



ChangeMakers
Resettlement Forum

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Monthly Newsletter

April 2023

Update from Jacqs

Kia Ora everyone

Here's hoping you are all well, and that everyone has managed to participate in some of the many community events that have been held recently for Easter, Orthodox Easter, Lunar New Year, and Eid.



We continue to have a lot going on, and more activities on the go. From May 13th, the second part of the Change The Narrative Exhibition will be open to everyone, at the Bottle Creek Gallery at Pataka. This is a fantastic opportunity to see a snapshot of contribution and participation, by refugee background communities, in life in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Please put 24th June in your calendar, as we will be holding World Refugee Day then. We are collaborating with Host International, Red Cross, Pataka and Cricket Wellington to bring you this event, with funding from Creative Communities and MSD. This will also be in Porirua, at Te Rauparaha Arena as part of our attempt to have events in the different cities of Wellington. This is a free event however, if you would like to give a gold coin donation, we will have buckets there for doing so. If you need transport, we will be providing buses for our communities...so please email info@crf.org.nz.

Good news...we have been given accreditation as an organisation by MSD. This is exciting as it reflects work carried out on continual improvement of practices and processes across all areas of our mahi, and being able to show this through having new practices and processes in place. This also allows us to keep working with MSD in different areas should they be relevant and appropriate to our communities needs.

With Hafsar having left I supervised the swimming on Sunday. I was beside myself with delight watching the smiles on the faces of children and women as they scoot about in the water, full of confidence, and/or full of learning was so extremely rewarding. Please see below for more details about the swimming, and let us know if you need transport to get there as we are working on this. We have also set up a whatsapp group for the children and womens swimming...so let us know if you need to be on that group 😊

Looking forward to connecting with a bunch of you over the next month.

Jacqs

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

Nothing About Us Without Us

Focus On Strengths Not Weaknesses

From the Board

The Leaders Council Dinner is on May 20th, with invitations having been sent out to nominated community leaders and youth.

This will be an opportunity for the operations team to share what we have carried out following needs identified at the last meeting and in line with strategy...and then for governance team to hear from the communities what their challenges lie and what gaps need to be filled.

The Electoral Commission will attend and, while dinner is on, provide a short overview of voting in the central government elections.

We look forward to meeting up with those who attend. Each driver to the event will be reimbursed for fuel to break barriers to attending.

As always, the board chair can be contacted for complaints or compliments at mardiya.abdulaziz@outlook.com and there continues to be a feedback box at the entry to the office, which will be cleared monthly.



One of the barriers to swimming, and indeed all of our sporting engagement, is transport. As such, we are looking to see if there are volunteers that can drive people (with fuel costs covered) and also at mini vans to bring larger numbers. This will take a little time to organise but we are getting on to it.



Swimming – a new term

On Sunday 30th April, the second term of swimming for the year began. Due to demand, and the number of new children pictured here) that arrived, we will now be running two childrens sessions and one womens session. Children that have been attending for a while can continue to attend at 1pm, while new children can attend from 2.30pm and women from 3.15pm.



Turning The Curve – another pass

Alem was a driver on Turning the Curve who started learning in 2019 and has just passed her full license. Nadia helped Alem to practice for her full license. Alem invited Nadia and Susan to celebrate with her. Over some delicious Ethiopian food, Alem explained how having her driver's license means she can go to work, do the shopping, drop her children at school and live in New Zealand independently.

Turning The Curve is currently running information sessions, with Wellington having been held last Saturday and Porirua and Hutt cities coming up over the next couple of weeks.



LEARN DRIVING

For women from 25 to 55 years old
FORMER REFUGEES ONLY

COME TO OUR MEETING!

- LOWER HUTT** Saturday 13 May 2pm
River of Life Centre (774 High Street)
- PORIRUA** Saturday 20 May 2pm
Porirua Gospel Chapel (88 Hereford St)

DO YOU NEED AN INTERPRETER?
Let us know by 8 May

CONTACT US
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Email TTC@crf.org.nz



ChangeMakers
New Zealand's Refugee Support

Activities and Events Ongoing and Coming up...

For women only

Contact Nat on 021 258 9580



For women & kids

On Sundays...Free for all.
Contact Betty on 022 104 0975 for more information



Women's Volleyball

Sundays...Free for all
Contact Rahela on 022 397 0859 for more information



Youth Voices Wanted this Friday

.....for the Youth Plan of the Ministry of Youth

Get involved, get heard, and see your needs and wants as part of the plan that the Ministry of Youth is putting together to guide its work.

This Friday, at BGI, 3 MacDonald Crescent, Te Aro, Wellington.

Contact Luis on 022 505 7741 for more information



Food Safety and Hygiene Cooking Certificate – expressions of interest

We are looking to hold another NZQA Food Safety and Hygiene course in July, and hoping to hold this one in the Hutt Valley due to current demand.

If you love to cook, and want to sell your food, this is the certificate that you need to keep yourself and everyone safe.

Please let us know if this is something you would be keen to attend...we need 20 people to run the course.



Mamas taking us to the zoo tomorrow...



We still have tickets to Wellington Zoo...and they have Snow Leopards now...so please get in touch with Luis or Betty if you would like some and also if your family and your friends would like to go as a group

Activities and Events Ongoing and Coming Up

Youth Football

Contact Demeysa for more info or to find out about getting a ride to the game.



Mens Volleyball

Contact Demeysa for more info or to find out about getting a ride to the game.



Learning Hub – Special Topic Session

We will run our final learning hub on 10th June, focusing only on those topics we have been told are most important.

There will be lots of discussion, laughter, role play and also \$200 food voucher spot prizes, activities for the kids, petrol vouchers, lunch and afternoon tea.

Please let Betty know if you are coming for catering purposes.



Announcing 2023's World Refugee Day Event

Save the date – 24 June 2023



Team CRF, along with supporters, are well on the way to having World Refugee Day 2023 organised. This is the biggest event in the ChangeMakers calendar, and a day where we enjoy acknowledging and celebrating the contribution of communities of refugee background, in an event that allows communities to share their diverse cultures.

We are extremely grateful to our community members for walking alongside us to help us get this day up and running, and also to MSD and Porirua's Creative Communities for funding support, to Pataka in

Porirua for showing our exhibition free of charge, to Te Rauparaha Arena for having rates that work for community organisations, and to the organisations supporting us with this - Cricket Wellington for providing free activity on the day, HOST international for doing the photography, Red Cross for supporting us with transport amongst other things. It is going to be a fantastic day.

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



