

## Corinne Grant

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### Message to the ASRC



I first became involved in advocacy for asylum seekers, like many people did, during the SIEV X disaster. A group called Actors For Refugees, established by Alice Garner and Kate Atkinson, performed the real-life stories of asylum seekers in an effort to mitigate some of the misinformation that was being touted in the mainstream media. It was through Actors For Refugees that I first learned of the ASRC. I was completely blown away by the work that they did and the difference they made.

Years later it saddens me that the ASRC is still so desperately needed. The world's most vulnerable people are used as political pawns and I cannot respect any politician who uses asylum seekers to win votes. To manipulate those of us who are uninformed and easily frightened, simply to curry favour and change opinion polls is not just irresponsible, it's reprehensible. It does, at times, make me very angry. And then I talk to Kon and his boundless optimism, his energy and his dedication straighten me back out again!

The work that the ASRC does is unique. And formidable. It is not only life-changing, it is life-saving. It's a cliché, but one I believe in wholeheartedly: a society is only as strong as its most vulnerable members, and the way it treats those members is a reflection on its whole. The ASRC helps brighten that reflection every day.

### Biography

Corinne Grant is a writer, comedian and TV presenter. She is best known for her work on Rove Live, The Glasshouse and as the narrator of Airways for Channel Seven. She is the Victorian Branch President of the Media, Entertainment and Arts Alliance and an ambassador for the National Breast Cancer Foundation. She is thrilled and honoured to be a Goodwill Ambassador for an organisation as wonderful as the ASRC. I am incredibly honoured to have been asked to be a Goodwill Ambassador for the ASRC and I hope that I am able to help this wonderful organisation to keep helping others.

