



Networking Afternoon Tea

The management committee of the **AUSTRALIAN AFRICAN NETWORK (A.A.N.)** would like to invite you to join us for an informal information sharing afternoon tea on Friday November 7, 2-4pm, at the Canterbury-Bankstown Migrant Resource Centre, level 2, 59 Evaline St., Campsie.

Who are we? A.A.N. is a Sydney based group established in 2005 to support and strengthen connections between African and non African Australians at family and community levels. Our aims are:

- to support and celebrate mixed African and non African Australian families, relationships and individuals
- to foster and encourage bilingualism amongst African-Australian children
- to foster communication and connection between African and non African Australians in diverse ways, including dialogue and discussion (seminars, workshops, conferences, meetings etc), arts, media, and social functions.
- to develop personal and community connections between groups and individuals in Australia and Africa
- to actively resist racism and support a multicultural Australia

Why get together? We're organizing this gathering because we'd like to share with you some of our ideas and experiences as members of African and non African Australian marriages, families and communities. We'd like to raise awareness about the issues facing this community, such as high rates of separation and divorce, cultural dislocation for children of single parent families, and lack of community support and understanding of mixed families, so that your services are better placed to support and refer clients in this situation.

A.A.N would also like to be more informed about what your organization does. We frequently receive requests for information that we can't directly provide, both from our client base and from services, and we'd like to be able to refer people to the appropriate agency or organization.

We will also be presenting a report on the findings of our recent survey of people who are or have been in mixed African/non-African relationships. This is the only survey of this kind that we know of in Australia.

For more information about us and to RSVP:

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