



**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 – Annual Public Meeting**

Auckland Regional Migrant Services (ARMS) is holding its annual public meeting on November 24<sup>th</sup> to present its 2007-08 yearly report.

As the lead agency for the Settlement Support initiative in both Auckland and Manukau cities, ARMS has fielded more than 6,000 settlement enquiries from migrants and refugees over the past year. Among its achievements, ARMS has held over 95 workshops on employment and settlement topics, as well as other orientation opportunities such as visits to Orakei Marae and regional bus tours.

Nearly a thousand new migrants have gone through the ARMS Migrant Employment Assistance Programme, including specialist workshops catering to accountants, IT professionals, teachers, and other professionals. Many more have received advice and support from other services based at the ARMS Centres in Three Kings, Manukau and Northcote. CAB's Language Link is a key partner, providing settlement information and advice in 26 languages, from the ARMS Three Kings Centre. A new initiative has been a Refugee Employment Assistance programme, run from the ARMS Learning Centre in Three Kings Plaza.

ARMS Chair Person, Colin Dale, and Executive Director, Dr Mary Dawson, will speak at the Annual Public Meeting, along with guest speaker Claire Szabo Larsen, CEO of the National ESOL Home Tutors Association. The ARMS Activity Coordinators will also present updates on their service areas. The new Trust Board members will also be introduced at this meeting.

The event will be held from 4:00 to 5:30 pm at the ARMS Regional Centre, located at 532 Mt. Albert Road in the Three Kings Plaza.

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](mailto:shomap@arms-mrc.org.nz).

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