



# Refugee Council of Australia

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## **2009 Refugee Week NSW ambassadors to talk to media**

With Refugee Week just around the corner (June 14-20), the Refugee Council of Australia is keen to put reporters in touch with our 2009 NSW Refugee Week ambassadors: refugees from various backgrounds that have made a positive contribution to the community through their work around the state.

Refugees will share stories of struggle and triumph as Refugee Week kicks off with launches next Monday in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide.

The theme of Refugee Week 2009 is 'Freedom from Fear'. More than 100 events are happening around Australia.

NSW Refugee Week ambassadors for 2009 are:

### **Aduc Barec**

Aduc is a nurse in a retirement home in Taren Point in Sutherland. She came to Australia as a refugee from Sudan, after spending five years in a refugee camp in Kenya. Her time there and the things she witnessed inspired her to take up nursing. She lives in Bondi.

### **Roderick**

Roderick is a refugee from Zimbabwe and a fire fighter in Wagga Wagga. He came to Australia three years ago. He was inspired by the strength of Sophie Delizio to give something back to the Australian community.

### **Matur Gak**

Matur came to Australia as refugee in 1998 with a number of Sudanese families and settled around Ashfield and Strathfield, after spending three years in limbo in Egypt. He works as a doctor in various hospitals throughout Western Sydney, including Fairfield, Nepean and Campbelltown.

### **Binneh**

Binneh, a refugee from Sierra Leone, lives in Guildford in Western Sydney. He studies economics at the University of Western Sydney and works as a volunteer for STARTTS (Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors). He came to Australia in 2002 after a dramatic and dangerous escape from Sierra Leone.

**For interviews** with any of the Refugee Week ambassadors please contact the Refugee Council on (02) 9211-9333

**More information** about Refugee Week including a calendar of events taking place around the country and an extensive list of media contacts are available at [http://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/newsevents/rw\\_index.html](http://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/newsevents/rw_index.html)