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Launch of the Vietnamese Women Network – Inner West

Like many other migrant and refugees, the local women with Vietnamese backgrounds have been experiencing issues such as social isolation, loneliness, marriage breakdown, domestic violent, housing affordability, insufficient childcare as well as constraints to accessing services, and problems navigating systems.

*Inner West Council Mayor, Cllr Darcy Byrne and Hon Jo Haylen, State Member for Summer Hill will be presence to officially open the launch of the **Vietnamese Women's Network – Inner West***



The **Vietnamese Women's Network** was recently established, with support from the **NSW Government** through the Stronger Communities Fund, the **Inner West Council**, and the **Addison Road Community Centre**, auspiced by **Community and Cultural Connections Inc**. It is to respond to their expressed desire to build the capacity of local women; to advocate their issues, to support and promote their rights of inclusion, dignity and wellbeing, and to strengthen their social networks.

Lan, a member of the newly established Network, believes it is important for women to get together and express themselves, particularly about "Women's issues". Thi has especially appreciated "If the women were not here, I believe that many would be stressed, sick and at home feeling very depressed and isolated".

Women's issues are human rights. The United Nations designated the 10th of December as "International Human Rights Day."

On the **14th December 2018**, as a part of the 70th Anniversary of the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights**, when community participation on a broad scale is encouraged to draw attention to recognising the **inherent value of each person**, regardless of background, race, religion, or sexual preference – like all other days – to show our shared respect for human rights, the **Vietnamese Women's Network** will be launched. contributing to creating **stronger communities** in which everyone can make a contribution and feel included.

The event is expected to bring together over 150 community members and distinguished guests.

In support of this cause the **Inner West Council Mayor, Cllr Darcy Byrne** and Hon Jo Haylen, State Member for Summer Hill will be present to officially open the launch of the **Vietnamese Women's Network – Inner West**.

The Launch is to be held on: Friday, 14th December 2018, 2pm – 2.45pm at Marrickville Town Hall, 303 Marrickville Road, Marrickville 2204

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