



World Refugee Day

20 June 2005

Celebrate the Courage of Refugees

Every year on the 20 June, the United Nations celebrates World Refugee Day (WRD) as a way of recognising and celebrating the resilience and courage of refugees worldwide, and the contribution they make to their new homes. This year's theme is 'courage' and will focus on the courage of refugees as they face the many challenges in their search for a new home. UNHCR's Regional Office in Canberra office is asking Australian schools to celebrate WRD in some way on or around 20 June this year.

Please see the box below for ideas on what you can do and let us know your plans. We'd like to share with others how Australians schools are celebrating WRD this year.

What you can do

- ❑ Hold a special class on refugee issues and incorporate the topic into your regular lesson plans. You could invite a speaker, borrow a video from UNHCR, or use the teaching tools from our website to stimulate discussion (*for more information see www.unhcr.org.au/pubres*)
- ❑ Run an essay or art competition on a refugee theme. Or encourage your students to enter the UNHCR High School Writing Competition in 2005 (see www.unhcr.org.au/writingcomp for details)
- ❑ Host a fundraising event for *Australia for UNHCR* or have a gold coin donation day at school to support UNHCR's work helping 17 million refugees around the world. (see www.australiaforunhcr.org.au)
- ❑ Order WRD materials from UNHCR to display at school or in your community (see *order form overleaf*)
- ❑ Ask students and teachers to wear a ribbon or something blue to mark WRD on 20 June.

For further information see www.unhcr.org.au

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Materials Order Form

A limited number of display materials are available for free.

Please fill in the form below and fax to: 02 6273 6822 or email your order to aulcapi@unhcr.ch. Please note, resources are limited and the quantity of materials requested may not be available.

- Posters Quantity _____
- Brochure Quantity _____

- Please email me guidelines and details of the 2005 UNHCR High School Writing Competition, *Refugees: telling their stories*.

Your details:

Name: _____ Position: _____

Name of school: _____

Email: _____

Mailing address: _____

Telephone: _____

Your plans for WRD: _____

*A wealth of background information is available at our local website www.unchr.org.au
or at our headquarters site at www.unhcr.ch*