



Auckland Regional Migrant Services Charitable Trust
(A.R.M.S)

"Leading the way in facilitating successful settlement for migrants and refugees across the Auckland Region"

Press Release – International Migrants Day

Nisse the Norwegian gnome, Hotei-osho the Japanese monk and a fairy queen from Italy will be Christmas characters known to some of the migrants who will be celebrating International Migrants Day this year, on 18th December.

Worldwide there are 175 million people not residing in their own countries, often a long way from their own families and cultural origins. In the spirit of sharing and community building, Auckland Regional Migrant Services (ARMS) is marking International Migrant Day with a Christmas lunch, carol singing, and a sharing of migrant stories and Christmas traditions from across the world. The event is a 'coming together' – open to both new and not so new Kiwis and newcomers to Auckland.

Dennis Maga, the Migrant Workers' Coordinator from the NZ Council of Trade Unions will be a guest speaker. ARMS will also highlight some of their work in assisting new migrants and refugees to settle into their new country and city.

Since opening in 2003, ARMS has provided migrants and refugees with settlement support and advice. Their services provide English language advice, employment assistance workshops and a range of orientation activities across the Region for migrants and refugees

Any interested members of the public or media who would like to attend are asked to RSVP to Shoma Prasad at 625-2440 ext 735 or shomap@arms-mrc.org.nz.

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