



Pure Land Learning College Association Inc. Multi-Faith Multicultural Centre



Everyone Matters - Toowoomba, A Model City of Peace & Harmony

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We are inspired by the community support of our programs and activities for the past six months. Thank you! As we move into the second half of the year, there will be more engaging programs available for youths, schools, and the community at large to participate. Keep a look out on our website and our newsletter. Meanwhile, we would love to hear from you regarding ways that we can improve on our programs that aim to enrich diversity.

WOMEN'S FORUM



The Women's Forum held on 21 June 2014 was jointly organized by St. Anthony's Catholic Parish, Toowoomba Spiritualist Church, Islamic Interfaith and Multicultural Committee of Toowoomba, and Pure Land Learning College Association. It attracted ninety-five participants, representing many diverse groups from the community. This included young women from the Afghan community, and representatives from the faiths, schools, and the community.

Yarn time was very enjoyable and engaging, with many women and young ladies sharing their stories. Many said that the women's forum should be a regular feature and suggested the focus should be on morality, education and family development.

It is interesting to note that for some of the young women from Afghanistan said that this was their first social interaction with the local diverse community since coming to Toowoomba. They were very much at ease in participating as their voices were heard during Yarn Time.



Our MC, Kim Walmsley, leading Yarn Time (Dialogue circles)



Guest speakers from left, Dawn Currey, Judy Antonio, Christina Peak and Venerable Wu Ping in a panel discussion

UPCOMING SYMPOSIUM



A One-Day Symposium

Saturday, 16 August 2014

Mort Estate Activity Centre
Holy Name Primary School
(Cnr West & Bridge Sts, Toowoomba)

8.45am – 4.00pm

Keynote speaker

Dr Joseph Paul Ozawa, Clinical Psychologist at the Asian American Christian Counseling Service, Alhambra, California

Other speakers and panel members include local community and faith representatives

Full program and registration form available at www.interfaith-harmony.org
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