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## Who's Afraid of Asylum Seekers? Changing Community Perceptions

The University of Tasmania's Faculty of Law is hosting a community forum to discuss ways of addressing negative perceptions of asylum seekers in the community.

The forum will explore why negative perceptions exist and examine positive tools to overcome those negative perceptions, including storytelling and art.

### Speakers:

- David Manne: UTAS alumnus and Executive Director Refugee and Immigration Legal Centre, Victoria.
- Heather Kirkpatrick: Director/Producer *Mary Meets Mohammad* and Walkley Award Finalist 2013 in documentary.
- Fayia Isaiah Lahai: Former refugee and People of Australia Ambassador, Australian Multicultural Council.

### Event details

**Who:** All are welcome to attend this free public event

**What:** Who's Afraid of Asylum Seekers? Changing Community Perceptions

**When:** TONIGHT Friday 15 November, from 6.30-8pm. Refreshments will be provided from 6pm.

**Where:** Stanley Burbury Theatre, University Centre, Sandy Bay campus, Churchill Avenue, Hobart

**RSVP/contact information:** [UTAS.Events@utas.edu.au](mailto:UTAS.Events@utas.edu.au) or (03) 6226 2521.

This event is held in association with the UTAS Faculty of Law, Refugee Legal Service Tasmania, Amnesty Legal Network and the Tasmania University Law Society.

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