

# Xavier Social Justice Network 2024

Seeking justice through advocacy and volunteering



Many Gifts,  
One Spirit



*There are many kinds of gifts,  
but the same Spirit.*

*There are varieties of service,  
but the same Lord.*

1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-5



**NONE OF US CAN THINK  
WE ARE EXEMPT  
FROM CONCERNS FOR THE  
POOR AND FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE.**  
**POPE FRANCIS**



The Xavier Social Justice Network (XSJN) aims, through its actions, to bring about change in the world. The XSJN came about because of the desire of a group of like-minded Xavier parents and staff to do something about the injustice they saw in our world and to model to their children action in response to injustice.

XSJN seeks to engage the wider Xavier College community in becoming compassionate and reflective men and women who are committed to serving those in need through volunteering and engaging in advocacy and education on social justice issues.

## Volunteering

XSJN invites the Xavier College community to engage in volunteer work with approved community service agencies which support vulnerable people. The agencies are chosen carefully to ensure that they operate in line with our XSJN mission, vision and values.



### XSJN partner agencies and their volunteer programs include:

- **Jesuit Social Services**— Tutoring refugees & asylum seekers. Building permaculture gardens dedicated to social & environment justice through the Ecological Justice Hub
- **Sacred Heart Mission** – Preparing and serving meals in the Dining Room. Offering friendship to women attending the Women’s House
- **St Vincent de Paul Society** – Preparing and serving meals on the Vinnies Soup Van Program
- **Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project** – Offering friendship and support to refugees and asylum seekers
- **River Nile Learning Centre** – Supporting disadvantaged refugee and asylum seeker women through tutoring and social support
- **Education First Youth Foyer** – Provide mentoring to young people at risk of homelessness
- **St Mary’s House of Welcome** - Preparing and serving meals to vulnerable people attending the Dining Hall
- **AMEP** — Tutoring CALD adults through the Volunteer Tutor Scheme
- **Refugee Legal** — Migration Agents and Paralegal Support
- **The Haven** — Providing friendship and support to residents
- **Wellspring for Women**—Providing support to programs for vulnerable and isolated women
- **McAuley Community Services for Women**—Providing learning support to vulnerable children, residential support & skills for life to adults.



## Advocacy

The XSJN seeks to help change the structures that keep people in poverty and social isolation.

Therefore, the XSJN holds several advocacy events each year to raise awareness on important and social justice issues and to challenge our understanding of them.

The XSJN invites participation in these advocacy events from the Xavier College community and the wider public.



**Dare To Be Different forum**

**Indigenous Voice To Parliament**

Reflections from Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO

Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO, a human rights lawyer and Jesuit priest, brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the conversation, having worked alongside indigenous communities for many years.



**SYNERGY 2023**  
FIRST NATIONS' ART FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA  
Artworks will be available for viewing and purchasing at the Xavier Performing Arts Centre before the XSJN Forum.

**Thursday 31 August  
7:30pm – 9:00pm**

Eldon Hogan Performing Arts Centre  
Xavier College, 135 Barkers Road, Kew

Please join us for this free event.  
Registration is essential via Trybooking

BOOKINGS:  
[trybooking.com/CKGKK](https://trybooking.com/CKGKK)  
RSVP BY 28 AUGUST

The third edition of Frank Brennan's book - 'An Indigenous Voice to Parliament' can be purchased on the night.

## Advocacy Events for 2024 include:

- Palm Sunday march for refugees—24 March
- Dare To Be Different forum—Thursday 29 August
- Volunteer Celebration—Tuesday 19 November



Join us for the  
**Xavier Social Justice Network  
Dinner 2023**  
Supporting Jesuit Refugee Service

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

**Tamara Domicelj** -  
Director of Jesuit Refugee Service  
Tamara Domicelj has served in the Country Director of JRS since March 2021. She has previously held numerous executive and leadership roles with particular expertise in refugee and asylum seeker advocacy and support. She has served as Director of the Asylum Seeker Centre Sydney, and National Policy Director of the Refugee Council of Australia and has extensive advocacy experience both within Australia and internationally.

**Shuja Jamal** -  
Head of Policy, Advocacy and Communications of Jesuit Refugee Service  
Shuja Jamal is a researcher and former senior Afghan civil servant. He served as the director-general for international relations and regional cooperation at the Afghan National Security Council, where he helped manage Afghanistan's security partnerships. He also served as director for peace and civilian protection and handled Afghanistan's policy portfolio on international sanctions.

**WHEN:** Thursday 8 June  
**TIME:** 6:30pm - 10:30pm  
(6:30pm pre-dinner drinks for a 7pm start)  
**WHERE:** Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club  
499 Glenferrie Road  
Kooyong, 3144

**TICKETS:** \$110 General Admission  
\$100 Concession  
\$110 Donation ticket for a refugee  
(includes pre-dinner food and beverages)

**BOOK:** by Thursday 1 June

**BOOK HERE**

Students very welcome  
All proceeds go to Jesuit Refugee Service

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## XSJN eNewsletter

The XSJN Newsletter serves to inform members of current issues, shares stories and offers ways for people to get involved to work towards positive solutions.



## Get Involved

If you would like to be involved as a volunteer with one of our partner agencies, or to find out more about our advocacy events or the Network, or to subscribe to our eNewsletter, then please contact;

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Xavier Social Justice Network works within the spiritual tradition of the Jesuits. This tradition calls us to live a faith within which, social justice is the heart. Our inspiration is Jesus Christ, the model of a fulfilled life.

