



PRESS RELEASE

CATHOLIC MISSION, CENTACARE and BUMBLEBEE CREATIVE ENTERPRISES PRESENTS A GATHERING OF WOMEN - RAINBOW HANDS

This Friday, April 18 2008, women and their children, refugees from Sudan, Somalia and Burma will gather in Diamond Creek with Healers, Artists and local children from the Melbourne community to celebrate life, nurture each other, and share their creative talents and wisdom.

Community groups around Melbourne are lending their support. Local Primary and Secondary schools are creating posters and baking treats. Student members of a local Social Justice group will be at the event as Leaders and Field Marshalls for the occasion.

Healing yoga groups are coming from Melbourne's Peninsula area and Melbourne's East. Drumming groups will provide music and movement opportunities for all to participate.

Local and community Artists from diverse cultures will be here. The day will include a time to paint, sew, knit, make jewelry, and work with each other, bringing the wisdom and traditions of many cultures together, weaving the beginnings of a textile treasure trove that will result in a community art exhibition later this year.

Local Councillors have involved themselves in this project and several will be participating on the day.

There will also be time for the making of and sharing of food together. For further information, please contact Pauline Crosbie on 0430 338 623.

This is a significant step to develop ongoing sustainable cottage industry that connects with many communities both here in Australia and over seas, working to empower the poor and marginalized. This industry embraces the ideals of the organic movement and reflects the principles and practices of Gandhian Philosophy, which is rooted in the nurture of human potential and the care of the planet at every stage of the creative and manufacturing process.

Bumblebee Creative Enterprises will set the scene and provide the sacred space for a fun filled and creative inspirational day.

