

# Mary Meets Mohammad

2014, 79 minutes

## SYNOPSIS

This film follows the arrival of Tasmania's first detention centre through the eyes of local Christian woman and knitting club member Mary and Muslim Afghan Hazara asylum seeker Mohammad, who is detained inside the centre – as they connect through the gift of a knitted beanie.

## CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

1. Mary and Mohammad form an unexpected friendship. In your opinion, how can friendship serve as the basis for developing an empathetic and caring understanding of others?
2. What do Mary, Joy, and Rose realise they have in common with the men?
3. 'I'm very grateful that I had this experience. It taught me a bit about myself. My attitude changed so quickly, and it was mainly because they just became individuals instead of a sea of people flooding our shores', says Joy, a member of the knitting group. How does the film accomplish a re-humanisation of the detained asylum seekers?
4. How similar or different to the U.K. is Australia's immigration system?



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