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DAN Launches the Forgotten People Project

On June 17 at the Emerge Festival, the Darfur Australia Network (DAN) will launch its Forgotten People Project.

The project aims to remember the people that the world has forgotten. Three million pieces of knotted material, representing the three million people displaced by the conflict in Darfur, will be incorporated into an art installation. The art piece will be unveiled on October 17, the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

The aim of the project is to raise awareness about the scale of the situation.

Members of the Darfuri community, volunteers from DAN and schools taking part in the project will be invited to attend.

Anyone can take part by donating, or knotting material, and school children can participate in a knot-a-thon.

DAN will have a stall in the Human Rights Marquee and a knotting rug in the children's tent.

Abelhadi Matar, President of the Darfur Community Association of Australia, said that it was imperative that the international community needed to assist the displaced. "People in the displacement camps are invisible to the international community. The world needs to be reminded of them so they can get adequate aid and protection".

Darfur Australia Network (DAN)

The Darfur Australia Network is an association of refugees from Darfur and concerned Australians. We aim to raise awareness about the suffering and continuing injustice in Darfur and advocate for increased Australian and international pressure to stop the genocide in Darfur.

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For more on the Emerge Festival, go to www.multiculturalarts.com.au