

# Workshop: Introduction to the Refugee Experience— the Impact of Trauma

This half-day introductory workshop has been developed to give participants an understanding of the refugee experience, the impact of torture and trauma on individuals and how the resettlement process may impact on them. We will be defining and exploring key terms including trauma, torture, refugee, asylum seeker, migrant, etc. The participants will acquire a deeper understanding of the psychosocial impacts of refugee related torture and trauma, including key presenting behaviours. This is an interactive workshop that will include various activities such as case scenarios, watching videos and sharing experiences. This workshop is relevant to anyone interested in having an understanding of the issues faced by people from refugee backgrounds and it is also a pre-requisite for attendance at any of the other workshops from the QPASTT Professional Development Calendar.

**When:** 26th March 2015

9:30 am to 1:30 pm

**Where:** Brisbane Multicultural Centre

28 Dibley St, Woolloongabba.



**Rooms:** 5 & 6

**Cost:** \$50 students, volunteers, unwaged and QPASTT members.

\$75 all other registrations. Costs include morning tea, light lunch and hand-outs.

## **Workshop facilitators:**

### **Muan Thang – Counsellor**

Suan Muan Thang came to Australia from Burma in 2006. He received his Masters of Social Work from the Australian Catholic University in 2011. He worked as a university chaplain for ten years, and in the process gained a great deal of experience in pastoral counselling around loss and grief. In addition to his role as a Counsellor/Advocate with the Queensland Program of Assistance to Survivors of Torture and Trauma, Muan has also been working as Assistant Researcher in Refugee Mental Health at the Queensland University of Technology since 2008. Muan has an ongoing interest in working with diverse ethnic communities. He assists with connecting communities with government services, support agencies and other communities. Within those communities, he also helps to develop leadership skills in membership groups. All of Muan's experiences have allowed him to better understand the refugee experience and sharpen his professional practices. Muan has been a registered Burmese interpreter since 2008 and has a range of experience in group facilitation, in particular in the FICT program at QPASTT, which is conducted with people from refugee backgrounds.

### **Suzie Kear—Counsellor**

Suzie holds a Bachelors Degree in Social Work. She has previously worked in the Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation setting, supporting young people to recover from drug and alcohol addiction in a therapeutic community. Suzie has also practised in India, working in urban slum communities in a Community Development context. She worked with women who were being empowered to undertake micro financing which enabled them to work; she supported children in their learning needs to re-enter the school system; and she also supported street children who were orphaned, suffered abuse or were at risk of child trafficking and child labour. Suzie has been working with QPASTT in the Asylum Seeker Support Team since 2013 and is passionate about working with people from different cultural backgrounds. She has a commitment to building on their strengths, valuing their cultural background and beliefs and to providing an environment where people can feel safe and supported.

**To register, complete the registration form on the back and sent it to [qpastt\\_training@qpastt.org.au](mailto:qpastt_training@qpastt.org.au). Please also write to this same email address for further information.**



## Registration Form

Workshop & Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Specific learning requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Special dietary requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment method:

1) Cheque Payable to QPASTT- Mail it to: PO BOX 6254; Fairfield QLD 4103

2) Direct Deposit:

BSB: 633-000

A/C: 121602437

Please **indicate your name** in the **description column** and attach remittance to the registration form.

### Terms and Conditions:

#### Required documentation:

For those seeking to register and pay as a student, volunteer or QPASTT member: a photocopy or pdf of a valid full-time student card and/or a letter from the manager of the organisation at which you are volunteering must be forwarded with this registration form. Participants seeking to register for a workshop marked on this training calendar with \* or # must include a QPASTT Certificate of Attendance for the relevant pre-requisite training, or a letter from an employer which demonstrates more than one year's paid work or volunteering experience in the sector.

#### Payment:

QPASTT requires payment on registration. The workshops are capped at a maximum number of participants. Registration closes 24 hours prior to the workshop/session depending on availability of places. A receipt will be sent when payment has been received.

#### Cancellations:

A full refund will only be granted for cancellations received up to 14 working days prior to the day of the event. Cancellations received less than 14 working days prior to the day of the event will incur a 30% cancellation fee to cover administration costs. Fees will not be refunded for cancellations received the day before or on the day of the event. QPASTT reserves the right to cancel workshops and sessions where a minimum number of participants has not been reached. Where QPASTT has cancelled a workshop or session, registered participants for those workshops or sessions may transfer to another workshop/session or request a refund.

#### Transferring to another workshop/session:

A registration may only be transferred from one workshop/session to another if notice is received within 7 working days of the original workshop/session.

