



# CANBERRA MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY FORUM (CMCF) Inc

## Our Goals:

The Canberra Multicultural Community Forum (CMCF) was established to:

- represent the needs, aspirations and achievements of the multicultural community, especially those persons who have experienced the refugee and migration processes;
- enhance and enrich the well-being of the multicultural community as part of the broader community;
- foster a spirit of cooperation and harmony amongst ethnic communities within the broader community;
- embrace a culturally diverse society and promote a socially cohesive society;
- promote and address the issues surrounding the multicultural community within the context of the Australian community.

## Our Philosophy:

We promote the common interests and articulate the purpose and direction of the multicultural community in the ACT through:

- community collaboration and consultation;
- engagement and participation in public debate;
- formulation of relevant policies;
- representation to Government; and
- community education, conferences and seminars.

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>
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