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ATTENTION: Chiefs of Staff, News Directors

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## Fancy a cup of Diversi-tea and a chat?

The UTAS Community Friends and Network Programme will be launching the UTAS Human Library at the Bishop Davies Court, Kingston, aged-care facility tomorrow.

The theme is “Celebrating Diversi-tea as a Human Library”.

About 20 international and Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) UTAS students will be visiting the residential care facility.

The morning tea will be an opportunity for the students (the human books) to share their personal stories with the residents (the readers).

Through conversations, students will be sharing stories about their homes, cultures and their experiences as UTAS students from another country.

The aim is to bring students together to strengthen social inclusion and reduce isolation. It is also a simple yet powerful strategy for students to build social connections within the local community.

Some students will be wearing their traditional costume and will be bringing a map or a flag representing their country.

This will be the first time UTAS has had a human library and the first time one has been run in Southern Tasmania.

The initiative is also being adopted by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship program as a strategy for connecting and strengthening local communities through conversations.

### **Media opportunity**

**Who:** UTAS students and residents of Bishop Davies Court

**What:** Celebrating Diversi-tea as a Human Library (morning tea and chat)

**When:** Tuesday 21 May, from 10.30am-11.30am

**Where:** Bishop Davies Court, 27 Redwood Rd, Kingston, Hobart

To find out more about the UTAS Community Friends and Network programme, please visit: <http://www.utas.edu.au/cfnp>

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