

Media Release

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Harmony Day returns to the heart of Launceston

Launceston's Princes Square will come alive with the smell of cuisine and the sound of music from around the world from 5.30pm tomorrow (**Friday, 18 March**) as the community gathers to celebrate Harmony Day.

This event will be the major Harmony Day celebration for the North, and is a wonderful example of collaboration between key Launceston organisations.

The University of Tasmania has partnered with Cityprom, the City of Launceston and the Migrant Resource Centre North to deliver a vibrant event that celebrates Launceston's diversity, creates greater understanding and acceptance and provides an opportunity for our newly arrived community to share their heritage and new beginnings.

There will be 13 food stalls from student and community groups and there will also be a full line up of multicultural entertainment from 5.30pm to 9pm. The community is encouraged to bring along a chair or a blanket and enjoy this picnic style event.

The move to Princes Square from the traditional location of the University of Tasmania's Newnham campus was driven by Launceston's increasing diversity and to ensure the event was accessible to all.

The University has remained a strong supporter of the event, recognising that many of our students and staff are from diverse backgrounds and the many ways this benefits our community socially, culturally and economically.

The University is also working with the Australian Bhutanese Community of Northern Tasmania to deliver a multicultural soccer tournament on the Newnham campus during Saturday and Sunday in celebration of Harmony Day. Spectators are very welcome.

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