWA but are not solely immigrant and refugee women's

Membership Form

Membership Category	Amount in Aus\$ including GST annually*
<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinary	110.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Affiliate	110.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Student	25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Concession Card Holder	25.00

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

Cheque

Money Order

Signature

Please send to

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* From 1st July of each year till 30th June of the following year