Refugee Week

Refugee Week is a national celebration held each year to commemorate and acknowledge the achievements of refugees and the contributions they have made in their community.

The 2006 Australian Bureau of Statistics Census of Population and Housing reported that 88,530 people living in Liverpool were born in Australia, whilst a further 62,168 people were born elsewhere. This demonstrates not only a high migration stream to the area, but explains the richness of multiculturalism that is evident in Liverpool.

In 2010, Refugee Week was celebrated between Sunday, 20th June and Saturday, 26th June. The Office of Engagement supported Liverpool City Council in organising the Annual Street Festival, which was held on Friday, 25th June at the Macquarie Street Mall. The event featured multicultural performances, information stalls, art workshops, family fun activities, Liverpool's Annual Refugee Week Awards Ceremony and the launch of the refugee story booklet, ‘In Search of Freedom’.

The Annual Street Festival was a great success, with hundreds of people passing through the information stands as well as enjoying the performances and activities. The Office of Engagement proudly launched ‘In Search of Freedom’, which is a compilation of personal stories written by refugees living in the Liverpool LGA. Many of the authors are young people who had experienced much hardship and devastation in their home countries and who are hoping for a happy and safe future in Australia. The stories provide a realistic insight into the lives of refugees prior to seeking asylum in Australia.

For further information or to obtain a copy of ‘In Search of Freedom’ please contact the Office of Engagement at engagement@uws.edu.au

Liverpool welcomes refugees.