



**ChangeMakers**  
Resettlement Forum

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## Monthly Newsletter

February 2023

Kia Ora everyone

Two months of the year gone already...and it has been a pretty wild two months around the world and in our own New Zealand. Our thoughts go out to all friends and whanau who have family and friends, either in New Zealand or abroad, that are suffering.



Team CRF are back into the swing of it with plenty going on. Lots of connecting activities are up and running, with Volleyball for Women having kicked off out in the Hutt and all other sporting activities on the go covering children, women and men.

The holiday activities finished off with a trip to Staglands, and it was great to see a lot of new faces this year, compared to last year. We are working on a Womens Night in Wellington before Ramadan starts, and also our first Womens Group outings in a couple of weeks.

Advocacy on the one to one level continues to be a big part of our work, with all team members contributing to this, and the social workers spending a huge amount of time on this. The larger advocacy work continues to make good progress as well, with voices being amplified.

We are also working alongside a couple of communities to assist them in becoming incorporated societies. Here we support the community to navigate the process. Once community groups are incorporated they are able to apply for their own funding, and this is something that we are also able to walk alongside your group with.

Census is coming up next week and we have been working alongside Stats NZ over the past few months, connecting them to organisations such as Kiwiclass who can help our communities to complete Census and we have a couple of events in collaboration with Stats. Please see posters below. Please encourage people to attend if they do not have the language or language support to complete this on their own...being counted is so important.

Stay safe, warm, and dry...and enjoy Childrens Day on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

Jacqs 😊

***New Zealanders of refugee background participating fully in life in Aotearoa New Zealand***

***Nothing About Us Without Us***

***A human Rights Approach***

***Focus On Strengths Not Weaknesses***

***A Shared Voice is A Strong Voice***

## From the Board

The board is currently beginning their work on reviewing policies for the year.

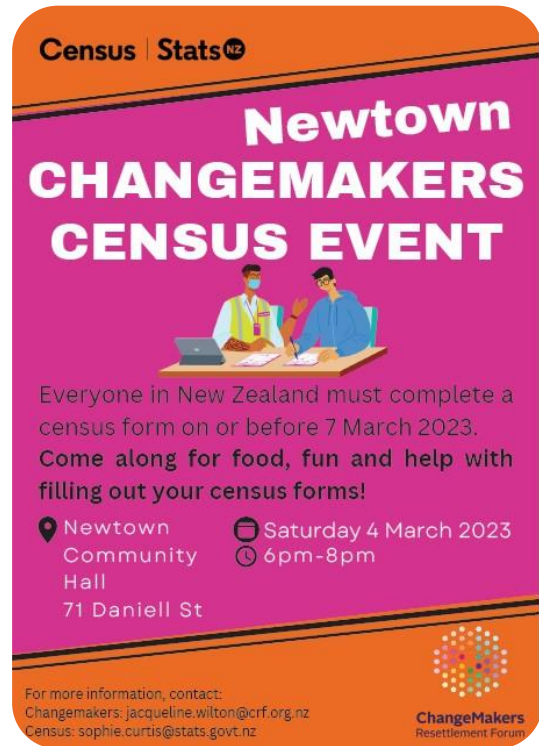
Over the 2023 year, more than 13 policies will be reviewed including those relating to Health and Safety, Child Protection, Quality Assurance and Finance. Reviewing policy is a big task, as each policy has several other sub-policies embedded in it.

We continue to have a feedback box at the entry to the office, which will be cleared prior to board meetings.

As always, the board chair can be contacted for complaints or compliments at [mardiya.abdulaziz@outlook.com](mailto:mardiya.abdulaziz@outlook.com)


## Coming Up....Census Events

We are excited to share food with you while you fill out your Census with help from members of the community, the CRF team and Stats NZ



