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Help for refugee students

STUDENTS at the University of Western Sydney are preparing the Art For Refugees art exhibition to be held at UWS Parramatta campus on Friday, June 8, at 6pm.

The event is in aid of young refugees living in Australia who struggle with their schooling.

Eric Brace, from the Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation said children arriving in Australia sometimes struggle to integrate into schools.

"It can be a fairly daunting proposition to put oneself in the shoes of a young person who has spent over 10 years in a refugee camp and then have to confront Australian schooling," Mr Brace said.

The foundation wants to free high school-aged refugees, particularly from the Sudanese community in Blacktown, of hardship through skilled tutorials.

The aim is to train and support UWS students will be trained to lead tutorials with students in the hope of getting students up to speed with the school system.

The direct support will be for people from years 7 to 11.

Mr Brace said a community liaison officer funded by the UWS would communicate between parents, the community and school to generate strong community support and participation.

The UWS Parramatta campus is on the corner of James Ruse Drive and Victoria Road, Rydalmere.

Tickets: \$15.