

**NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of  
Torture and Trauma Survivors in  
partnership with Refugee Council of  
Australia presents**

# The 2021 NSW Humanitarian Awards

Each year, the Humanitarian Awards are held as an opportunity to acknowledge and thank those who have made an exceptional positive contribution towards refugee issues in NSW.

The NSW Humanitarian Awards also provide a chance to further promote the hard work and achievements of both individuals and organisations in various fields that play a substantial role in improving the lives of refugees.

**In 2021, awards will be presented in the following categories:**

**Refugee community worker**

**Media**

**Refugee supporter**

**Sport**

**Youth**

**Rural and Regional**

**Education**

**Business**

**Government and Legal**

**Best project**

Nominations for this year's Awards must be received by COB **Friday 21 May 2021**

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# About the Humanitarian Awards

## Who can be nominated for a Humanitarian Award?

Anyone can be nominated for an Award, as long as their work with or for refugees is worthy of recognition and falls within one of the ten categories outlined below. Nominees can be individuals, organisations or specific projects.

## Who can nominate?

Anyone can nominate another individual, organisation or project for an Award. An individual may also nominate themselves.

## How are the nominations assessed?

The Awards are judged by a panel made up of STARTTS' and Refugee Council of Australia Senior Management teams. The panel considers nominations based on whether the nominee's achievements represent an exceptional contribution to the refugee sector deserving of wider recognition. The panel uses information provided in the nominations as the primary basis of its decision-making. Further information may be requested if required.

## How do I make a nomination?

Complete the [online nomination form](#) via our website [www.startts.org.au](http://www.startts.org.au)

Be sure to include sufficient information about the nominee's work. This will assist us to make the best decision possible.

To ensure consistency across nominations, word limits have been given on each question. Please try to keep your answers within these limits.

We can accept up to 2 supporting documents: this may include written information from colleagues, clients etc, as well as examples of the nominee's work.

## When do nominations close?

Nominations for this year's Awards must be received by no later than COB **21 May 2021**

## When will the Awards be presented?

This year, The NSW Humanitarian Awards will be presented in an invitation only Ceremony on Monday 21 June at NSW Government House during Refugee Week. The event will be broadcast later online via social media on Saturday 26 June 2021.

# About the Award categories

In 2021 there are once again 10 categories of Humanitarian Awards, as follows:

## What are the nomination categories?

### **Refugee Community Worker**

A former refugee working on refugee issues with their own or other refugee communities, in either a paid or unpaid position

### **Refugee Supporter**

A member of the broader Australian community, of any background, supporting and assisting refugees in any capacity, in either a paid or unpaid position

### **Education**

Schools, Universities and other educational institutions, or individuals working at such institutions, who assist former refugees by breaking down barriers to education

### **Youth**

A young person aged 12-25 of refugee background making an outstanding contribution to Australian society in their chosen field

### **Government and Legal**

Individuals or organisations from the government or legal sectors working to advise, assist or support asylum seekers or refugees

### **Media**

Media outlets, journalists or media officers supporting, prioritising and/or raising awareness of refugee issues

### **Sport**

Sports organisations or projects working with, assisting or supporting refugees

### **Rural and Regional**

Organisations or individuals working in regional areas of NSW to assist refugees

### **Business**

Small or large businesses employing, assisting, established/run by or in any other way supporting refugees

### **Best Project**

An outstanding project working with or assisting refugees. The project can be run by an individual, group or organisation, and can either be ongoing or completed during the last year.

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