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Victorian Afghan Associations Network
Victorian Allied Health Professionals Association
Victorian Student Christian Movement
Victorian Trades Hall Council
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Walk & concert

2020

JUSTICE for REFUGEES

Permanent Visas - Fair Processing - Family Reunion
End Offshore Processing - Bring Them Here
End Mandatory Detention

Palm Sunday, April 5

2pm State Library cnr Swanston & La Trobe Sts Melbourne



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#refugeesjusticewalk

#justice4refugees

Welcome



Refugees



Live concert and closing ceremony from 3.30pm

Upper Terrace Birrarung Marr
#BeautifulResistance

Organised by the Refugee Advocacy Network
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Australia's treatment of refugees remains punitive and unfair - you can help end the cruelty

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What is happening to refugees and people seeking asylum who are here in Australia?

- Permanent protection is denied for people who arrived after 2013. This means continuing uncertainty and anxiety on temporary visas. They are unable to reunite with their families.
- Hundreds of people continue to be held in detention centres - some for over 10 years.
- Children and their families brought to Australia from Nauru in 2018 are still in community detention. They are not being offered permanent protection - so their uncertainty continues.
- Around 250 people transferred to Australia under (the now repealed) Medevac legislation remain in detention onshore, and many have not received the treatment they came for.
- Over 30,000 people are still on Bridging Visas after many years. Many face destitution after the government withdrew basic income support. Their children are blocked from going to university. Thousands have no access to health care.
- People who have been granted permanent refugee status are left waiting to be recognised as citizens for many years.
- The Government is continuing to deport people to danger.

Hundreds of refugees still held in limbo in PNG & Nauru

- After 6 years around 400 people are still languishing in Nauru and PNG. The majority have been recognised as refugees by the UNHCR.
- Most of these people will not be offered resettlement in the US, PNG and Nauru are not offering permanent resettlement.
- Our government still refuses to accept New Zealand's offer to resettle refugees from Nauru and Manus Island.
- In December 2019 the government repealed the Medevac legislation which meant that doctors decided whether people needed to be brought to Australia for medical attention. Now these decisions are back in the hands of politicians and administrators - under similar arrangements several people died due to lack of medical attention.
- Australia continues to turn back boats putting lives at risk and in breach of the UN convention on refugees.

- **Australia IS RESPONSIBLE** for the long term future of people held in PNG and Nauru. Instead of spending billions prolonging their despair, Australia should bring them here. Give them HOPE and FREEDOM.

For a FAIR GO for REFUGEES and PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM • Our government needs to:

- End offshore processing, mandatory detention, and deportations to danger • Bring refugees on PNG & Nauru here
- Give refugees permanent protection visas • Give family reunion rights
- End unfair practices in processing refugee claims, and restore the right to appeal
- Restore truth and transparency in the public discourse and abide by the UN Refugee Convention