We are all the same. We are all different.
DIVERSITY FEST IS PRESENTED BY
THE STUDENT REPRESENTATION & PARTICIPATION TEAM

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*Diversity Fest joins R U OK? Day at Bankstown campus

#dfest
DIVERSITY AT OUR UNIVERSITY

Whether you simply look around any of the campuses, or drill down into the demographic make-up of our University, it is clear we are a diverse community.

One third of students come from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and one fifth of students were born overseas. Together we comprise over 160 cultural groups in a unique educational and social environment that serves the people of Greater Western Sydney and beyond.

We cultivate an atmosphere of inclusion on all campuses, whether it be students with disabilities, students identifying as ATSI, LGBTIQ students, students from lower socio-economic backgrounds and international students.

Diversity Fest celebrates this incredible diversity, brings communities together, embracing our differences and discovering our shared experiences.

Diversity Fest is an initiative of the Student Representation & Participation Unit.

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cruwsible.com.au
Internationally acclaimed comedian, Aamer Rahman, is coming to the University for three big shows at Penrith, Parramatta and Bankstown.

Known as half of the hugely popular comedy duo, Fear of a Brown Planet, Rahman has finally stepped out solo in a ruthless and raw show that tackles racism, immigration and the War on Terror.

Fresh from his college tour of the US, supporting Dave Chappelle, come hear Aamer Rahman deliver fifty five minutes of rant and reflection – anything from hip-hop, “reverse racism”, superheroes to the night he accidentally took his cousin to a Nazi death metal concert.

Expect coarse language.
PENRITH
8 SEPTEMBER
Lecture Theatre V.G.03
(Building D)
from 2pm to 5pm

PARRAMATTA
9 SEPTEMBER
Janice Reid Pavilion
from 5pm

BANKSTOWN
10 SEPTEMBER
Lecture Theatre
Building 20
from 5pm
The biggest regular spoken word event in the country is right here in our backyard, and ready to burst onto the mainstage during Diversity Fest.

Bankstown Poetry Slam was founded by students Sara Mansour and Ahmad Al Rady. This incredible pair has nurtured the slam over the years into the major arts event it is today, attracting 300 plus people to Bankstown Arts Centre each month.

Local Slam favourites and spoken word rising stars will take to the stage and deliver original words, from the heart, to an appreciative and supportive audience. No holds barred. Topics span everything from love to politics to cronuts!

Hear from the best then take the mic yourself. Open mic sessions will be on at each campus for staff and students – enter on the day. Other performers and musicians joining the BPS crew at each event.

Presented in partnership with the Bankstown Poetry Slam and Bankstown Youth Development Service (BYDS).
CALLING ALL WRITERS, ARTISTS, VIDEO MAKERS!
YOUR STUDENT NEWSPAPER NEEDS YOU

This year a special Diversity Fest edition of our student newspaper, cruwsible, is planned to help spark the discussion.

cruwsible student editors and writers, together with the Student Representation & Participation team, will create a special edition with digital content and artwork created for Diversity Fest. The cruwsible Diversity Fest edition will explore the thoughts, ideas and experiences of students at our University around ideas of difference, pride, discrimination and inclusion.

Want to contribute? If you are a writer, designer, video maker or artist and keen on creating content for the Diversity Fest edition of the cruwsible, contact cruwsible@uws.edu.au by 11 August.

Pick up your copy on campus or check out cruwsible online at cruwsible.com.au from 8 September.

Go on, stir the pot!
EXPLORE: WEST

Explore: West is an exhibition of work by Bachelor of Design students, featuring a diverse range of perspectives on the one-dimensional ‘Westie’ stereotype.

Western Sydney is considered by many outsiders as a ‘dangerous place’, populated by people who are coarse, uneducated and culturally bereft.

The ‘Westie’ label and inaccurate, negative media representations are perpetuated by people who have never set foot in the area.

As insiders, fourth year design students working in the Rabbit Hole studio were asked to consider what they have to say about their home turf, and to design a poster that encourages the viewer to explore and experience different views of Western Sydney.

PENRITH
20 JULY – 9 OCTOBER
Art Gallery, Building AD, Werrington North campus
DIVERSITY FEST PANEL DISCUSSION

Diversity Fest presents an opportunity to prompt challenging discussions about what diversity means at our University, throughout Greater Western Sydney and across the nation.

This year we’d like to unpack issues of racism in a post-ISIS environment from a range of perspectives, with particular focus on how our students and people from the Greater Western Sydney region are responding and organising.

The Diversity Fest 2015 panel discussion invites students, academics, community leaders and performers to bring their thoughts and ideas to the table across three campuses. Drop in and be part of the discussion.

The panel will include:

→ Alana Lentin – Associate Professor in Cultural & Social Analysis
→ Ahmad Al Rady and Sara Mansour – students and founders of Bankstown Poetry Slam
→ Aamer Rahman – comedian, and headline performer at the Diversity Fest events on campus
→ Omid Tofighian – academic
→ Antoinette Abboud – Student Representation & Participation Manager

PARRAMATTA
9 SEPTEMBER
Janice Reid Pavilion 10am to 11:30am
ON YOUR CAMPUS

Throughout Diversity Fest each campus will come to life with stalls and activities to celebrate Diversity and help bring the conversation out to our university community.

You are invited to host a stall or activity, perform, screen a film, plan a forum, show your work or anything else to develop the discussion we are igniting about what diversity means at our University.

Whether you are part of a uni club, social group, academic, staff member, or community group, you are invited to become part of this growing annual event.

Register at uws.edu.au/diversityfest or pick up the phone and talk to us on (02) 9772 6270.

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Student Campus Councils are here for and led by students, to help create a rich and diverse campus environment. As a student, we encourage you to contribute to the university experience and have your voice heard. If you would like to get involved with student councils and student representation, to be part of the decision making process and to help highlight student concerns, visit uws.edu.au/studentvoice or uwssrc.org.au.
CELEBRATE DIVERSITY

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