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BUILDING CULTURAL BRIDGES IN MARRICKVILLE

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The CEO of Multicultural NSW, Hakan Harman, (centre) with guests and participants at the Cultural Bridges 2015 gathering at Marrickville

The Chief Executive Officer of Multicultural NSW, Hakan Harman, was part of a lively gathering of local communities in multicultural Marrickville, this week, billed as *Cultural Bridges 2015*.

Organised by Community and Cultural Connections Incorporated (CCCI), *Cultural Bridges 2015* was designed to showcase culture and exchange and to feature high quality performances.

Vietnamese and Lebanese communities were strongly represented in the audience, many of the participants being pioneers of migrant settlement in the Marrickville area.

CCCI which was supported by Multicultural NSW to host *Cultural Bridges 2015*, aims to bring Sydney's inner-west multicultural community together to achieve social change.

It aims to advance social justice by delivering culturally appropriate services to people in the local area, build and enhance social connections and capacity and to foster inclusion, access and equity for all.

Delivering the key-note address, Mr Harman, explained the goals of [Multicultural NSW's Strategic Plan 2014-2017 *Harmony in Action*](#) which were enthusiastically received.

He described CCCI as a great example of how communities could work together to provide services, day care and support to disadvantaged people and to help them overcome barriers to participation in everyday life in Australia.