**Census | Stats NZ**

# Newtown CHANGEMAKERS CENSUS EVENT



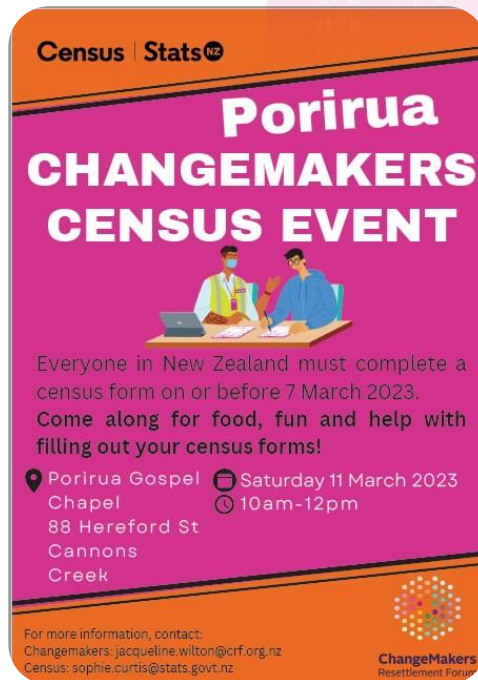
Everyone in New Zealand must complete a census form on or before 7 March 2023.  
**Come along for food, fun and help with filling out your census forms!**

**Location:** Newtown Community Hall  
71 Daniell St

**Date & Time:** Saturday 4 March 2023  
6pm-8pm


For more information, contact:  
Changemakers: [jacqueline.wilton@crf.org.nz](mailto:jacqueline.wilton@crf.org.nz)  
Census: [sophie.curtis@stats.govt.nz](mailto:sophie.curtis@stats.govt.nz)

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# Porirua CHANGEMAKERS CENSUS EVENT



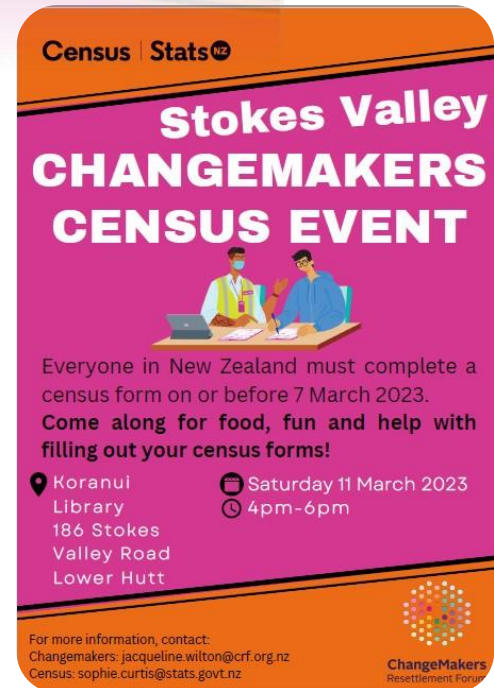
Everyone in New Zealand must complete a census form on or before 7 March 2023.  
**Come along for food, fun and help with filling out your census forms!**

**Location:** Porirua Gospel Chapel  
88 Hereford St  
Cannons Creek

**Date & Time:** Saturday 11 March 2023  
10am-12pm


For more information, contact:  
Changemakers: [jacqueline.wilton@crf.org.nz](mailto:jacqueline.wilton@crf.org.nz)  
Census: [sophie.curtis@stats.govt.nz](mailto:sophie.curtis@stats.govt.nz)

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# Stokes Valley CHANGEMAKERS CENSUS EVENT



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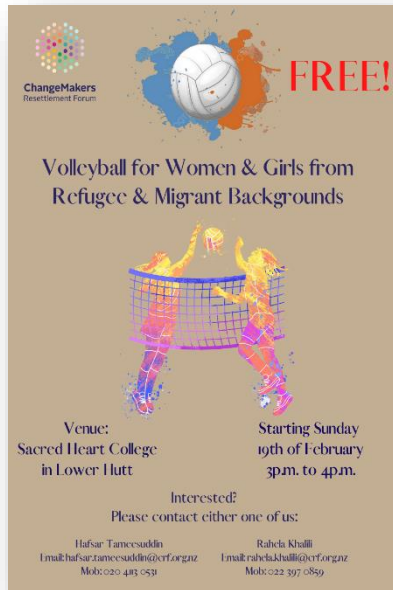
**Location:** Koranui Library  
186 Stokes Valley Road  
Lower Hutt

**Date & Time:** Saturday 11 March 2023  
4pm-6pm

For more information, contact:  
Changemakers: [jacqueline.wilton@crf.org.nz](mailto:jacqueline.wilton@crf.org.nz)  
Census: [sophie.curtis@stats.govt.nz](mailto:sophie.curtis@stats.govt.nz)

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## Fairly New...



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**FREE!**

Volleyball for Women & Girls from  
Refugee & Migrant Backgrounds

Venue:  
Sacred Heart College  
in Lower Hutt

Starting Sunday  
19th of February  
3pm. to 4pm.

