

2. PUBLIC EDUCATION TEACHERS FOR REFUGEES

The NSW Teachers Federation (NSWTF) has a longstanding commitment to supporting activities which reject cultural, racial and religious intolerance by promoting inclusiveness, respect, fairness and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Consistent with NSWTF policy, the Federation again condemns the federal government for continuing to deny the basic human rights of refugees and asylum seekers in offshore detention camps and within Australia. Under the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the children of asylum seekers and unaccompanied minors are entitled to have their welfare and rights protected, including the right to an education.

The detention of children and the consequent potential for serious negative impacts on their development and mental health is not compatible with a decent and humane immigration policy consistent with the human rights standards that Australia has developed and endorsed.

NSWTF endorses action on 20 June, World Refugee Day, and urges teachers and their supporters to participate in the following:

1. Wear red, "Red for Refugees", to support refugees and the closure of the camps
2. Take a photograph with the following hashtags #closethecamp, #bringthemhere and #educationnotdetention and tweet them to PM Malcolm Turnbull and Peter Dutton MP.