## Xavier Social Justice Network

Justice through advocacy and volunteering



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## **N**ONE 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 & staff to do something about the injustice they saw in our world & 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 & women who are committed to serving those in need through direct service & through raising awareness of social justice issues.

## **Volunteering**

XSJN invites the Xavier College community to engage in volunteer work with social services agencies which support vulnerable people. The agencies are chosen carefully to ensure that they operate in line with our XSJN mission & values.

#### **XSJN** partner agencies & their volunteer programs include:

- Jesuit Social Services—Building permaculture gardens dedicated to social & environment justice through the Ecological Justice Hub
- **Sacred Heart Mission** Preparing & serving meals in the Dining Room. Offering friendship to women attending the Women's House
- St Vincent de Paul Society Preparing & serving meals on the Soup Van Program or at the Friday Night BBQ
- **Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project** Offering friendship & support
- **River Nile School** Supporting disadvantaged refugee & asylum seeker women enrolled in the English Language Program
- Education First Youth Foyer Provide mentoring to young people at risk of homelessness
- St Mary's House of Welcome Preparing & serving meals to vulnerable people attending the Dining Hall
- **AMEP** Tutoring CALD adults through the Volunteer Tutor Scheme
- Refugee Legal Migration Agents & Paralegal Support
- **The Haven** Providing friendship & support to residents
- Wellspring for Women—Providing support to programs for vulnerable & isolated women
- **McAuley Community Services for Women**—Working as a learning support volunteer to vulnerable children



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## **Advocacy**

The XSJN seeks to help change the structures that keep people in poverty & social isolation. Therefore. the XSJN holds several advocacy events each year to raise awareness on important & social justice issues & to challenge our understanding of them. The XSJN invites participation



in these advocacy events from the Xavier College community & the wider public.

#### XSJN Advocacy events for 2022 include:

- XSJN Dinner in support of Jesuit Refugee Services 9 June 2022
- Dare to be Different Forum—1 September 2022
- Volunteer Celebration—24th November 2020



#### **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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