SCARF Volunteer Programs 2016

**Adult Continuous Learning Support:** SCARF provides a range of continuous learning opportunities on an ad hoc and as-needed basis to enable community connection and strengthen opportunities for social and economic engagement. Volunteers provide learning support in areas such as basic literacy, computer literacy, citizenship studies, job readiness support, English language tutoring and more.

**Communications, Media & Marketing:** In order to promote our work, SCARF tells inspiring stories about volunteers from across the Illawarra, community members from refugee backgrounds and the power of friendship in building a sense of belonging.

Help us develop content by joining our communications team and developing content for SCARF website, social media, newsletters and media releases.

**Community Fundraising:** Community fundraising teams plan and execute events in the greater community to help to raise awareness and funds for SCARF. Regular events/opportunities include the Woolworths BBQ team (1st Saturday of every month); Bunnings BBQ team (annual event); Trivia nights (last Tuesday of every month); art4refugees (1st – 31st October including set-up, support and pack-down of art exhibitions in venue spaces across Wollongong). If you have other ideas for Community Fundraising Events, please let us know!

**Form Filling Assistance:** Filling in forms is a challenging and necessary job for many of our community members. Join our pool of volunteers that provides assistance in completing a variety of forms (e.g. citizenship application forms, employment forms, Centrelink forms, opal card applications etc).

**Homework Help Tutoring:** Join our team of tutors to provide after school homework and tutoring assistance to high school and university students for this popular program at Wollongong City Library. Tutors must be available on either Tuesdays &/or Thursdays from 4:00-6:00pm.

**L2P Driving Mentor:** For most adult refugees arriving in Australia, passing the RMS Learner Driver’s Test is an important milestone that enhances work opportunities and increases access to a wider range of recreational activities. Volunteer Driver Mentors provide on-road driving practice, guidance and supervision to learners from refugee backgrounds.

**Office Administration & Operational Support:** Join the SCARF office team in a range of office support roles including IT, administration, programs/activities coordination support, research, grant-writing, report-writing and more.
**SCARF Befriending Program:** SCARF Befriending - provide community connection, friendship, support and hospitality to a newly arrived family or individual. Participants in this program should be available for, at minimum, weekly phone calls and regular visits. Specific activities and time commitment will vary.

**SCARF Children’s Playgroup:** The SCARF Children's Playgroup is an opportunity for community members from different backgrounds to connect whilst playing with their children. Volunteers facilitate connections amongst parents/carers and help to lead fun activities for preschool age children. The playgroup takes place on Fridays from 10am-12pm.

**Social Inclusion Activities:** SCARF provides many opportunities for community members to make social connections with others in the community while participating in fun activities. Join the team that coordinates and executes social inclusion activities, such as weekly coffee conversations, local excursions, kitchen community events, cooking classes and more.

**Youth Programs:** SCARF Youth Programs aim to support young refugees in their transition to life in Australia, with targeted activities to build self-esteem and encourage them to explore and reach their potential. Activities include education/training, sport, personal development camps, surf and swimming lessons, picnics and social outings, art, drama and music initiatives. Volunteers work in all aspects of planning and delivering these diverse programs and activities.