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**535 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne**  
(between Victoria and Queensberry Streets)



# ARAN NATIONAL CONFERENCE MELBOURNE 7-8 JULY 2018 POLITICS AND PROTEST THE FIGHT FOR REFUGEE RIGHTS



**ARAN**  
Australian Refugee  
Action Network

The conference is open to anyone interested in refugee activism and advocacy. Gather with other activists and advocates to:

**DISCUSS**  
the political context and campaign priorities.

**SHARE IDEAS**  
and experience for mobilising and effective campaigning.

**EXPLORE IDEAS**  
for strengthening national coordination.



## SATURDAY 7 JULY CAMPAIGN FOCUS AND TACTICS

- 8.30am **Arrival and registration**
- 9.15am **Welcome to Country**  
**Overview of program**
- 9.30am **Opening address – *What kind of country is Australia becoming? What do we want to be?***
- 9.50am **Audience questions and discussion**
- 10.00am **Panel discussion**  
***The political context and challenges for the campaign for refugee rights***  
Moderator: Corinne Grant
- 10.30am **Facilitated discussion**
- 10.50am **Morning tea**
- 11.10am **Focussing the campaign for refugee rights**
- 11.30am **Group discussions**  
***Seizing the moment – responding to issues***
- 12.10pm **Plenary – Successful strategies**
- 12.30pm **Lunch**
- 1.15pm **Workshops**  
**Sharing success and skills – Round 1**
  - Protests, vigils and actions
  - Letter writing and lobbying politicians
- Raising awareness and changing attitudes
  - Using your story to influence others
  - Planning campaigns
  - Creative activism and using social media to get your message out there
  - Getting media for your action
  - Building your group or network
- Networking discussions**
  - Activism through union networks
  - Activism in student / campus groups
- 2.45pm **Afternoon tea**
- 3.00pm **Workshops and networking discussions – Round 2**  
All workshops repeated
- Networking discussions**
  - Activism through faith networks
  - LGBTI / Rainbow activists
- 4.30pm **Plenary – Sharing highlights from workshops and networking discussions**
- 5.30pm **Close**
- 6.30pm **Drinks and dinner – Tamil Feast**

## SUNDAY 8 JULY CO-ORDINATING OUR CAMPAIGN EFFORTS

- 8.30am **Coffee**
- 9.15am **Report from the ARAN Committee**
- 9.30am **Review key objectives of ARAN**
- 9.50am **Workshop discussions**  
**Creative strategies for ARAN**
- 10.30am **Plenary discussion**
- 11.00am **Conference wrap up**
- 11.15am **Morning tea**
- 12 noon **Delegates session and election of ARAN Committee**
- 1.00pm **Lunch meeting for newly elected ARAN Committee**