

JRS Schools Engagement Program



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About the JRS Schools Program

Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Australia is a Catholic organisation whose mission is to accompany, serve and advocate for the rights of refugees, asylum seekers, and other forcibly displaced communities. We offer dignity and hope through emergency assistance, a foodbank, professional casework, community activities, employment support, school engagement, legal advice, targeted advocacy, community organising and a project to empower women experiencing gender-based violence.

Thanks to the kindness of the communities who so generously support our clients, we are able to continue our work. We thank you for your interest in being a part of the JRS Schools Program. This is an engaging, educational, and eye-opening program that gives students, staff, and parents an opportunity to understand the refugee climate in Australia and globally, on a deeper level.

Within the program, we have numerous workshops on offer. This document has been designed to help you decide which of our workshops aligns with your school's needs.



PACKAGE A: RAISE FOR REFUGEES

JRS Australia runs a number of programs to support refugees and people seeking asylum, including a specialist casework service, employment program and Women's space. To maintain our independence, we do not take Federal Government funding, which means our operations are kept running through grants and financial donations from our incredible schools and community groups. This workshop package enables your students to engage in meaningful fundraising for JRS.

Session 1: Assembly (5 minutes)

We will come to your school assembly and launch the fundraiser. We will briefly explain our work and share a short case study about one of our clients, to highlight the services that the funds raised will support. We anticipate that this session will begin the conversation amongst the broader student body, and set the foundation for a successful fundraiser.

Session 2: Lived Experience Workshop (45 minutes)

We will provide an introductory workshop to the students who will lead the fundraiser. We will talk about the global and national refugee policy context, and students will hear from one of our inspiring speakers with lived experience. Students will have the opportunity to engage in a Q&A with the speaker afterwards. This workshop will engage both the heads and the hearts of the students, sparking the awareness and empathy essential to running a meaningful fundraiser.

Session 3: Fundraiser Planning Workshop (45 minutes)

We will facilitate a collaborative session to generate fundraising ideas with the students who will be leading the fundraiser. We will brainstorm ideas with the students, and once settled on a concept, we will provide the materials necessary to make the fundraiser a success (e.g. posters, client stories etc.). This workshop will engage students' hands, as they plan to take action in support of refugees and people seeking asylum, based on the insights obtained in Session 2.

Session 4: Thank-You Video (5 minutes)

We will send a thank you video to play at your next school assembly. This video will feature words from our staff, detailing the impact that the funds raised will have on our work.



Pricing

JRS Presentation Fee: \$500. This fee is to cover travel and staffing costs.

Speakers with lived experience: \$250 per speaker with lived experience engaged for Session 2. This goes directly to the speaker.

PACKAGE B: FILL THE SHELVES

The JRS Foodbank supports 200 families weekly, by providing essential food and toiletry items as well as gift cards. We are entirely supported by donations from schools and the wider community, and this work would not be possible without your support. This workshop package enables your students to run a Food-Drive to support the JRS Foodbank.

Session 1: Assembly (5 minutes)

We will come to your school assembly and launch the Food-Drive. We will briefly explain our work and share a short case study about one of our clients, to highlight the real life impacts that Foodbank has on the people we serve. We anticipate that this session will begin the conversation amongst the broader student body, and set the foundation for a successful Food-Drive.

Session 2: Lived Experience Workshop (45 minutes)

We will provide an introductory workshop to the students who will lead the Food-Drive. We will talk about the global and national refugee policy context, and students will hear from one of our inspiring speakers with lived experience. Students will have the opportunity to engage in a Q&A with the speaker afterwards. This workshop will engage both the heads and the hearts of the students, sparking the awareness and empathy essential to running a meaningful Food-Drive.

Session 3: Food-Drive Planning Workshop (45 minutes)

We will facilitate a collaborative session to generate a plan for running the Food-Drive, with the students who will be leading it. We will brainstorm ideas on timing, communications and logistics, and once these are settled, we will provide the materials necessary to make the Food-Drive a success (e.g. posters, client stories etc.). This workshop will engage students' hands, as they plan to take action in support of refugees and people seeking asylum, based on the insights obtained in Session 2.

Session 4: Thank-You Video (5 minutes)

We will send a thank you video to play at your next school assembly. This video will feature words from our staff, detailing the impact that the material donations raised will have on our work.

Pricing

JRS Presentation Fee: \$500. This fee is to cover travel and staffing costs.

