



ChangeMakers
Resettlement Forum

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Monday to Friday

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Monthly Newsletter

August 2022

Update from Jacqs

Kia Ora everyone

August has been a flat-out month for us, with an increase in activities occurring at the same time as the finalisation of end of year reporting and budgets. Its great that people are feeling more relaxed as we learn to live with a pandemic.

Reflecting on the past year, we have seen some huge growth, especially in light of the restraints COVID has put us under. As we have had needs and gaps highlighted to us and shown our ability to response quickly and appropriately, we have accessed increased funding to facilitate increased support. The team has grown from 8 to 12, with a higher ratio of full-time staff, and that has meant that our output is also increasing.

Another exciting thing that has occurred, simply in relation to who has been most suitable based upon skill sets, is that our team is now much more ethnically diverse and gender diverse. One third of the team are male, and team members mother countries/regions are Iraq, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Colombia, Myanmar, Botswana, Ethiopia, Oromia, England, and a couple that are Pakeha New Zealanders.

Another aspect of this growth is that we are now able to move ourselves out into Hutt and Porirua more, breaking barriers for community members in those cities to engage with us. Along with activities and meetings being held in these cities at times, we are in the process of organising spaces to have a Pop In Space out in both cities.

The month of August finished with a successful national Ashenda celebration hosted by the Tigray community of Wellington. The event had a huge turnout, and what delighted me was the diversity of people in attendance from outside of the Tigray community...an excellent example of Integration.

Jacqs 😊



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COVID Notices...

Just a reminder that there is support for food and welfare if you need it while self isolating. Please contact the number below or contact us at ChangeMakers on info@crf.org.nz or 04 801 8512



We have managed to get many masks out to our communities, but if you or your community needs further masks or RATS tests, we are able to access more of these, so please flick me an email on Jacqueline.wilton@crf.org.nz

What's been happening....

Ashenda – a celebration of women

On Saturday 27th August, a couple of the CRF team attended the Tigray Community of Wellingtons' national Ashenda celebration. Also known as "girls day", Ashenda is a special time for women to celebrate themselves and each other, and to be celebrated. There is plenty of singing, dancing, drumming, food sharing and donating.

This year, the Wellington community hosted the event, bringing members of the community from across New Zealand, and one of the community members even brought in special celebratory drums for the event. The event was a huge success with a turnout that far exceeded expectations and it was fantastic to see the whole community getting involved.



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In the Research Space:

Research is being undertaken by Vikashni Moore, through Auckland University of Technology to look at the experiences of work of former refugees in Aotearoa New Zealand.

If you are interested in participating, please see the criteria below, and contact Vikashni.



TE WHAREANGA Kōwhiri
O Te Hōkai Māori



FORMER REFUGEES AT WORK RESEARCH


Kia Ora. Research is being carried out on the topic of Refugees at Work. The researcher is a doctoral candidate from the Auckland University of Technology (AUT) – Vikashni Moore. In this research participants will take photos, for example, of objects, buildings, and animals but not people. The photos will relate to their work. Using these photos, participants will tell their stories to the researcher about “who I am” (their identity) and their work experiences in New Zealand.

Participants considered for the research will:

- Be currently living in one of the locations of Auckland, Wellington, Tūhono, and Dunedin; and
- Have lived in NZ for 1 year, up to 5 years; and
- Have worked in country of origin and in NZ for at least 1 year.

If you meet these criteria, or know someone who does -

PHONE CONTACT Vikashni MOORE (021 781 414) or v.moore@auckland.ac.nz



What's been happening continued...

Activities for the youth - Laser Tag

Another fun activity for youth aged 12-17 years occurred early in August, with youth coming together for an evening of laser tag and games. We welcomed youth from different ethnic communities and from across Wellington's cities of Porirua, Lower Hutt and Wellington Central.



Learning to Swim – a very popular activity

The swimming lessons for women and children funded by UP have been hugely popular with people really enjoying the opportunity to learn a skill that is part of life in New Zealand while also having fun. The attendance has been outstanding and the women and children are developing water confidence and skills rapidly.



The swimming for men, provided by James at Learn To Swim, are also hugely popular, with the 4 spaces full and the guys turning up each session to gain water confidence and safety. The objective is to ensure that the attendees become safe around water. There will be a second intake of 4 later in the year, so if you are keen to learn to swim and have good knowledge around water safety, please contact Demeysa.Ahmed@crf.org.nz

A reminder...self-employment



Pathways to self-employment - Wellington

EkoCabs and ChangeMakers are working together to create pathways to self-employment for refugee background and migrant communities in Wellington

The Pathways to Self-employment Project aims to provide opportunities for community members to achieve financial independence and self-determination



Project Outline:

- Recruit 2-5 women and men to become part of the EkoCabs family.
- Support applicants to obtain a (P) endorsement licence.
- Provide training for independent contractor-business
- Provide tablet, mobile data, ordering and dispatch systems.
- Provide access to EkoCabs list of corporate clients.
- Electric vehicle provided on a lease basis.

