



FORCIBLY DISPLACED PEOPLE NETWORK

Forcibly Displaced People Network: 2021-2022 Impact Report

This financial year FDPN has invested time and resources in the capacity building of the organisation. The team achieved the following:

- Strengthened of governance and internal processes
- Sustained and strengthened fundraising efforts
 - o This included 10 grants applications to a range of local, state/territory and federal funders. Noting that 3 applications are still in the assessment stage, from remaining our success rate was close to 50%
 - o Strengthened relationships with private philanthropy
 - o Establishment of new revenue such as merchandise sale
 - o Strengthening of fee for service offering
- Strengthened relationships with the state/territory and Commonwealth government
- Sustained international influence and footprint.

In the 2021-22 FDPN received funding for the following projects¹:

- "Safe and Healthy: Increasing Sexual Health Literacy and Reducing Risky Behaviours for LGBTIQ+ Migrants and Refugees" 2.5 year project funded by ACT Health Directorate
- LGBTIQ+ community retreats funded by Hands Across Canberra
- Online Safety workshop funded by NSW LGBTIQ+ Intraagency Group
- Pride Foundation of Australia funding towards employment of an Advocacy Coordinator and an Administrative Assistant.

¹ Note that not all funds came in the reported financial year so they do not appear in the financial report.

Australia-wide impact

Capacity building of LGBTIQ+ forcibly displaced people

- ✓ Ran a peer-support group for LGBTIQ+ forcibly displaced people in Canberra.
- ✓ Facilitated connections, referrals to relevant services for community.
- ✓ Continued the operation of the LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee

Financial support for LGBTIQ+ forcibly displaced people

- ✓ Ongoing provision of grocery vouchers, phone credits and payment of utility bills.
- ✓ Piloting emergency relief for LGBTIQ+ Ukrainians (help with reallocation or evacuation)

Community knowledge building

- ✓ Ran a workshop on online safety for LGBTIQ+ forcibly displaced people.
- ✓ Creation of online materials for LGBTIQ+ forcibly displaced people.

Building capacity of services

- ✓ Launched the online training module for services on the inclusion of the issues of LGBTIQ+ forced displacement
- ✓ Delivered training sessions for settlement services
- ✓ Partnered with Migration Council of Australia and Settlement Council of Australia to deliver a range of professional development session for their membership
- ✓ Delivered lectures on LGBTIQ+ forced displacement for students of Monash University and Melbourne University

Building evidence base

- ✓ Developed in co-design and (currently) running the national survey to document the issues that LGBTIQ+ forcibly displaced people experience (including obtained ANU ethics clearance)
- ✓ Ran a consultation on the experiences of sexual violence (commissioned by LGBTIQ+ Health Australia)
- ✓ Ran a consultation on the access to legal assistance (commissioned by Refugee Advice and Casework Service)

Policy and advocacy on LGBTIQ+ forced displacement

- ✓ Contributed to the national advocacy on increased resettlement spaces for Afghans
 - ✓ Made representations to the Department of Home Affairs on a range of LGBTIQ+ displacement issues including through submissions.
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- ✓ Participated in the national LGBTIQ+ refugee advocacy group.
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Awareness raising

on LGBTIQ+ forced displacement

- ✓ Created unique content on LGBTIQ+ forced displacement through social media, newsletters and blogs.
 - ✓ Participated in a wide number of events across Australia and gave media interviews
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International impact

Bringing issues of LGBTIQ+ forced displacement to the international level

- ✓ Guided the development of the UNHCR Global Roundtable on LGBTIQ+ Forced Displacement as a part of their Advisory Group and led the closing plenary of the event.
 - ✓ Presented at the US government roundtable on LBQ refugee women
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