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In 2005, when the Muslim boat people were being demonized by the government and the media, my husband and I proposed that Courage to Care come to the Sunshine Coast with the hope of promoting tolerance towards refugees seeking protection in Australia. This idea became a reality in 2007 and over 4000 school children attended the Education Program.

Since then I have attended many exhibitions as a coordinator, a job I love because I meet so many committed people and feel that together we can, in some small way, empower others to fight racial intolerance.

My interest in social justice and human rights probably stems from the fact that migration is part of my family background. Both my parents came with their parents from Belarus in the 1920s, one fled from the Bolshevik Revolution the other escaped from Stalin's regime and my husband was a child survivor of the Holocaust. I am very proud that my father-in-law, Osias Schumer's R Badge is now on display in this Exhibition.