Candidate Selection Criteria

- Must have held a full class 1 NZ License for two years
- Refugee or ethnic migrant background woman or man
- Willingness to receive basic taxi business training from EkoCabs



EkoCabs is Aotearoa's only 100 percent electric vehicle taxi company, with a mission to play a leading role in accelerating Aotearoa's move to an electric future

Contact: Judah Seomeng
Ph: 022 065 7831
Email: judah.seomeng@crf.org.nz

Coming up...

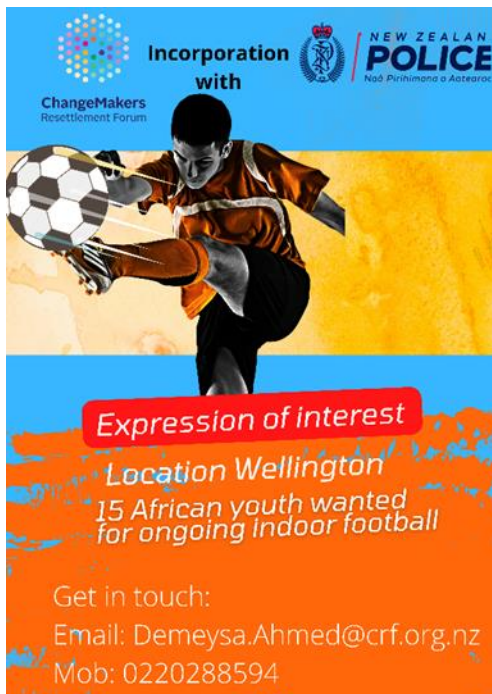
Females' volleyball in Hutt

We have started organising volleyball for women and girls out in the Hutt. This has been asked for by community members and is being organised by Rahela. At this stage we are looking at venues, days, times, and frequency, but keep an eye out for information on our social media pages.

If you are interested in participating, please email Rahela on Rahela.khalili@crf.org.nz to go on the list of interested people and we will be in touch when we are ready to go.

Youth Football

We are finally getting this long-delayed sport underway. This is a collaboration between CRF and New Zealand Police, to engage youth from African and Assyrian communities in Wellington...providing them with friendship, fun, exercise and knowledge.



The poster features a young man in an orange jersey kicking a soccer ball. At the top, it says 'Incorporation with' next to the New Zealand Police logo and 'ChangeMakers Resettlement Forum'. Below the image, it reads 'Expression of interest', 'Location Wellington', and '15 African youth wanted for ongoing indoor football'. At the bottom, it provides contact information: 'Get in touch: Email: Demeyssa.Ahmed@crf.org.nz Mob: 0220288594'.

What's happening continued....

Volleyball for they guys in Wellington

The men's volleyball has been steadily growing and is increasing in ethnic diversity as it grows. We are hoping to have one of the newest communities in the region join us over the next couple of weeks as they want to get to know more people and participate in activities to help with their integration.



For more information or to join the fun contact Demeyssa on Demeyssa.Ahmed@crf.org.nz or on 022 028 8594. Play is on Fridays at 3.30pm at ASB, Kilbirnie.

...and we are looking at starting the volleyball for the guys out in the Hutt also...so email Luis on Luis.Perez@crf.org.nz if this is something that would interest.

Board Update

The board passed the finance policy and discussed remaining policies to be passed. Correspondence was discussed which included study projects updates relevant to ChangeMakers covering discrimination in housing and ethnic prejudice and racism.

Capital Museum also contacted ChangeMakers for input on what is important to them pre-election. The board provided the following:

In Wellington, the top priority is affordable housing and equal access to housing. Equal access to healthcare and increased opportunities to access mental healthcare is similarly important. Our communities want opportunities offered in a range of employment spaces. Culturally responsive and competent schooling is important to reflect our rich backgrounds and appropriate and affordable public transport is also important and affects our communities.

Finally the board discussed the 8 roles available for communities to nominate people and stressed the need for some board members to have experience and in particular, governance experience. The board also shared their efforts in contacting communities to get nominations put forward as soon as possible to allow for the forms to be sent in advance. The board agreed that the Chair will meet with the secretary to ensure all handover notes and minutes are on file with nothing missing for the next board.

Please remember you can place feedback in the feedback box on the cabinet just inside the office and also contact our board chair, Shahd, at shahd.elmatary@hotmail.co.nz

What's been happening continued...

Activities for the youth – Go Karting in Porirua



On Saturday 13th Aug, another fun and great event for our youth were held this time in the beautiful city of Porirua, wonderful to see some of our youth who joined us from Wellington central as well. The vibes from the photos say it all with the amount of fun, laugh, and excitement how obvious on our youth's faces 😊

Due to the demand for this activity, we will run this again soon and the priority will be those who are on the waiting list. So stay tuned we will announce soon when will be happening.

If you are aged 12 to 30 and of refugee background, or know anyone that is, and would like to join our youth network, please get in touch with Kodrean Eashae through email: kodrean.eashae@crf.org.nz Or text/ phone: 022 6123240

News From

Turning The Curve

On 10 August, volunteers from Turning the Curve driving programme got together to explore some of the Drive resources that are now available to help upskill our volunteers along with giving them the chance to ask questions, share insights and catch up with other volunteers. Our amazing driving instructor, George, also attended and was able to answer more specific questions that volunteers had around driving.

