



Edmund Rice Network News

NSW/ACT September 2010

Dear friends,

Okay folks, three very special and important events happening in the next three weeks hosted by the Edmund Rice Network. Details below, fliers attached. Please feel free to forward invitations on to friends and colleagues to these special events. Hope to catch up with you at one or all of the events!

Networking Day:

You are invited to an Edmund Rice Network Wisdom Day at beautiful Stanwell Park next Saturday September 18. The day will include exploring who we are as the Edmund Rice Network in NSW/ACT and where we are heading - as well as enjoying social time and meals together and taking in the ocean view! Recently a delegation from the Edmund Rice Network in NSW/ACT participated in an Oceania-wide gathering to explore who we are as the 'network' through the telling of story. The goal was also to move towards a shared consciousness of the network in Oceania. Now our delegates will report back and we'll continue the conversation together. All are welcome! The details are:

What: Edmund Rice Network Wisdom Day NSW/ACT

Where: Doran House, Stanwell Park, 35 Stanwell Ave, Stanwell Park

When: 10am – 5pm, Saturday September 18, drinks at 5pm, dinner 6pm

RSVP: Donna, dmulhearn@edmundrice.org, Ph: 0488 295190

Retreat Day with special international guest Azim Khamisa:

I'm thrilled to invite you to hear internationally renowned speaker Azim Khamisa at a special Edmund Rice Network Retreat day. Azim brings a message of forgiveness, peace, and hope. Following the murder of his only son Tariq in 1995 through a senseless, gang-related incident, and believing that there were "victims at both ends of the gun," Azim chose the path of forgiveness and compassion rather than revenge. This amazing choice led to the establishment of the Tariq Khamisa Foundation (TKF) and the subsequent forgiveness movement which has reached millions. A renowned international speaker, US-based Azim has spoken to audiences of adults, juveniles and children, ranging from small schools, to large corporations, to audiences into the thousands, including – on the occasion of a rally in Washington DC in 1996 – a crowd of 300,000. This is a wonderful, not to be missed, opportunity to gather and be inspired and have our spirits nourished!

What: Retreat Day with Azim Khamisa

When: Saturday Sept 25, 10am – 2pm, Edmund Rice Centre, 15 Henley Rd, Homebush West (2mins from Flemington Station)

RSVP: Donna at dmulhearn@edmundrice.org, 0488 295190 by Sept 23

Lunch provided

Asylum Seeker Project – Information Night

Would you like to support asylum seekers in Sydney through the challenges of the settling in Australia? The Edmund Rice Network is launching the Edmund Rice Asylum Seeker Support Service. The service aims to accompany and assist asylum seekers in the transition and settlement process through friendship and practical support. The service might include visiting families, delivering furniture, English conversation, organising recreation and picnics, help with resumes and job-seeking etc. Venues and hours will vary and be flexible. An information session will be held on Wednesday September 22nd to outline further details. If you would like to attend, please notify me at dmulhearn@edmundrice.org

What: Asylum Seeker Support Service Information Evening

When: 6pm-7.30pm, Wednesday September 22, Refreshments provided

Where: Edmund Rice Centre, 15 Henley Rd, Homebush West (2mins from Flemington Station)

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Other Events:

Other Ways: *Growing Alternatives to Violence.*

How are we nurturing a culture of peace in these, the best and worst of times? The Edmund Rice Network is part of organising this special event on Friday Sept 24. You are invited to share stories, build stronger networks for the future, celebrate achievements and mark the end of the Decade to Overcome Violence (2001–2010). The program from 1.00pm to 9.00pm at Santa Sabina College Strathfield, will include local and international speakers, facilitated conversations and a public dinner.

Details: Friday 24th September, Santa Sabina College Hall, 90 The Boulevard, Strathfield. 5 mins from station. Parking available.

Speakers. Stories. Reports of actions for peace. Resource display. Current key issues. Future directions. Entertainment. Evening dinner.

Program: 12 noon Registration (Lunch not provided)

1pm: Afternoon Session: Stories, Reports, Facilitated Groups, plus Claudette Werleigh Secretary General, Pax Christi International, Former Prime Minister of Haiti

5.30pm: Entertainment, pre-dinner drinks

6.30pm: Dinner Session: Sr Susan Connelly, RSJ, Mary Mackillop East Timor Mission, and Azim Khamisa, Teacher of 'Achieving Peace through Forgiveness'.

Organised and supported by: The NSW Ecumenical Council, the Columban Mission Institute, the Edmund Rice Network, Pace Bene Australia, the Franciscan Friars Province of the Holy Spirit and Pax Christi International. Further information a registration form is attached or please contact Gill Burrows on (02) 9922 2927.

Afternoon Tea for the Future:

The next Afternoon Tea for the Future is on the topic of Recycling Plastics, which arose as a result of a lack of solid information on what those little numbers on the bottom of plastic items mean in terms of recycling ability, and safety and reuse.

Details: 2pm to 4pm, Tuesday 12th Oct at the ERC 15 Henley Rd Homebush West, in the small room at the end of the corridor opposite reception. Relaxed small group discussion, donation of \$2 or \$5 depending on ability to pay.

Any enquiries to leoniec@erc.org.au

Also, a word from Eddie Rice Camps NSW: Trivial Success

On the 23rd July, the Annual ER Camps Fundraiser was held in the form of a Trivia Night. A great night was had by all, with almost 200 people attending and approx \$4,000 raised, not even the torrential rain that seems to mark most of our events could dampen the mood. It was great to have such a diverse group attend, with campers, Brothers, ERCJCE, EREA staff and friends joining us.

Thanks especially to Monte Sant' Angelo, North Sydney for the use of the school hall, and Joe Galletta for being the 'Trivia Master'. The grey matter was certainly tested, and we look forward to a bigger and better event next year.

If you would like more info about Edmund Rice Camps NSW please feel free to contact us or drop in for a cuppa at the Homebush Office. 8762 4226 SWCooper@edmundrice.org

***Hope to see you in the next few weeks, somewhere! blessings
Donna***

PS: "The time is now! The place is here! You are the people!" Munnar Chapter, 2008