

Exploring Your Backyard

Cross-cultural engagement through community outings



Description

Local Salvo Mission Expressions connect with local community members from culturally diverse backgrounds including people seeking asylum and refugees through outings.

Goals

- To create meaningful relationships with community members that create opportunities to share God's love and messages of Hope, hence enabling faith pathways.
- To facilitate a sense of belonging in Australia for migrants and newly arrived community members through meaningful relationships.
- To address social isolation amongst newly arrived populations, especially those who are seeking asylum or from refugee background.
- To provide a friendly and safe environment to new community members to learn Australian culture and English skills for daily life, which is essential for a successful settlement and community cohesion.

Steps

1. A TSA expression take a small group of new community members in their area on an outing. This could be done as a church event or family-to-family. Please take into consideration gender and culturally appropriate ways when planning.
2. Invite people from the community who you are not regularly engaged with.
3. Follow up outing seeking out additional connection opportunities

Checklist:

1. Identify a group/family to invite
2. Pick date and location ([Idea List attached](#))
3. Organise transport needs – Corps bus or personal cars
4. Organise additional activities for the day (eg. Aboriginal history talk etc)
5. Send out invites/attendance forms (group activity)
6. Collect RSVP's
7. Organise catering if required

Costs

- Costs are variable depending on locations, transportation arrangement and catering requirements. For example, an outing to the National Park may require only petrol costs while a trip to Museum would need ticket costs.



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Idea List

- Saturday sports event
- National Parks
- Aboriginal Sites
- Botanical Gardens/Parks
- Markets
- Museums
- Government House
- Local festivals
- Local art exhibitions
- Other local attractions