The meeting was followed with a more informal session and a chance to connect over some delicious food cooked by a Colombian community member.



We are running another volunteer training on Saturday 27 August from 9.30am-3.30pm. For more information, please email Mylène or Susan at TTC@crf.org.nz.

Coming up...

Holiday Activities

We have a few new and exciting holiday activities coming up for families during the October school holidays. Please contact Luis for further information or to register. Luis.perez@crf.org.nz or 022 505 7741

We are creating waiting lists for people who have not managed to get onto activities before, so that we can spread the opportunities across our member communities.

The first school holiday activity is a visit to Weta Workshop

WETA WORKSHOP Tour

Looking for an activity for your children during the school holiday? Well, don't look further and join us in a guided tour to Weta workshop. In the tour we will learn about the making of movie effects and props, from armour to weapons, creatures to costumes, make-up to miniatures.

LIMITED SPACES



When: Tuesday 4th October 9 am to 11 am

Where: 1 Weka Street, Miramar, Wellington 6022

To confirm your attendance contact Luis Perez

022-505-7741

Luis.Perez@crf.org.nz

Free entry and a
petrol voucher
per family



Employment opportunities - NZ Census

Census is carried out by Statistics New Zealand and aims to capture a good statistical picture of our country.

One of the ways the data is used is to ensure that funds from government are put into the correct places.

Next year, 2023, is the year that the next Census will be carried out...and there are jobs available working on this major piece of government work from November 2022 to April 2023.

Please use the apply now details on the poster.

Coming up...

More Holiday Activities

A chance to 'get your skates on' (an idiom meaning move quickly)...with the kids this holidays.

ROLLER SKATING SECTION FOR KIDS



ChangeMakers invites you to join our roller skating section during the school holidays. This is a family event, so even parents can give roll skating a go if they feel brave!
Get in touch with Luis Perez to book a spot

Free entry- this includes a pair of skates and also snacks



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📍 Recreation center, 101 Kilbirnie Crescent Wellington

🕒 Wednesday 12th October from 10 am to 12 pm

✉ Luis.Perez@crf.org.nz

☎ 022-505-7741



PERSOLKELLY

Jobs that Really Count
Become a Census Field Operations Team Leader and be part of telling the story of life in Aotearoa



New Zealand's next census will be in March 2023. To prepare for this national event we are hiring Field Operations Team Leaders to manage, roster and support a team of Census Field Collectors.

We have 321 full-time temporary positions available across Aotearoa from November 2022 to April 2023

- Support, influence and motivate your team to encourage the public to take part in the census
- Work with real purpose in a supportive, inclusive and flexible work environment
- Great pay rates + upon full completion of assignment you will be paid a completion payment equivalent to ten percent (10%) of paid hours worked + you will receive allowances + paid training + KiwiSaver employer contributions paid to all those opting in including 65+ years.
- Work from home and in the field supporting your teams.

Incredible experience of connection and community! Be part of a programme that delivers real value to local communities by ensuring everyone takes part, is counted and is represented in the data collected in the next census.



APPLY NOW
persolkelly.co.nz/censusjobs
0800 000 210 #1 for census jobs

ChangeMakers AGM and Board Nominations



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**Warmly invites all members and friends
to our**

Annual General Meeting

**6.00pm – 7.30pm
26th October 2022**

**LifePoint Church
61 Hopper Street
Mt Cook**

RSVP by 17th October 2022
bethlehem.yoseph@crf.org.nz
Or 022 104 0975

Refreshments Provided

We are looking forward to hosting our AGM on 26th October and giving an overview of what has been achieved over the 2021 – 2022 year...and warmly invites community members, friends and whanau.

It makes life so much easier if you let us know you will be coming...as we can cater more accurately.

We will also be holding our board voting at that time, so please ensure that nominations have been sent into Jacqs by 30th September. Please email Jacqueline.wilton@crf.org.nz for further information on nominations and voting, or for a copy of the 2022-2023 nomination form.



ChangeMakers Resettlement Forum Invites Nominations for Board Membership

8 positions available

What we are looking for?

- varied skills including legal, financial and governance.
- diversity across ages, cultures, and genders.
- members who can focus on *all* of our communities
- strategic, objective thinkers working for CRF interest
- availability and willingness to engage in work outside of the minimum two-hour monthly meetings.
- Nominations must be made ChangeMakers members

Please contact jacqueline.wilton@crf.org.nz to get a nomination form and return the completed form no later than 30th September 2022

Thank you to our funders, supporters, and volunteers

It is with the support of the following organisations, as well as a lot of individuals that donate or volunteer with us, that we are able to work towards our missions of “New Zealanders from refugee backgrounds participating fully in Aotearoa new Zealand life” . We also send out a special thanks to those organisations that we collaborate with for the immense amount of support they are providing to our communities and our work

