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media release

Macarthur Diversity Services (MDSI) is a charitable community service organisation that has been providing services to families in poverty and crisis since 1993.

We provide child, youth, family and aged service to residents of Macarthur including casework and information services, capacity building, integrated service planning and development, with a focus on Developing Communities

MDSI had participated in Riverfest for many years. This event is organised by Campbelltown City Council in conjunction with Macarthur Diversity Services Inc and the National Parks Association

MDSI is working in partnership with Campbelltown Council on an exciting project based on the **Doctor's without Borders' "Refugee Camp in the heart of the city"**. We are looking at having our first camp in Campbelltown during Riverfest (31 May) which is an annual community festival celebrating the environment and cultural diversity and again in June during Refugee week (14 – 20 June).

The aim of "The Camp" project is to promote refugee issues to the wider community. The key message of the project will be to promote a better understanding of the courage and suffering of refugees before and after they arrive in Australia. Visitors to the camp will have the opportunity to increase their understanding about what it means to be a refugee before and after coming to Australia where there is safety and freedom from fear. A number of refugees will talk about certain aspects of living in refugee camp and there will be games for children from other cultures to participate and learn from.

The Camp is a model project and can be set up by MDSI in locations, such as schools, local organisations or shopping centres.

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