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CHILDREN and young people share important and heartfelt messages in this turbulent time in the world.

Now in its 10th year, the annual Refugee Week Youth Poster Awards offers students from primary, secondary and tertiary institutions the opportunity to speak about issues affecting refugees, the valuable contributions of refugees to Australia's social, cultural and economic development, as well as multiculturalism, human rights and cultural diversity.

Team Leader Arts Development and Gallery Director Fulvia Mantelli said that Murray Bridge Regional Gallery is honoured to host this important exhibition of original posters by seventy-nine students from thirty-nine schools across South Australia.

"These artworks offer resounding views of young people about one of the most prominent issues facing us today, with the impact of the pandemic on communities globally, as well as the current situation in South Central Asia."

In the exhibition catalogue, Andrew Hill AM writes that the ideas expressed in these artwork "take us back to the core of what makes us human, caring, compassionate, social animals, and stress the imperative to overcome the intolerances which divide us and to nurture the virtuous qualities which unite us."

The exhibition is on until 19 September and entry is free.

This exhibition of 2021 finalists' posters was first shown at the Kerry Packer Civic Gallery, Adelaide, in June 2021. It is a joint project of the Australian Migrant Resource Centre and The Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre. The Project is supported and assisted by the South Australian Minister for Education.

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