

Arts, cultural participation and inclusion

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What SSI does

SSI is a community based, not-for-profit organisation that provides support for vulnerable communities in NSW:

- Refugees, humanitarian entrants and migrants
- People seeking asylum who live in the Australian community
- Children from CALD backgrounds who are in out-of-home care
- People with disability, carers and families
- Jobseekers, including parents, refugees and asylum seekers
- Young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds

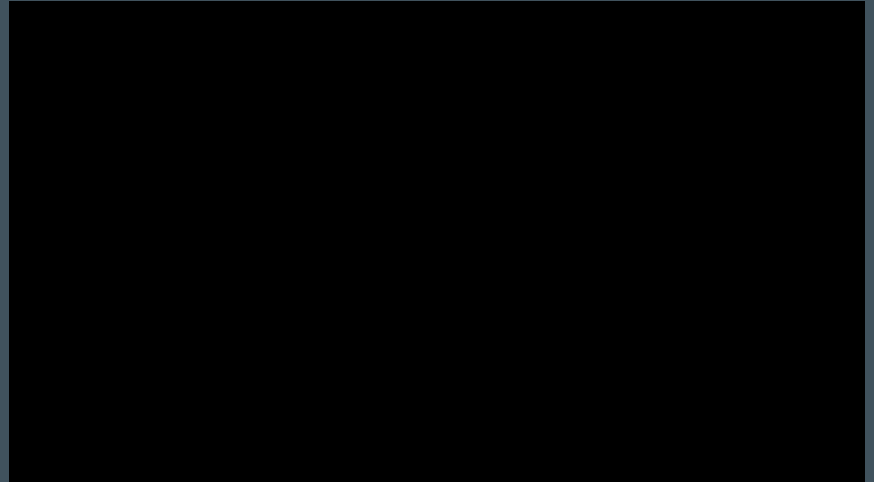
SSI Arts & Culture

The Arts & Culture Program supports newly arrived artists and communities to develop their creative potential and participate meaningfully in the cultural life of the community.



Community Arts

Working hand-in-hand with people from the community, SSI coordinates creative projects that enable participants to express their feelings, find their creative voice and share in a cultural experience.



SSI New Beginnings Festival

The SSI New Beginnings Festival is an annual celebration of the artistic vibrancy, cultural expressions and heritage of newly arrived artists and communities, staged at inner-city venues.

newbeginningsfestival.com.au



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Inclusive art projects deliver a range of positive outcomes for both artists and communities:

- Wellbeing and health benefits of arts-making and cultural participation, incl. increased self-esteem, confidence building
- Skills development, employment and economic participation
- Community cohesion, cultural exchange and appreciation of our cultural diversity
- New aesthetics, perspectives and ways to see and interpret the world around us.