Speakers with lived experience: \$250 per speaker with lived experience engaged for Session 2. This goes directly to the speaker.



PACKAGE C: VOICES FOR CHANGE

Beyond our direct services, JRS advocates for the rights of refugees and people seeking asylum, campaigning against inequitable and unjust policies perpetuated against them by the Australian Government. We believe that democracy's power rests in collective action. This workshop package enables your students to create an advocacy initiative in solidarity with our clients and the broader community of refugees and people seeking asylum.

Session 1: Assembly (5 minutes)

We will come to your school assembly and launch the advocacy initiative. We will briefly explain our work and share a short case study about one of our clients, to highlight how Australian Government policies impact refugees and people seeking asylum. We anticipate that this session will begin the conversation amongst the broader student body.

Session 2: Lived Experience Workshop (45 minutes)

We will provide an introductory workshop to the students who will lead the advocacy initiative. We will talk about the global and national refugee policy context, and students will hear from one of our inspiring speakers with lived experience. Students will have the opportunity to engage in a Q&A with the speaker afterwards. This workshop will engage both the heads and the hearts of the students, sparking the awareness and empathy essential to running a meaningful advocacy initiative.

Session 3: Advocacy Planning Workshop (45 minutes)

We will facilitate a collaborative session to generate advocacy ideas with the students who will be leading the initiative. We will brainstorm logistics and goals, and once a concept is finalised, we will provide the materials necessary to make the initiative a success (e.g. posters, client stories etc.). This workshop will engage students' hands, as they plan to take action in support of refugees and people seeking asylum, based on the insights obtained in Session 2.

Session 4: Thank-You Video (5 minutes)

We will send a thank you video to play at your next school assembly. This video will feature words from our staff, detailing the impact that the students' advocacy will have on the movement towards an inclusive and more just Australia.



Pricing

JRS Presentation Fee: \$500. This fee is to cover travel and staffing costs.

Speakers with lived experience: \$250 per speaker with lived experience engaged for Session 2. This goes directly to the speaker.

STAND-ALONE WORKSHOPS

If you are not able to run a fundraiser, food drive or advocacy initiative, we would still love to engage with your school through a stand-alone session. We have two types of sessions:

Option A: Stories of Strength (45 minutes)

What is covered: Students learn about the current global and national refugee context, hear personal stories from people who are seeking asylum in Australia, do a Q&A session with speakers, hear about the work and programs of JRS and see how to take action.

Pricing: \$300 JRS presentation fee, plus \$250 per speaker with lived experience.

Option B: Community Conversation (1.5 hours)

What is covered: A Community Conversation is a way for students/staff to share, learn and commit to action on issues of social justice. This program emphasises respectful dialogue and mutual sharing of personal stories around the values that are important to us. Speakers with lived experience share their stories and afterwards participants have time to process this, reflect and ask questions. The goal is to build solidarity and to find common ground in our shared values.

What is needed:

- Participants sitting in groups of 6.
- Small group leaders, 1 for every 6 participants

Pricing: \$300 JRS presentation fee, plus \$250 per speaker with lived experience.

Option A: JRS Excursion (3 hours)

What is covered: This excursion to JRS allows students and/or teachers to gain a deeper understanding of the issues facing refugees and people seeking asylum in our community while also actively helping to make a difference. The day allows for formation through participants doing activities that engage their head, heart and hands. Participants hear about the programs run first-hand from JRS staff, volunteer at the JRS foodbank and reflect on the experience.

*** Please note we can only take 4 participants for this program and it is only available on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.***

Pricing: \$300 JRS presentation fee, plus \$250 per speaker with lived experience.

If you are interested in booking one of our workshops or workshop packages, please fill out the booking form below and send it to our Schools Engagement Coordinator: schools@jrs.org.au. We will get back to you with availability and pricing! Please note we take bookings from Mondays - Thursdays only.

Name of school	
Date of booking *If you have chosen a package please list preferred dates for each session	
Teacher contact name, number, email	
Workshop/workshop package (e.g. 'Stories of Strength' or 'Workshop Package B')	
Arrival time and start of presentation (e.g. arrive 2:15pm, presentation from 2:30pm - 3:30pm) *If you have chosen a package please list preferred times for each session	
Number of students and which year students are in	
How did you hear about JRS?	
Number of speakers with lived experience	
Address and parking information	

Billing Details

Billing Name	
Billing Address	
Email Address	
Purchase Order Number	
JRS presentation fee	
Speaker with lived experience fee	
Total fee	