Interested?  
Please contact either one of us:

Hafsa Tameesuddin  
Email: hafsa.tameesuddin@crf.org.nz  
Mob: 020 413 0531

Rabeha Khalili  
Email: rabeha.khalili@crf.org.nz  
Mob: 022 307 0859

Womens and Girls Social Volleyball has started out in the Hutt. This is a great opportunity to get together and have a bit of fun.

A couple of us will be travelling out each week from Wellington, so if you would like a lift, let us know.

## Coming Up....Multicultural Backyard Cricket Festival

We are super excited to be partnering with Cricket Wellington to hold the Multi-Cultural Backyard Cricket Festival, on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 from 11 to 2 at the Basin Reserve.

Come along with your family and friends, have a game of Backyard Cricket (a social game of cricket that is a very Kiwi summer activity), or just enjoy the music and watch the activities, and eat from a diverse range of multiethnic foods.

This will be one fun day out...for the whole family.

Please book your spots on the buses as soon as possible...seats are limited.



**MULTI-CULTURAL  
BACKYARD CRICKET  
FESTIVAL**

SATURDAY 1ST APRIL | 11AM-2PM | CELLO BASIN RESERVE

Free food, fun games, music, henna hand painting, face painting & more!

Free buses from Porirua and the Hutt! Prayer Room available

Contact Demeysa to register your interest for a bus:  
demeysa.ahmed@crf.org.nz

Contact Christian if you have any questions:  
christian@cricketwellington.co.nz

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## Upgraded Website for CRF

A reminder that our new look website is up and running. We still have a little work to go, and are still ironing out some hiccups...but it is going pretty smoothly.

Please check out the blog and news to see what is coming up and what has been happening.

We are now inviting business owners to connect with Betty - [bethelhem.yoseph@crf.org.nz](mailto:bethelhem.yoseph@crf.org.nz) to provide their details and permission and have their business included in the directory which will be added shortly.



## Continuing.....



**WEEKLY SWIMMING**  
Lessons For Women and Kids

Registered by 6 Feb

**Free**

Swimming for 7- 12 years old Kids  
**1pm - 1.30pm**

Swimming for Women  
2.45(approx) - 4.45pm Adult women

Location : Wellington East Girls College 131 Austin Street, Mt Victoria. (short walk from No.2 bus)

**1.30pm - 2pm**

**2pm - 2.30pm**

Starts on 19th of Feb

Contact us on  
020-4113-0531  
Hafsar.Tameesuddin@crf.org.nz  
In partnership with UP foundation



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Incorporation with

NEW ZEALAND POLICE  
Ngā Pirihimona o Aotearoa

**Football connect**

Location Wellington  
2 Kemp Street, KILBIRNIE 6022

**Limtited Space**

Get in touch:  
Email: Demeyssa.Ahmed@crf.org.nz  
Mob: 0220288594

## Coming Up...

### Football For All...registrations open



**FOOTBALL FOR ALL REGISTRATIONS OPEN**

The Football For All programme, delivered in partnership between Capital Football and the Wellington Phoenix, has the primary aim of fostering inclusion, participation by using football as a vehicle.

Football For All focuses on the following barriers:

- Registration costs
- Equipment needs
- Transportation assistance
- Communication difficulties

Check the link below  
<https://footballforall.org.nz/>

If you need help with your application get in touch with Luis Perez at Luis.Perez@crf.org.nz or 022-5057-741

### Trips to the Wellington Zoo continue...

Its been great to see so many people taking the opportunity to use the tickets we have access to for the Wellington Zoo. Remember, contact Luis is you are keen to take the family to Wellington Zoo.



## Continuing....



## What's been happening:

### Open Road – graduate driver becomes volunteer mentor



It is a busy time of year for the Open Road Wellington driving programme. We have a new group of learners to start this month and have just trained a small group of volunteers driving mentors.

This year we welcome an old friend and new volunteer Rodrigo who learnt to drive on our programme back in 2018. When asked why he wanted to volunteer Rodrigo explained he was so grateful to have the support we gave him to pass his driving test. He said he decided when he passed his licence that one day he would return to volunteer and 'give back' to the programme. Thanks so much Rodrigo its great to have you on our volunteer team! He is pictured here on the left with Walter whom he is teaching to drive.



## 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 Red Cross, Catholic Social Service, Sisters of Compassion, Reach Out Counselling and CCDHB for the immense amount of support they are providing to our communities and our work

