

Invitation to submit an Expression of Interest to present at the 2nd Annual Refugee Conference
Refugee and Asylum Seekers: Challenges and Best Practice
3rd June 2015
QUT Gardens Point (Kindler Theatre) Brisbane, QLD

Mercy Community Services SEQ Limited in partnership with Queensland University of Technology (QUT), Faculty of Health is pleased to announce a one-day Conference as part of National Refugee Week.

The Conference focuses on a framework of social justice and human rights approaches and responses to the needs of individuals who travel to Australia seeking asylum, protection and safety.

The Conference will provide a unique opportunity for academics, researchers, policy professionals, students, volunteers and practitioners working in the refugee and asylum seeker sector to share research policy and practice challenges that advance best practice.

The Conference will be based around three themes:

- ***Human rights, conflict and displacement***
- ***Refugee policy in Australia***
- ***Settlement identity and culture***

Paying particular attention to the:

- The voices of asylum seekers and refugees, in particular unaccompanied minors
- Service delivery challenges and best practice in relation to refugee settlement and asylum seekers support

Abstract and Poster Presentation Submission:

Abstracts should be a maximum of 300 words that include:

- title of presentation and theme to be covered;
- synopsis of the aim and content of the presentation in meeting the theme; and
- the background and experience of the presenter/s

Each presenter will be allocated 20 minutes for the presentation, with 5 minutes for question time. Poster Presentation details will be provided at acceptance of abstract.

Submissions and Information requests to secretariat@mercyys.org.au

Key Dates:

Abstract submissions close: 13 February 2015

Acceptance of abstract: 02 March 2015

Full paper submission: 8 May 2015

Registration opens: 20 April 2015

Registration closes: 01 June 2015