

Refuge 2019: Displacement

Art meets climate emergency

24 Aug – 7 Sep

Arts House
North Melbourne Town Hall
521 Queensberry Street
North Melbourne

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Taking place over five years, Refuge is where art meets emergency, preparing you for climate crisis.

This year we start on our own doorstep, taking the lead from First Nations people and newly arrived communities to consider how we prepare for displacement caused by climate crisis.

Refuge 2019 is a rolling program of talks, walks and feasts where you can quiz experts, meet your neighbours and learn from Traditional Owners who have already survived many climate catastrophes.

Come to North Melbourne Town Hall this Refuge.

Walk out with a plan.

Refuge Opening Welcome

31 Aug & 1 Sep

Join us for a Welcome to Country and opening morning of Refuge, featuring performances by Yorta Yorta musician, composer and climate justice activist Allara Briggs Pattison and Bundjalung sound artist Theo McMahon.

North Melbourne School of Displacement

31 Aug – 5 Sep

A series of discussions co-programmed by artist Keg de Souza and Wirlomin Noongar writer Claire G. Coleman housed in masses of salvaged tents, this school promotes learning as a key tool in the fight for social justice.

Over our heads: Housing and homelessness with homeless advocate/ former firefighter Jason Russell, Red Cross People at Risk Officer Alana Pedler and Brendan Gleeson, Melbourne Sustainable Society Institute.

Lost for words: Displacement through enforced and prioritised language with Boon Wurrung Senior Elder N'arweet Carolyn Briggs, VACL Linguist Harley Dunolly-Lee, Sione Francis of Museum Victoria Te Pasifika Gallery, language policy researcher James Oliver.

In a strange land: How does culture survive when you can't go home with community advocate/ translator of Behrouz Boochani's book Omid Tofighian, Noongar writer Cassie Lynch, Palestinian artist/activist Aseel Tayah.

A billycan, a crowbar and an axe: Indigenous survival techniques for the apocalypse with Wurundjeri Elder Uncle David Wandin, writer/ Indigenous Knowledge educator Tyson Yunkaporta, Tongan artist Frances Tapueluelu.

The future is Indigenous: Cultural change to survive a climate change world with writer/ Indigenous Knowledge educator Tyson Yunkaporta, Noongar writer Cassie Lynch.

Not a drop to drink: Aqua nullius and global warming, securing First Nations water rights with Wiradjuri Nyemba lawyer/ educator Dr Virginia Marshall, Tati Tati Aboriginal Corporation's Brendan Kennedy, Boon Wurrung Senior Elder N'arweet Carolyn Briggs.

See schedule for session times or visit the installation outside of discussions.

Unearth skills and knowledge that might offer valuable survival tools for the climate emergency ahead with artist Jen Rae and Giant Grass architectural designers Mittul Vahanvati and Munir Vahanvati.

Portage: Raft Workshop Learn how to build sustainable bamboo rafts alongside residents from local housing estates in an all-day workshop.

Flotilla Immerse yourself in a 12-minute installation that will set you adrift on the Raft vessels. Sound by Marco Cher-Gibard.

Ruth Crow Corner

31 Aug & 1 Sep

A drop-in space where you can meet your neighbours, quiz experts and share advice from your own experience over a cup of Ethiopian coffee, hosted by historian and North Melbourne local Lorna Hannan.

See schedule for events.

Street Plan: The Big Brainstorm 31 Aug

Inspired by community preparedness exercises involving the whole city in Peru, this workshop with State Emergency Service's Faye Bendrups challenges you to take back the power street by street with local people using local knowledge to provide local solutions.

In Case Of... RediPlan 31 Aug & 1 Sep

Peppered with real-life anecdotes and activities, Red Cross team up with artist Kate Sulan to run In Case of... RediPlan workshops offering practical and emotional ways for you to prepare when disaster strikes.

Shelter – Weavers Walk Take a morning stroll with local Park Rangers and six Indigenous master weavers – Vicki Kinai, Bronwyn Razem, Dr Vicki Couzens, Kirsten Lyttle, Abshiro Hussein, Muhubo Sulieman – to discover elements growing in our environment that could be food or building materials in the future.

Shelter – Weaving Workshop Join Giant Grass and the weavers to explore different weaving techniques to imagine what a Melbourne-centric disaster shelter could look like.

Words Nourish Neighbours

7 Sep

In an emergency, our neighbours often become our First Responders. Bring your friends and family to this feast of words and meet your community. Hosted by songwriter Seini Taumoepeau, enjoy stories with local residents while sharing delicious Torres-Strait food by Mabu Mabu.

First Nations in the House

A new residency program inviting First Nations writers to share and respond to the matter of displacement, honouring and respecting local stories of resilience, survival, loss and futurism. Writers include Claire G. Coleman, Cassie Lynch, Lanियuk Garcon-Mills, Monica Karo, Caleb Thaiday and Davey Thompson. Visit artshouse.com.au during Refuge as the writers unearth the roots of each event.

The City of Melbourne respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land, the Boon Wurrung and Woiwurrung (Wurundjeri) people of the Kulin Nation and pays respect to their Elders, past and present.

Tickets and Venue

Arts House is located at North Melbourne Town Hall, 521 Queensberry Street.

Arts House has accessible toilets and lifts on every floor. There are accessible entrances on Errol Street and George Johnson Lane. Please see the timetable for the Auslan and wheelchair accessible events. You can also call us to discuss your requirements.

