

EVENT: REFUGEE BALL



● In early November, Friends of STARTTS held the inaugural Refugee Ball at the Dockside Balcony Room in Darling Harbour. Two-hundred and thirty guests from refugee community leaders to politicians and advocates enjoyed a variety of speeches and entertainment on the evening.

Speakers included Amnesty International's Graham Thom (AIA); the Refugee Council's Paul Power; volunteer, court registrar and humanitarian award winner Dinh Tran; and the Hon. Laurie Ferguson, Parliamentary Secretary for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs.

Entertainment was provided by the mixed African gospel a cappella group Pambazuka, Capoeira Angola expert Mestre Roxinho and his group, and Samba Mundi.

STARTTS and Friends of STARTTS thank all the volunteers and sponsors who helped make the evening possible particularly ACL, ALIV, GCL Migration, Hardys, the NSW Police Force, Rambutan and Wow Limousines.

Final funds raised on the evening are still being tallied. ●