Marrickville Young Citizen of the Year 2008, Fatmata Bangura (inset), was guest speaker at a Refugee Week event hosted by Marrickville Youth Resource Centre this week. Students from Marrickville Intensive English Centre also took part in the event.

Events to celebrate Refugee Week

A REFUGEE’S journey begins with hope; to find freedom from persecution, safety and security for themselves and their families, and the chance to start a new life.

Marrickville celebrated Refugee Week (June 17-23) with a day of activities reflecting the 2012 theme, ‘Restoring Hope’.

Hosted by Marrickville Youth Resource Centre, the event featured presentations by Marrickville Intensive English Language students, performances by an African dancing and singing group, and information on the Refugee Artists Project. Marrickville Young Citizen of the Year 2008, Fatmata Bangura, was guest speaker.

Having migrated to Australia with her family from Civil War-ravaged Sierra Leone in 2002 and working closely with refugee communities in the area, Ms Bangura said she “represents the voices of millions of people around the world, asylum seekers and refugees, people without voices”.

Canterbury’s celebrations, which have included a ‘Welcome Morning Tea’, special brunch at Nabitas English College and a ‘Celebration of Families’, wrap up today with a ‘Meet the Communities’ event.

Still to come, is the ‘Hebron Leichhardt Refugee Week Festival of Friendship’, an annual event in support of early education facilities for Palestinian communities in the South Hebron Hills.

Organised by a group of inner westies from Earlwood, Dulwich Hill, Marrickville and surrounding suburbs, the festival will feature market stalls, a fashion parade and photography exhibition, guest speaker, live music, food and drinks.

The event will run from noon to 8pm on Saturday at Leichhardt Town Hall. Entry is free.

How to thwart car thieves

IMMOBILISERS are being offered to drivers who live or work in the City of Canterbury and own an at-risk vehicle manufactured before 1998. Older vehicles have a high metal content and lack adequate security, making them an attractive target. Installations must be completed by Saturday, June 30. To find out if you’re eligible for a free car immobiliser, phone 9789 9300.

Do GreenWay survey to win

THE GreenWay Sustainability Project is coming to a close and participating councils, including Marrickville and Canterbury, are doing a follow-up survey to gain an understanding of the GreenWay catchment community’s awareness and involvement. Visit marrickville.nsw.gov.au to participate and for your chance to win a bike and helmet pack valued at $500 plus one of two $50 gift cards.

Get involved in Eyewatch bid

ASHFIELD LAC Superintendent David Johnson is encouraging members of the community to get involved in Project Eyewatch, the 21st century version of Neighbourhood Watch. The program allows police officers and their communities to exchange information, using coordinated homepages on Facebook. Urgent matters should still be reported directly to police by calling 000.

Help eLibrary boost services

HAVE your say about Canterbury eLibrary. Council is conducting a survey to find out what users think about their eLibrary services. As well as being asked to answer a few simple questions, participants will be able to make suggestions on how to improve services. Take the survey at canterbury.nsw.gov.au, which is also where the eLibrary service is available through the ‘Library’ tab.
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