

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland

Are you a woman interested in learning about community leadership? Do you want to know how to be more involved in your community? Do you want to involve yourself in the mainstream community?

If you answered YES to any of the questions above AND you're a permanent resident of Australia AND you come from a new and emerging community, this may be the program for you!

The Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland (ECCQ) has been funded by the Australian Government, through the Department of Social Services under the Settlement Grants Program, to run the Women's Community Leadership Program.

The program will support women from new and emerging communities to:

- develop your community engagement skills;
- increase your knowledge of the governance of community associations;
- connect with established communities from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds (CALD);
- connect with mainstream agencies of relevance to your communities.

To gain the greatest benefit, you should be able to attend all sessions.

The program is free. It will be held on Saturday 25 October, Saturday 15 November, Saturday 29 November and Saturday 13 December 2014. There will be one other session and the date will be decided by participants. Training may include:

- **Community Engagement skills** such as effective communication and networking, influencing politicians and decision-makers and how to engage with media.
- **Governance skills** such as the role of leaders, how to run effective meetings, conflict resolution and events management.

You will also be able to meet with community leaders who have been in Australia for some time. They will share their stories, their vision and their strategies in building community capacity. There will also be a meeting with a mainstream agency to discuss their work and management structure.

For more information call Hana or Anna on 3844 9166.

If you are interested in attending the ECCQ Leadership Program, please attend the Expression of Interest meeting at ECCQ at **5pm on Thursday 16 October** to learn more about the program.

Please forward this Information Sheet to community members who may be interested in attending.