

# I am, you're, We are Australian

Current world events and the fear, doubt and prejudice they arouse make this year's **Harmony Day** celebrations more relevant than ever. In its fifth year, Harmony Day - part of the Commonwealth Government's Living In Harmony initiative - is aimed at celebrating our country's success as a multicultural society and also promoting understanding between Australians of all backgrounds. Here, four women, who originate from diverse regions of the world, speak to JOSEPHINE BROUARD and share their moving stories about how they came to call Australia home and what it means to them.

Harmony Day falls on March 21 and coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. For more information, visit [www.imms.gov.au/multicultural/harmonyday/index.htm](http://www.imms.gov.au/multicultural/harmonyday/index.htm)

From left to right:  
**CHRISTINE JASMINE HARRISON, 28**, came to Australia from the Caribbean, via Britain, and has started her own marketing business.  
**MANHIRA RAWAL, 26**, from Afghanistan, raises money for more than 400 widows and orphans in her country of birth.  
**MY HUI TRAN, 36**, one of the first Vietnamese migrants to be granted citizenship here, is an academic and community worker.  
**WENDY BARRON, 28**, a Lebanese entrepreneur, was the first female president of Australia's Arab Women Council.

