

28 September 2020

Region for Refugees Exhibition
October 13 - 18
ZOOM Launch Event October 14

Northern Rivers Community Gallery (NRCG) Ballina, invites the community and visitors to this Ignite Studios Pop-Up Exhibition.

Re-making Place: Narratives of Successful Settlement

This exhibition, hosted by Ballina Region for Refugees (BR4R), will capture settlement experiences of participants in their homestay program and Anglicare North Coast's 3Es to Freedom Program, as well as contributions from researchers at Southern Cross University. Exhibited works will include photographs, textiles, films and written text. Traversing the memories of childhood, migration and settling in a new home, this exhibition highlights the joys of learning new skills, shared experiences and the importance of community connections.

Many people are unaware of the challenges and achievements experienced by settlers in their new lives. The successes include learning to speak English, securing employment, obtaining a drivers' licence, learning to swim, re-connecting with their culture and mostly importantly becoming part of their new communities. This exhibition shares these achievements and promotes a positive representation of newcomers to our communities.

Exhibition opens **Tuesday 13 October 2020** and continues until **Sunday 18 October 2020**. The exhibition will be opened by Mandy Hughes from Southern Cross University and Emma Aspden from Anglicare via ZOOM launch on **Thursday 14 October from 5.30pm – 6.30pm**. All welcome to attend via the meeting link <https://scuonline.zoom.us/j/91560397074>

Ignite Studios is located at 60 Crane St Ballina.

The Northern Rivers Community Gallery is located at 44 Cherry Street Ballina and is open Wednesday to Friday from 10am until 4pm and weekends from 9.30am until 2.30pm.

For further information contact the Gallery on telephone 02 6681 0530
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Image 1: Zaniab's Story, 2019, *Anglicare North Coast*



Image 2: Story Cloth, 2019, *Anglicare North Coast*

