

BUILDING INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES AWARDS 2011

A joint initiative of Macquarie University (Social Inclusion) and the Ethnic Communities' Council of NSW

Do you know of a person or project actively helping to build an inclusive Australian community?

Here's your chance to have them publicly recognised! We invite you to nominate them for one of our 2011 inaugural 'Building Inclusive Communities' Awards. You are welcome to nominate your own project or contribution. We are particularly interested in the "quiet achievers" – projects or contributions of community significance which may not otherwise receive attention or recognition. Entries close at 5pm on **17 June 2011**.

Who is eligible?

Individuals, community groups or organisations who serve, work on behalf of, contribute to, or represent Indigenous Australians and/or people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds (CALD). You can nominate yourself, your own work, or an individual or group you know about.

There are six award categories: individuals, non-government organisations (NGOs), volunteer and community groups (where membership is mostly voluntary), government, corporate, and youth (projects developed and/or managed by young people aged 25 and under). Individuals or organisations must be based in NSW, although their project may have wider reach than just the NSW community.

What kinds of projects or contributions are we looking for?

We are looking for current activities which have a long-term outlook and a track record of making a positive contribution to the community. For example, projects or contributions may:

- Aim to prevent and address discrimination and racism
- Protect, preserve or promote culture
- Promote cross cultural learning, understanding and dialogue
- Demonstrate and/or foster leadership
- Build engagement, participation and integration
- Build capacity (skills and capability)
- Generate new understandings through applied research
- Advance Reconciliation
- Facilitate peace-building

Include evidence of how this work will continue building inclusive communities into the future (its sustainability).

How do you nominate?

To enter, complete Entry Form Parts A, B and C and submit to us by 17 June 2011. To nominate another's work, obtain their consent and include your contact details. Entries need a Project/Contribution Description (from the person submitting the nomination) AND a Referee Supporting Statement. Oral presentations are possible where culturally appropriate. **Creative applications e.g. media such as video, photography, audio are also encouraged.** Entries must include all required information. Successful nominees will be asked to supply 5 photographs related to the project or contribution for inclusion in the Awards Ceremony.

How will the Award recipients be chosen and notified?

Entries will be judged by a Selection Committee of Macquarie University and Ethnic Communities' Council NSW staff. Recipients will be notified by mid July. The Building Inclusive Communities Awards Ceremony will be held in Sydney on the evening of Wednesday 3 August 2011 in conjunction with Macquarie University's Diversity Week. The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered. Entries will not be returned.

Who do I contact for more information?

Contact Anna King on (02) 9850 9703 or via email equityanddiversity@mq.edu.au for more information.

Building Inclusive Communities Awards 2011 ENTRY FORM PART A – CONTACT DETAILS

Name of Project / Contribution

Contact Person (for Project)

Position

Phone / Mobile

Email

Website (if available)

Address

Award Category (select one)

- Individual
- Non-government organisation (NGO)
- Volunteer/community group (where membership is mostly voluntary)
- Government
- Corporate
- Projects/contributions developed and/or managed by youth (aged 25 and under)

Your contact details

Name (please print)

Organisation (if relevant)

Position

Phone / Mobile

Email

Declaration & Privacy Statement

I certify that the information contained in this entry is true and correct, that the application and any attachments whether in electronic or paper form do not breach the Copyright Act 1968, and that the application has been submitted with the agreement of the nominee.

I acknowledge that Macquarie University is subject to the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act (NSW) 1998. I agree that the information provided in this application and attached materials will be:

- viewed by Macquarie University staff and members of the Ethnic Communities' Council of NSW;
- retained and may be used in promotional and marketing materials and made public in the media and on the websites of both Macquarie University, its controlled entities and the Ethnic Communities' Council of NSW.

Signature of Person Nominating the Project

Date / /11

SEND YOUR ENTRY TO US by 17 June 2011 via email equityanddiversity@mq.edu.au OR post to Equity & Diversity Unit, Building C9B, Macquarie University, Balaclava Road, North Ryde NSW 2109

Building Inclusive Communities Awards 2011 ENTRY FORM PART B DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT/CONTRIBUTION

Please limit your answer to 3 pages. You can type in the boxes below and expand them.

The nominating person or organisation must address the following criteria. Please feel free to attach any significant supporting materials including documents, photos, citations or multimedia (limit of 10 pages).

1. Which community does this project/contribution serve, work for, contribute to, or represent? Where?

2. Please describe the project/contribution including when it started and the ways in which the work helps to build an inclusive community. We are looking for current activities which have a long-term outlook and a track record of making a positive contribution to the community, for example those which:

- Aim to prevent and address discrimination and racism
 - Protect, preserve or promote culture
 - Promote cross cultural learning, understanding and dialogue
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3. In what ways are people actively involved in developing and growing the project/contribution? How do you see this activity developing over the next 3-5 years? (You may like to comment on how planning for the future is done, how the project is resourced and how people are consulted and involved.)

4. Please describe what you believe are the outstanding features of this project/contribution, for example, describe any innovations, creativity, inventive use of technology, or imaginative responses to community needs.

Building Inclusive Communities Awards 2011 ENTRY FORM PART C REFEREE'S SUPPORTING STATEMENT

A Supporting Statement from a Referee must be provided as part of this Entry.

A Referee should be relatively independent of the person or project/contribution nominated but have some understanding and/or experience of the activities involved. They are not to hold any leadership role or financial interest in the project itself. The referee cannot be a business partner, spouse or relative of the nominee.

Referees should be provided with the completed Description of Project/Contribution in order to be able to comment on the submission as a whole.

Referee Contact Details

Name _____

Organisation _____

Position _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Relationship to nominated project/contribution _____

REFEREE SUPPORTING STATEMENT

Your Supporting Statement should be no more than 500 words in length and include:

- Your involvement with the project/contribution
- What you believe are the outstanding features of this project/contribution.
- How this work directly builds a more inclusive community.
- The ways people are actively involved in developing and growing the project/contribution.
- How you see this project/contribution developing over the next three years (Consider the project's planning, resourcing and stakeholder involvement).

Please feel free to add any other information you feel is relevant.

 I endorse the Description of the Project/Contribution and declare that to the best of my knowledge the information herein is true and correct.

Referee Signature _____ Date _____