

PROJECT FACTS

The Association of Sudanese Women in the North

The Association of Sudanese Women in the North is a collective of recently arrived women from Sudan. The primary objective of the group is to relieve the suffering and distress caused as a result of the trauma experienced by women who have come to Australia as refugees from Sudan and to assist them to resettle in the northern suburbs of Melbourne.

EastWeb has provided a start-up grant and in-kind support in order to assist the group with the initial establishment costs of:

1. A sewing group aimed at providing meaningful employment and skills development alongside a positive and supportive forum for the women to come together and work through issues surrounding the refugee experience and resettlement.

2. A dance troupe developed to provide a means by which the group can maintain their culture and traditions and share them with the wider Melbourne community.

Both projects are aimed at developing a strong sense of community, creating positive experiences and combating the oft-felt feelings of isolation and dislocation experienced by newly arrived refugees.

For further information about the group, or to discuss partnership with EastWeb in supporting the Association of Sudanese Women in the North, please contact Alistair Webster at eastweb@infoxchange.net.au.