

Settlement Support New Zealand Auckland City



He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata! He tangata! He tangata!
What is the most important thing in the world? It is people! It is people! It is people!

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Tēnā Koutou

Greetings to you all! Welcome to the fourth Settlement Support New Zealand—Auckland City Ezine!

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide you with information about what Settlement Support New Zealand does, where you can find information about employment, education, health services and many other aspects of living in New Zealand, and share with you the services that are available around Auckland city.

Like this newsletter? Pass it on!

Have you got a story to tell?

Have you got a settlement story to tell? Would you like to share this with us and others? Contact your Settlement Support Coordinator!

Papakura Art Gallery celebrates Chinese New Year

Papakura Art Gallery celebrated Chinese New Year by hosting *Everything is Going Swimmingly* and *I Think Therefore I Am*, two wonderful exhibitions by Haihui Wang and Onlie Ong.

Bevan was invited to speak at the exhibition opening on the 20th February due to her interest to advocate for community engagement by arts and cultural organisation. The opening was well attended and supported by the Chinese Community.

For a copy of the speech visit <http://www.arms-mrc.org.nz>; information about the exhibition visit <http://www.papakuraarts.co.nz>.

Check out the World TV (Mandarin only) interview on <http://www.wtv.co.nz/news/0221/news04.html> (Onlie) and <http://www.wtv.co.nz/news/0222/news02.html>

Empowering Women

Sewing! Sewing! Sewing!

- Do you know a good sewer who would like to volunteer their time to teach a group of Somalian women sewing?
- Do you have any sewing jobs, large or small, that need to be done?
- Do you have any spare fabrics that you can donate to the women?

If so, please contact Dahaba Hagi at (09) 828 5919 or 021 112 8613. The Somalian women are doing their sewing class at 17 Akarana Ave, Mt Roskill and need you to help make it better!!!!

International Women's Day

To mark the International Women's Day and this year's theme - "Women and men united to end violence against women and girls", ARMS is celebrating by encouraging women to climb up the Mt Eden Summit on Sunday 8th March!

For more information or to register, contact Meg Ellwood at (09) 625 2440 ext 768 or email volunteer1@arms-mrc.org.nz.





Race Relations Day 2009

Race Relations Day is the time to reflect on our journey as a culturally diverse nation.

21st March is the International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The date recalls the tragic loss of life at Sharpeville in South Africa in 1960, and is dedicated by the United Nations to the achievement of the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. New Zealand signed the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination on 25th October 1966 and ratified on 22nd November 1972.

The theme for 2009 is **PEOPLE IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD**.

Race Relations Day is a time when you or your organization or community can do something to celebrate, to learn, to discuss, to plan or to promote diversity.

For more information about Race Relations Day visits <http://www.hrc.co.nz>.



People in Your Neighbourhood (PIYN) is a project from the British Council New Zealand, part of the global initiative to help create diverse and inclusive cities around the World. The event this year involves acclaimed UK string collective Urban Soul Orchestra coming to New Zealand in March to perform two shows, with a variety of Auckland's leading urban cultural performers and artists.

Working with some of the emerging artists amongst Auckland's Asian, Polynesian, Hispanic and European communities, an album is recorded that includes ethnic musicians and songwriters, alongside modern Kiwi urban producers and artists, collaborating to create a work that has modern production values, whilst still retaining distinct elements of culture. The album will be distributed via the ARMS Three Kings Office, cafes, libraries and other public outlets.

In conjunction with the album release and promotion, a live showcase will be performed in Auckland 12th March 2009 at Auckland Transmission Room and 14th March 2009 at WOMAD Taranaki.

For more information about PIYN, check out <http://www.britishcouncil.org/nz-events-piyn.htm>

People in Our Neighbourhood



Roskill South Oasis, in conjunction with Auckland City Council, is hosting their *People in Our Neighbourhood* event in Molley Green Park on Saturday 21st March 2009. If you are interested to help out on the day, contact Zena on (09) 620 8079. 021 254 1666 or zena@roskillsouthoasis.org.nz.





What's Coming Up?

Workshops

Job Search Workshop

Every Tuesday, 9.30am–2pm, FREE

Workshop to assist with your job search. Held in conjunction with Work & Income NZ, Career Services and the Auckland Chamber of Commerce.



Marae Visits

Sunday 1st March, 9am – 4pm, REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL, FEES APPLY

Introduction to Maori history, life and culture. Flax weaving, Maori songs and haka. Traditional hangi lunch; free bus to Orakei Marae



Relating Well

Saturday 7th March, 9am – 4pm, FREE

Learn skills for successful settlement in New Zealand



IRD and Money Matters

Saturday 14th March, 9am – 12.30pm, FREE

Understand NZ taxation system, IRD, KiwiSaver, Working for Families, and more!



Women's Health Workshop

Wednesday 18th March, 1pm – 2pm, FREE

Learn about women's health and screening – especially for Refugee Women



Treaty of Waitangi

Saturday 28th March, 9am – 4pm, FREE

Learn more about the Treaty of Waitangi and how it applies to you as a newcomer!



Home Ownership – Buying your first New Zealand Home

Saturday 21st March, 9am – 4pm, FREE

Learn about buying your first home in New Zealand and HOW!



For more information or to register contact ARMS on 09 625 2440 or reception@arms-mrc.org.nz.

For information about workshops in 2009 visit www.arms-mrc.org.nz

Did You Know?

University of Auckland is the world's 65th best university; the only New Zealand University in the top one per cent in the world. Subjects with the highest rankings? Anthropology, educational research and statistics – best in Australasia.

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