

28 August 2005

refugee and migrantsunday

This year thousands of churches around Australia will celebrate the contribution refugees and migrants make to Australia on Refugee and Migrant Sunday (28 August 2005).

Help Celebrate!

- ✓ Organise a Movie Night to show ***Punished Not Protected***, a brilliant new film!
- ✓ Screen one of four 15 min segments of the film after your church service !
- ✓ Use the film to inspire your student entries in the Media Competition !
- ✓ Use the education kit to give a talk or hold a discussion !
- ✓ Arrange a refugee speaker for the day !
- ✓ Order 'Reach Out' flyers to hand out on the day !

Everything you need is now on the web!

Want to download a kit, get extra resources or find out about the Media Competition, what's happening in your state, or the film *Punished Not Protected*, go to: www.ncca.org.au/cws/rdp/rms
Spice up your newsletter or get images for your flyer for the day! See our website!

Punished Not Protected is a four part documentary featuring well-known & respected Australians, who provide compelling insight into the debates over detention, the Pacific Solution, temporary visa and other key issues in the refugee debate. You can buy the film and screening rights for just \$30. It is a great opportunity to discuss these key issues with your parish and wider community!

- For more information or to arrange a speaker, email Tracey Mair: info@tmpublicity.com
- Order the DVD or Video from RONIN FILMS: www.roninfilms.com.au
Tel: 02 6248 0851 Fax: 02 6249 1640

Each year, the National Council of Churches produces Parish & School Education Kits to help its 15 member churches celebrate the day, raise awareness and take further action. The kit has a poster to advertise the day, education sheets, a liturgy to mark the day and parish and school resources.

The kits focus on the war in Sudan, peace efforts, refugees solutions, life in a refugee camp and refugees being resettled in Australia. It highlights the Sudanese churches' *people to people peace process* and how Australian parishes help resettle Sudanese refugees. The kits also highlights the plight of asylum seekers living in the community, who seek dignity not charity, but are denied income support, work rights and Medicare and are forced to depend on churches and charities.

Each year we also run a ***School Media Competition*** with three categories (poster, poem and multi-media). The school kit has all the details on how to inspire your students and enter the comp.

Order kits, arrange a speaker or find out more! Call your ecumenical council:

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*To be a refugee is to be a survivor: alive in spite of persecution or even torture.
Reaching out to refugees takes courage. Helping refugees means building our
future together.*