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Socialist Alternative
Solidarity
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Union of Australian Women
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Victorian Council of Churches
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Victorian Trades Hall Council
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WALK for

JUSTICE

Bring Them Here

2017

for

REFUGEES

It's
not
fair

Close Manus, Close Nauru - Welcome Refugees - Permanent Protection

Palm Sunday, April 9

2pm State Library cnr Swanston & La Trobe Sts Melbourne

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organised by the Refugee Advocacy Network endorsed by:



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BRING THEM HERE & LET THEM STAY

All claims for asylum must be processed in Australia.

More than 2000 people have been held on Manus Island and Nauru for over three and a half years; this includes 160 children on Nauru. Detention on Manus Island was declared illegal in April 2016. Amnesty International described the conditions in the detention centres as 'tantamount to torture'

Australia's refugee policies cost lives. Since Reza Barati was murdered on Manus Island in 2014, another twenty one people have died in detention, six offshore and fifteen onshore - almost all from inadequate medical care or self-harm.

The US refugee deal is limited, uncertain and will not end offshore processing. Proposals to resettle people in Papua New Guinea, Cambodia, the Philippines and Kyrgyzstan have failed, and are shameful attempts by Australia to shift responsibility to poorer countries. The proposed 20 year Nauruan visa doesn't provide safety, security or family reunion.

Temporary Protection Visas mean years of uncertainty and indefinite separation from family, for people who have been recognised as refugees.

Fair and transparent processes are needed. The new 'fast track' assessment system is likely to result in many people being deported back to torture or life threatening situations. Australia must not deport people to danger.

Mandatory detention is imprisonment without charge. It is cruel, unnecessary and violates the right to freedom of innocent people, the vast majority of whom will be found to be refugees. The Border Force Act, intended to keep detention abuse hidden, threatens workers with up to 2 years jail if they speak about what happens in detention

Boat Turnbacks cause deaths. Hundreds of Burmese asylum seekers died when their boats were pushed back to sea by neighbouring countries. Australian turnbacks also put lives at risk, and are shrouded in secrecy. Seeking asylum is a human right.

We need everyone to help get the word out about the Walk for Justice for Refugees. Tens of thousands marching will demonstrate the growing opposition to Australia's refugee cruelty. Share through your social media networks, email info@refugeeadvocacynetwork.org.au for leaflets and posters.

- Everyone has the right to a life that is free from persecution and life-threatening situations. Seeking asylum is a human right
- Australia can be more generous and provide resettlement and permanent protection to many more refugees
- We want to be part of a society that is shaped by compassion and justice for all people including asylum seekers
- **Asylum seekers have the right to live with dignity and in safety in our community while their claims for protection are processed**