

***The Hunter Uniting Church Social Justice Committee, Newcastle Anglican Social Justice Taskforce,
Maitland-Newcastle Catholic Social Justice Council and
Newcastle-Lake Macquarie Grandmothers Against the Detention of Refugee Children***

invite you to

#RightTrack Community Action Workshop

Do you wish you could have more open conversations with family, friends and neighbours about the needs and rights of people seeking asylum?

Have you been frustrated when discussion gets stuck in the same old stereotypes and perceptions?

You are invited to a hands-on workshop to:

- Hear about the 'Words that Work' research findings
- Learn how to have persuasive conversations and who you should have them with
- Meet like-minded people who want to make a positive difference

About this initiative

The team at Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC) is working with communities across Australia to shift attitudes by changing the way we talk about people seeking asylum.

In 2016 the ASRC developed a values-based conversation framework drawn from the ground breaking "Words that Work" research of communication expert Anat Shenker-Osorio. This research found that certain words and phrases have a positive impact on those who are undecided about the issue.

The Community Action Workshop presents this framework along with tools and strategies to open up conversations. It equips participants to speak more confidently about the rights of people seeking asylum. By sharing our values and experiences in conversation, we allow people space to make up their own minds, making a shift in attitudes more possible.

Details

- When:** 9am (for 9.30am start) - 1pm, **Saturday 24th February 2018**
- Where:** **Jesmond Park Uniting Church**, 15 Robert St Jesmond
- Who should attend:** People supportive of the needs and rights of people seeking asylum, & who want to influence others in the same direction
- Leaders:** Staff of the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre and the Uniting Church Social Justice Forum
- Enquiries and RSVP:** justice@hunter.uca.org.au or 0437879442 (RSVP not essential but appreciated)

Morning tea will be provided. There is no cost to attend this workshop.

