**Host a #RightTrack Conversation!**

I’m involved in a community group called #RightTrack running conversation projects across Victoria. #RightTrack conversations are a way to bring together family and friends to learn more about the process people seeking asylum go through and reflect on how this sits with their values. Using resources developed by a Melbourne-based human rights organisation called the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC), the conversation provides an opportunity to listen to a young man’s experience of seeking asylum in our community and share our views on this together.

Every conversation helps build a compelling case for change which will be shared with community leaders and elected representatives. This will prove that community attitudes are shifting towards fair and humane solutions for those seeking asylum in our communities and make our leaders aware of what we expect from them.

I think you’d be a great host! What a host does is bring people together who are interested in learning more about the issue. You’ll be joined by a facilitator who will guide the conversation, so your role will be to organise a meeting space and invite guests who you think would come with an open mind. Whether it’s at your house over a glass of wine, or at a café in the morning, a community conversation can be anything that works for you.

**What do you need to do?** Here’s a checklist:

* **Set a date and location** for your conversation. Choose a place where you and your guests will be comfortable for about an hour of discussion. It could be at your house over a potluck dinner, at a friend’s house, in the office after work with pizza, at a café over coffee, or a picnic in the park. The facilitator will play a few audio recordings during the conversation, so a place with fewer distractions would be best.
* **Think about 6-8 people you want to come.** Since this is a forum for learning more and discussing different approaches,make sure you invite people who are open to the discussion - **we’re not looking for people who are fundamentally opposed to welcoming refugees.** You might instead like to invite 3-4 people and ask each of them to bring a friend of theirs.
* **Send out invites** to your potential guests. This could be via email, a Facebook group message, or any other platform that works for you. See the next page for a sample invitation.
* **Let us know the date and location** of your conversation, and the general profile of guests. We will then match an appropriate facilitator to your group.
* **Touch base with your facilitator** a few days beforehand to confirm details.

Please let us know if you have any questions about hosting a conversation, and thank you again for participating!

**#RightTrack Sample Invitation to Guests**

Hi Everyone,

As you might already know, I’m quite passionate about the rights of people seeking asylum, which is why I’ve decided to hold a #RightTrack conversation as part of a national consultation on community attitudes about this issue. Using resources developed by a Melbourne-based human rights organisation called the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, #RightTrack conversations provide an inclusive space where we can reflect on our values, learn more about the issues faced by people seeking asylum and share our views on this together. I’d love for you to be there!

The conversation will be a facilitated discussion with audio recordings for us to reflect on, and it will take place for about an hour. At the end we’ll complete an anonymous survey about our views, and the responses will inform community leaders and elected representatives of their community’s attitudes on this issue.

Please come over to my house for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (i.e. wine and cheese)! Bring a friend who you believe is open to learning more about this issue, and we’ll have a thoughtful discussion with great company.

Hope to see you there!

Where: My house

When: Saturday 10th March at 7pm

Please RSVP to this message by 5th March.