

Professional Development Resource

Topic: Creative Responses to Settlement

Video pod: Creative Responses to Settlement

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This video pod shares key ideas on the creative ways leaders and facilitators responded to settle many refugees that arrived in a short space of time in regional and metropolitan areas. Creative responses to refugee settlement require a multidimensional approach that involves creating safe and welcoming spaces for newly arrived families, establishing strong links with local providers, and offering a network of support for the community. Leaders and facilitators played a critical role in facilitating these creative responses and supporting refugee families as they navigate the settlement process. The positionality of the domain of creative responses is depicted in the *Knowledge Translation Framework* developed below.



Vignette	Key ideas shared in the vignettes	After watching the vignette, document your reflections and take away messages here to share with others
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The unique aspect of the hub is the diverse learning opportunities it provides, including English and citizenship classes, as well as swimming, driving lessons, sewing, and health lessons for women and children. • The centre prepares children in transition to school. • Availability of volunteers is crucial. Volunteers need to have a range of skills such as childcare, nursing, teaching, IT, and craft. 	
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating connections and networks of support for refugees is crucial for successful settlement. • Bilingual staff with relevant cultural knowledge are important in working with diverse refugee groups. • WhatsApp groups are a useful tool for communication and sharing information among refugees and their families. • Maintaining strong links with local providers and school leadership is essential for the success of community hubs. • Planning together and working closely to integrate the community hub into the larger community is important. • Coordinating support for refugees is a fulfilling job because it can make a significant positive impact on the lives of refugees. 	
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is important to have staff members who are knowledgeable about different cultures and can communicate in multiple languages. • WhatsApp groups are utilized to share information and connect with families. • It is important to create a network of support for new hubs, including maintaining strong 	

	<p>links with local providers and school leadership.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It is important to have a soft entry point, where newly arrived families feel safe, welcomed, and supported.	
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Questions/Learning Activity: Creative Responses to settlement with refugee families, children and community organisations

1. How can leaders and facilitators establish a secure and safe environment for newly arrived refugees when settling in Australia?
2. What steps can leaders and facilitators take to build strong links with local providers to create a network of support for refugee families?
3. How can leaders and facilitators better support families in navigating the settlement process, particularly in the face of overwhelming requirements and the availability of numerous programs and support services?
4. How can leaders and facilitators equip themselves with cultural knowledge and skills needed to effectively support families and children from a range of cultural backgrounds in their settlement?
5. What new or creative strategies can leaders and facilitators use to facilitate connections between families within the hubs, particularly those from different cultural backgrounds?
6. How can leaders and facilitators encourage ongoing engagement and participation of refugee families and children in hub or centre activities?