



## **ECCV ENCOURAGES VICTORIAN LOCAL COUNCILS TO PARTICIPATE IN WORLD REFUGEE DAY**

Tuesday June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is hosting a global campaign #WithRefugees and it is inviting Refugee Welcome Zone Mayors around Australia to participate in an initiative to highlight the important work cities all over the world are doing to promote inclusion, bring communities together and support refugees.

ECCV encourages Victorian local councils to consider participating in this global initiative to mark this significant international day. ECCV Chairperson Cr. Kris Pavlidis who is also the Mayor of Whittlesea City Council states "it is essential that local councils lead their communities with compassion and unity".

ECCV will host its annual event 'Campfire Stories' to acknowledge the importance of mutual understanding. The event is an experience where every day Victorians from refugee backgrounds share their stories.

The first of two 'Campfire Stories' for 2018 will be in partnership with Welcome to Australia and Asylum Seekers Resource Centre on June 19<sup>th</sup> at Siteworks in Brunswick.

The second 2018 'Campfire Stories' will be in partnership with Welcome to Australia and Multicultural Arts Victoria as part of the Emerge in Yarra festival on July 25<sup>th</sup> at the Abbotsford Convent Precinct. To book, please register using Eventbrite.

Cr. Kris Pavlidis says "the ECCV is excited about local municipalities leading the way in their communities."

World Refugee Day is on 20 June 2018.

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### **Editor's Notes:**

- [Book your ticket to Campfire Stories 2018](#)
- [UN World Refugee Day](#)