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## Narellan Rhythms Festival



### Field of flowers

**MACARTHUR Diversity Services Initiative is a non-profit charity that offers practical help and support services to the disadvantaged and marginalised.**

MACARTHUR Diversity Services Initiative (MDSI) had been part of the Narellan Rhythm Festival since it started several years ago.

Some of the programs and activities for the 2011 festival include the refugee awareness tent and the "Field of Flowers" creativity project.

The refugee awareness tent is an interactive experience where community members can explore and learn about aspects of life in a refugee camp, Australian policy relating to refugees, humanitarian entrants and asylum seekers, global issues relating to refugees and asylum seekers, and the history of the UN refugee protocol.

Flowers will be painted or decorated by people who wish to participate in this program and the flowers will be turned into a "Field of Flowers"

reflecting the diversity of cultures in Camden and Macarthur.

On the day a bus will shuttle people across Narellan and if you live in Campbelltown contact the Generalist Caseworker Sana al-Ahmar to reserve a seat on the bus.

Ms Al-ahmar has worked for many years with migrants, refugees and humanitarian entrants of all ages as well as a family settlement worker.

"I have learnt so much about the communities and cultures, issues and barriers that people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds face every day," she said.

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