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THINGS

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

the power of humanity



Support cultural diversity in your 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*.

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.

The *Power of Humanity* is lived through practical action. We've come up with five easy things YOU can do to make a difference in YOUR community!



...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. You can also download the innovative schools resources we developed with SBS at sbs.com.au/goback/learn

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INVITE A GUEST SPEAKER

Encourage your school or community group 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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WORKPLACE MENTORING

Consider whether your workplace could offer mentoring or volunteer opportunities to peoples from refugee or migrant backgrounds who need support entering the workforce. Red Cross can link you to local organisations that can help you find the right people and make a real difference to someone's future.

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INVEST IN A YOUNG PERSON'S FUTURE

Encourage your school or university 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.

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SHARE YOUR SKILLS

If you want to make a positive difference and have a skill to share, Red Cross is just one of many organisations in the community working to support asylum seekers, refugees, and vulnerable migrants. Why not get in touch with us, or a local organisation, to see how you can share your skills?

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

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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