



Australian Government
Department of Immigration
and Citizenship

QUESTIONNAIRE
CROSS CULTURAL AWARENESS

BACKGROUND TO THE PROJECT

Multicultural Youth South Australia Inc (MYSA) is the state representative advocacy and service delivery body for young migrants and refugees in South Australia. MYSA has received project funding from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) through the *Living in Harmony* Program. The aim of the program is to encourage local communities to play a positive role in engaging the whole community in promoting Australian values, mutual respect, and mutual obligation, as well as addressing issues of intolerance in Australia.

MYSA’s project is titled *M.Y. CULTURE (Multicultural Youth Culture)* and will focus on promoting cultural awareness and positive images of newly arrived young migrants and refugees in the wider community. The project will commence with the selection of Multicultural Youth Ambassadors from a range of cultural backgrounds who will be announced and awarded at a Harmony Day youth event in March 2007 to be staged in the city. The Ambassadors will receive training and support in this role. A compilation of their stories and those of others will also feed into a resource book and DVD to assist with increasing awareness of the diverse cultures living in South Australia.

MYSA is keen to get an understanding of the level of cultural awareness within the wider community to assist with informing this project and to ensure the potential benefits are applicable to as many Australians as possible. We sincerely thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Should you have any questions or require further information please do not hesitate to contact the Project Manager, Ms Carmen Garcia on 8212 0085 or via email Carmen@mysa.com.au.

DEMOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

The following information will be kept private and is solely required to qualify survey participant’s demographics. Personal details including names will be separated from the data to guarantee participant’s confidentiality and all completed surveys will be shredded once the data has been recorded.

Please tick the most relevant response:

- A) **Gender:** Male Female
- B) **Age range:** Under 12 12-18 19-30 31-45 46-55 55 – 65 66+

C) Which of the following best describes you?

- Business owner Service provider Community group Young person (12-25 yrs)
- Other (please specify) _____

D) What is your cultural background/heritage? (eg. Australian born, Italian heritage, Indigenous, Sudanese, etc) _____

E) If born overseas, how many years have you lived in Australia? _____

F) What is your residential postcode? _____

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- How would you describe multicultural young people in South Australia? Particularly those from new and emerging communities eg Africa and Middle East? (What do you know about them?)**
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2. My opinion of multicultural young people is primarily informed by:

- TV, radio or newspapers Personal experience Education Family
- Friends My own values Other _____ Not sure

3. I have frequent contact with people from new and emerging communities (eg Africa, Afghanistan, Iraq etc)

- Yes – through work Leisure/ recreation activities School/ Uni Other _____
- No

4. I am interested to understand the different cultures and ethnicities that make up Australian society.

- Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

5. When interacting with people who speak English as a second language, I use clear and simple but not patronising language.

- Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

6. I have attended cultural festivals and events:

- Never Once A few times Often Many times

7. I have friends who come from different cultural or ethnic backgrounds.

- Yes No (If Yes): Which background(s):.....

8. I discourage others from using racial slurs or telling inappropriate jokes about people from different cultural or ethnic backgrounds.

- Always Mostly Sometimes Rarely Never

9. I possess an understanding of at least one other culture or ethnicity apart from my own.

- Yes No (If Yes): Which culture(s):.....

Do you have any suggestions for how the MY Culture project can help increase cultural awareness within the community?

Other comments:

Would you like to be kept informed about the project? Yes No

I would prefer to be contacted via: (please tick and provide details)

- Name:
- Email:
- Facsimile:
- Post:.....
- Other:.....

Please return to:

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.