

## 1. Conversations with friends

Have a chat with your close contacts - including friends, family and neighbours.

Explain to them what the program is about, why you want to get involved, and why you think they would make a good group member.

If they are interested, suggest they join [CRSA's next public information session](#).

## 2. Ask your broader network

Next, you might talk to your wider social network:

- friends of friends
- friends from work
- school or university alumni
- members of local sport clubs
- members of faith-based networks
- members of other local clubs or community groups

Ask your close contacts or any group members you have already identified to do the same.

We have drafted some words you might like to share via social media or email, but be sure to make it personal where you can.

[Access Forming a Group resources](#)

## 3. Share to community notice boards or local media

Now, it's time to reach out to like-minded people in your neighbourhood that you perhaps haven't met yet.

- Pin a flyer ([like this one](#)) to a local community noticeboard, or post to an online community group
- Get in touch with your local council and let them know about your search
- Get in touch with local media outlets and ask if they can promote your search

Access our template [community noticeboard message](#)

## 4. Post in the public facebook group

If you're on Facebook, visit the '[Form a local group](#)' facebook group. This group is public, and not monitored closely by the CRSA Team, so here are some tips for navigating it:

- Join a state-based 'Form a group' page, found in the top pinned post
- Scroll through others' posts to see if you can connect with someone in your area
- Make your own post and invite people in the area to connect with you
- Join or create a community group that is specific to your area - if you let us know about it in our pinned post, we can add it to the list so you're easy to find.
  - For example, the [Manlygees: Northern Beaches Refugee Support Group](#) was created for people in the area to connect and organise forming a local group.

## 5. Keep talking!

Keep spreading the word! You might find support from places you don't expect. Once people hear about what you're planning, it will stay in their minds too.