All events in Refuge are free, except Portage: Raft Workshop. Tickets can be booked at the Arts House box office, online or phone. There is a \$1.50 transaction fee when booking online or by phone for paid events.

Contact artshouse.com.au or (03) 9322 3720



2016: FLOOD



2017: HEATWAVE



2018: PANDEMIC



2019 + 2020: DISPLACEMENT

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	CATEGORY	ACCESS	TICKETS
Sat 24 – Wed 28 Aug	10am – 5pm each day	Portage: Raft Workshop	Level 1, Studio 1 & 2	Workshop	Auslan on request by 16 Aug	\$20 (includes lunch)
Sat 31 Aug	10.30am	Refuge Opening Welcome	Ground floor, Foyer	Opening		Free
	10.30am – 5pm †	SES & Red Cross Info Hub	Ground floor, Foyer	Emergency services information		Free
	10.30am – 5pm †	Ruth Crow Corner	Ground floor, Main Hall	Activities & Listening Corner		Free
	10.30am – 1pm †	Ruth Crow Corner - Ethiopian Coffee Ceremony	Ground floor, Main Hall	Free morning coffee		Free
	10.30am – 12.30pm †	North Melbourne School of Displacement - Over our heads: Housing and homelessness	Ground floor, Main Hall	Discussion		Free, bookings required
	10.30am – 12.30pm †	Portage: Shelter – Weavers Walk	Ground floor, Foyer & Royal Park	Walk		Free, bookings required
	12.30pm – 1.30pm	Ruth Crow Corner - Hosted Table Talks	Ground floor, Main Hall	Intimate Discussion		Free
	12 – 5pm every 20 mins	Portage: Flotilla	Level 1, Studio 2	Installation		Free, bookings required
	1 – 3pm	Portage: Shelter – Weaving Workshop	Ground floor, Main Hall	Workshop	Auslan on request by 16 Aug	Free, bookings required
	1 – 3pm	Street Plan: The Big Brainstorm	Ground floor, Main Hall	Workshop		Free, bookings required
	1.30 – 3pm	North Melbourne School of Displacement - Lost for Words: Displacement through enforced and prioritised language	Ground floor, Main Hall	Discussion		Free, bookings required
	3 – 4pm	In Case of... RediPlan Workshop	Ground floor, Main Hall	Workshop		Free
	4 – 5pm	Ruth Crow Corner - Hosted Table Talks	Ground floor, Foyer	Intimate Discussion		Free
Sun 1 Sep	10.30am	Refuge Opening Welcome	Ground floor, Foyer	Opening		Free
	10.30am – 5pm †	SES & Red Cross Info Hub	Ground floor, Foyer	Emergency services information		Free
	10.30am – 5pm †	Ruth Crow Corner	Ground Floor, Main Hall	Activities & Listening Corner		Free
	10.30am – 1pm †	Ruth Crow Corner - Ethiopian Coffee Ceremony	Ground floor, Main Hall	Free morning coffee		Free
	10.30am – 12.30pm †	North Melbourne School of Displacement - In a strange land: How does culture survive when you can't go home	Ground floor, Main Hall	Discussion		Free
	12 – 5pm every 20 mins	Portage: Flotilla	Level 1, Studio 1	Installation		Free
	12.45 – 1.30pm	Ruth Crow Corner - In Conversation with Omid Tofighian	Ground floor, Main Hall	Discussion	Auslan available in the building	Free
	1.30 – 3pm	North Melbourne School of Displacement - A billycan, a crowbar and an axe: Indigenous survival techniques for the apocalypse	Ground floor, Main Hall	Discussion		Free, bookings required
	3 – 4pm	In Case of... RediPlan Workshop	Ground floor, Main Hall	Workshop		Free, bookings required
Mon 2 Sep	10am – 6pm	North Melbourne School of Displacement – Installation open	Ground floor, Main Hall	Installation		Free
	12 – 6pm every 20 mins	Portage: Flotilla	Level 1, Studio 1	Installation		Free
	6 – 7.30pm	North Melbourne School of Displacement - The Future is Indigenous: Cultural change to survive a climate change world	Ground floor, Main Hall	Discussion		Free, bookings required
Tue 3 Sep	10am – 6pm	North Melbourne School of Displacement – Installation open	Ground floor, Main Hall	Installation		Free
	12 – 6pm every 20 mins	Portage: Flotilla	Level 1, Studio 1	Installation		Free
	6 – 7.30pm	North Melbourne School of Displacement - Not a drop to drink: Aqua nullius and global warming, securing First Nations water rights	Ground floor, Main Hall	Discussion		Free, bookings required
Wed 4 Sep	10am – 5pm	North Melbourne School of Displacement – Installation open	Ground floor, Main Hall	Installation		Free
	12 – 5pm every 20 mins	Portage: Flotilla	Level 1, Studio 1	Installation		Free
Thu 5 Sep	10am – 5pm	North Melbourne School of Displacement – Installation open	Ground floor, Main Hall	Installation		Free
	10am – 5pm every 20 mins	Portage: Flotilla	Level 1, Studio 1	Installation		Free
Fri 6 Sep	12 – 5pm every 20 mins	Portage: Flotilla	Level 1, Studio 1	Installation		Free
Sat 7 Sep	5.30 – 8.30pm	Words Nourish Neighbours	Ground floor, Main Hall	Feast & Words		Free, bookings required