

AUT University and the Refugee Council of New Zealand invite you to join us for this exciting and timely conference. We will reflect on what has been achieved and identify what remains to be done. Discoveries will be shared, new friends made and relationships renewed - enabling us to progress together to enhance the resettlement, health and wellbeing of refugees in New Zealand.

The Conference theme “**Looking Back and Moving Forward**” reflects the 21 years since the first national refugee resettlement and wellbeing conference held in Wellington in 1988. Have we come of age? We believe there are achievements to be celebrated in refugee resettlement. Unmet needs and new developments also require examination. The conference provides an opportunity to discuss critical issues, identify research and policy gaps, compare international experiences and strengthen networks by sharing knowledge, skills and experience.

### Who should attend?

This is an excellent opportunity to share experiences, challenges and achievements with people, communities and organisations interested in refugee resettlement, health and wellbeing including refugees, service providers, researchers, educators, sponsors, policy makers and officials, teachers and community workers.

### Aims and objectives of this conference

- Celebrate accomplishments over the past 21 years in refugee resettlement, health and wellbeing
- Examine best practice locally and globally in service provision
- Identify gaps and advocate priorities for future research, action and development
- Enhance participants' capability to work effectively with refugees and their communities
- Inform the wider community of the contributions and needs of refugees
- Strengthen networks to foster refugee health and wellbeing
- Discuss critical issues relating to refugee wellbeing and resettlement
- Compare national as well as international experiences
- Strengthen networks by sharing knowledge, skills and experience

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### Conference Registration

Complete details and post with payment (in New Zealand dollars). On-line registration is available..

*\*Prices inclusive of GST*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Earlybird Registration<br>(NOW by 25th September 2009) | \$460* |
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Refugee Conference Secretariat

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New Zealand

## Programme

We have received abstracts from throughout New Zealand and a number of other countries. The following are illustrative of the proposals accepted so far:

- Resettling the Unsettled: The Refugee Journey of Arab Muslims to New Zealand
- A mental health and addiction research agenda for New Zealand Refugee and Migrant groups: Questions, collaboration and research dissemination
- Family violence and refugee communities
- Khmer community approaches to well-being: 25 years on
- Refugees as Others: A qualitative study of health service responsiveness in the Auckland region
- Increasing capacity in primary health care for refugees in the Wellington region
- Refugee health on arrival in Aotearoa/New Zealand and six months later
- The pathway to literacy: The benefits of bilingual delivery of ESOL to learners with limited literacy
- Effects of Pre-migration and Post-migration Factors on Adaptation Experiences of War-Affected Refugee Children and Youth in Winnipeg Society

The Conference Programme can be viewed shortly on the conference website. If you register your details you will be sent notice of when the programme is available for view.

## Confirmed keynote speakers:



**Richard Towle**

UNHCR Regional Representative for Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and the South Pacific.



**Dr Eileen Pittaway**

Director of the Centre for Refugee Research, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia.



**Adam Awad**

Executive Chair, Changemakers Refugee Forum, Wellington, New Zealand.

### Important dates::

- Abstract submission deadline: Sunday 12th July\*  
\*late submissions will be considered
- On-line registrations open: July
- Draft Programme online: Mid August

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# 2009 NOV 18-21 Looking Back & Moving Forward Refugee Health & Wellbeing Conference

The Centre for Asian & Migrant Health Research  
AUT University  
and  
The Refugee Council New Zealand  
Present

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AUT University, Auckland, New Zealand  
Wednesday 18 November to  
Friday 20 November 2009

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