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*...you can do to make a difference  
in your school community*

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# Support cultural diversity in your school community.

Australia is now home to 24 million people. Almost one in two Australians is either born overseas or has parents born overseas. One in five of us speak a language other than English at home and we practise over 120 different religions. When we talk about diversity, we're talking about *us*.

The diversity of Australian society can be seen everywhere - in our streets, workplaces, sporting clubs, community groups - and especially in our schools! We welcome people from all backgrounds and most of us agree that our diversity makes Australia a better place and that we want to learn more about our many different cultural groups and practices.

At Red Cross we work to build stronger communities through participation and developing connections between people, groups and communities. We want everyone to be able to contribute and feel that they belong.

What can YOUR school do to make a difference? We've come up with five easy things!



...YOU CAN DO TO  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE.





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## GET INFORMED

Help dispel myths and misunderstandings about asylum seekers and refugees – we have answers to some of the most common questions at [redcross.org.au/refugeefacts](https://redcross.org.au/refugeefacts). You can also download the innovative schools resources we developed with SBS at [sbs.com.au/goback/learn](https://sbs.com.au/goback/learn)

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## INVITE A GUEST SPEAKER

Encourage your school to learn more about migration by inviting a refugee or migrant to share their story. Hearing first hand about migration experiences can help break down barriers and build understanding. In many states, Red Cross can help connect you with local community organisations, speakers and resources.

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## SAY WELCOME

Seen a new family at school? How about inviting them to the park for a play date? Participating in activities can help children and their families make connections in their new communities and welcoming a new family can make a real difference.

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## HOST A MULTICULTURAL EVENT

Encourage your school to celebrate diversity by hosting a multicultural event. It could be a morning tea, a lunch or a full day of celebrations. Cultural celebrations can be a great opportunity to learn about different cultures by sharing food, costumes and stories about one another's backgrounds.

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## INVEST IN A YOUNG PERSON'S FUTURE

Encourage your school or school community to help someone from a refugee or migrant background who wants to continue learning but has limited financial support. This could cover tuition, fees, uniforms, or books.

**Red Cross – working with the community to build bridges**  
For more information or to discuss how you can work with Red Cross to make a difference, please contact your local Red Cross Hub [redcross.org.au/hubs](https://redcross.org.au/hubs)

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## How can I become a supporter?

Red Cross relies on committed volunteers, members and donors.

You can support Red Cross by:

- 1 *giving* monthly, leaving a bequest in your will or making a one-off donation;
- 2 *visiting* your local Red Cross store;
- 3 *donating* blood.

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