

Put out  
a Welcome Mat  
for Refugees

Launch: State Library  
Saturday 10am  
7 December 2013

## Welcome Centres **NOT** Detention Centres!

It's time to end the hate, it's time stand up against the racism, it's time to welcome refugees. It's time to end mandatory detention, and replace it with resettlement support and community services.

On December 7 2013 poster, leaflet, sticker, chalk your neighbourhood, and come to Put out a Welcome Mat for Refugees launch, to shower the streets of Melbourne with messages of welcome.

For more info and posters to download head to [www.rac-vic.org](http://www.rac-vic.org).  
Tweet, instagram, and facebook photos of your welcome messages!

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## **Join with thousands of Melbournians to tell Tony Abbott and his government enough is enough. Help shower your neighbourhood with messages calling on the government to welcome refugees.**

Go online to the Refugee Action Collective website now to download posters and log your participation in this day of mass action to welcome refugees.

### **Dedicate to:**

- >> Come to the Put Out a Welcome Mat for Refugees launch, 10am State Library December 7. Bring your own welcome mat for refugees, and participate in showering Melbourne with messages of welcome
- >> Chalk/poster/leaflet/letterbox particular street/train stations in your neighbourhood in the lead up to and/or on December 7
- >> Approach neighbourhood centres/businesses/schools/workplaces to display welcome posters
- >> Take photos of your welcome messages and tweet, facebook and instagram them!

This mass action calls on Tony Abbott to fully welcome refugees. What would it take for our government to genuinely put out a welcome mat for refugees?

### **Our Welcome Mats symbolise a call to:**

- (i) Turn detention centres into welcome centres- replace mandatory detention with resettlement support and community services;
- (ii) Process and resettle refugees in Australia- close offshore processing camps on Nauru and Manus Island;
- (iii) Ensure that refugees are granted permanent, not temporary protection;
- (iv) Ensure all asylum seekers have the right to work;
- (v) End all forced deportations to danger;
- (vi) It is no crime to seek asylum, it should be no crime to bring the boats;
- (vii) Invest the \$8 billion dollars set to be wasted on detention and offshore processing over the next 4 years into health, education and community services for all of us, including refugees and asylum seekers.

**For more info, including posters and leaflets available to download check out [www.rac-org.vic](http://www.rac-org.vic) (or make your own!).**