

WSU Refugee, New and Emerging Community Students Experience

Abstract:	Australia is a multicultural country as reflected at Western Sydney University, with students from nearly 200 cultures and countries. Students from refugee, New and Emerging Communities including International students bring the world to Greater Western Sydney with multilingual skills, cultural and social diversity. It is never easy to transplant one's life and study, whether temporarily or permanently, into another country. This is particularly true in regards to students who have gone through the refugee trauma experience and sometimes delayed education opportunities. The WSU Office of Widening Participation Refugee, New and Emerging Communities Programs seeks to increase access and learning opportunities by allowing students from refugee, New and Emerging Communities background experience enhanced skills to get support from the various support services across the university. The ultimate aim is to reduce perceived and actual barriers to University education life, towards creating a positive opportunity for engaging in learning to promote student centred education experience.
Target Audience:	All that engage with students and or communities from refugee, New and Emerging Communities
Take home message:	Best practices to engaging with students and communities from refugee, new and emerging communities background - Cultural awareness