



NEWS OUT WEST

August 2009 The Settlement Support Waitakere Newsletter

Jobsearch Support



- **Migrant Action Trust**

Looking for a job? Are you a Permanent Residence or Work Permit holder?

Migrant Action Trust (MAT) has been running Jobsearch Support successfully in Avondale, Glenfield and Onehunga library. Good news, they are coming to Waitakere! MAT is starting "Jobsearch Support" at New Lynn Library from 14th August.

This is on-going meeting on "every 2nd and last Friday" in each month. You can join when you need, as this is not a course.

MAT provides face-to-face advice such as Kiwi style CV writing and interview technique. Job seekers can share their experience with other job seekers. No cost to join, only your time and commitment! Come and meet *Ms. Granada* at New Lynn Library meeting room. Don't forget to bring your CV and advertisement for a job you would like to apply. Booking not required but must come on time (10:00am sharp)!

For more information, contact *Migrant Action Trust* on **629 3500** or email to info@migrantactiontrust.org.nz

To know more about MAT and other workshop information, visit their web site www.migrantactiontrust.org.nz

Make sure your Advdisor is licenced

- Immigration Advisers Authority

Since May this year, anyone who does immigration advice must be licensed except people who are exempt (such as lawyers, MPs). If you need an advisor/consultant for immigration matters, make sure your advisor is licensed and legal.

Licensed advisor must have this Trademark. If you can't see this, should ask your advisor if they are licensed before sign on the contract. Visit Immigration Advisers Authority's website for list of licensed advisor. www.iaa.govt.nz Also there is list of advisor whose application has been refused/cancelled.



Licensed professionals = Protected migrants.

New Zealand Government

42 million Real People – latest UNHCR figures

A new UNHCR report has highlighted the need for international protection of refugees and other uprooted people around the world. UNHCR's *2008 Global Trends Report* found that at the end of last year there were 42 million people forcibly uprooted by conflict and persecution worldwide.

These people included 16 million refugees and asylum-seekers (10.5 million of whom are in the care of the UNHCR and 4.7 million of whom are under the care of UNWRA in Palestine) and 26 million internally displaced people. The number of new asylum-seekers making individual claims worldwide rose for the second year in a row – by 28 percent to 839,000.

Of World Refugee Day UNHCR Regional Representative *Richard Towle* said "UNHCR was extremely please that so many people all around Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific joined in events to mark this special day for refugees in our communities and to express support and solidarity for those millions of refugees living in difficult circumstances in other parts of the world."

New Zealand is taking 750 Quota refugees from UNHCR each year and processed at the Mangere Reception Centre.

The 2008 Global Trends Report is available for download on the UNHCR web site, www.unhcr.org.au



Flu information in different languages

- Ministry of Health

Key messages about influenza A (H1N1) in community languages – Arabic, Chinese (Simplified), Farsi, Fijian, German, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Māori, Samoan, Somali, Spanish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Thai, Tongan and Vietnamese – are now available from <http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexmh/pandemicinfluenza-resources-translations>. A video of the key messages in New Zealand Sign Language provided by Deaf Aotearoa is also available.

Translations in Bislama, Chinese (Traditional), Cook Islands Māori, Niuean and Tokelauan are still to come. Travel health advisory notices are available in Fijian, Tongan and Samoan.

The Ministry also advised that they have now placed links from their swine flu home page <http://www.moh.govt.nz/influenza-a-h1n1> to two resources developed for the Avian flu pandemic. There is a poster "Stop the spread of flu germs" and a brochure "Getting ready for a flu pandemic" can be downloaded. The translations are in Amharic, Arabic, Chinese (for Mandarin and Cantonese speakers), Cook Island Māori, Farsi, Hindi, Korean, Māori, Niuean, Samoan, Somali, Tongan and Japanese (brochures only).

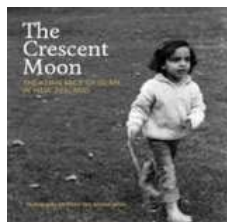
From LIBRARY

The Crescent Moon

- the Asian face of Islam in New Zealand

This stunning new book by *Adrienne Jansen* features the stories of 37 people and opens new doors into the lives of the largest group of Muslims in New Zealand.

The stories are accompanied by photographs taken by internationally acclaimed New Zealand photographer, *Ans Westra* and the book was commissioned by the Asia New Zealand Foundation. Copies are available at your local library.



Libraries Learning for Life

Search for a job at the Library

Did you know that you can use your local library's "Learning Centre" to search for a job? Whether it's preparing CV, searching vacancies online or emailing applications there is so much available and your Learning Centre Coordinator can provide assistance if you are new to using computers. Just call in to your nearest library and ask about "Learning Centre" or visit <http://www.waitakere.govt.nz/CnlSer/lib/learning-centres.asp> to find out more.



Employment Support Group

- In Waitakere continues...

Good news for newcomer job seekers! *Olga* (Migrant Action Trust) continues her "Employment Support Group" meeting at Ace Space (12 Rainside Ave, Henderson). This is 8 weeks course to learn how to prepare CV etc. with emotional support for people who found their job hunt lonely and stressful. New course starts on 27th July 10:00am. If you interested, please contact *Olga* on 021 854 858 or email to: olg.b@ihug.co.nz



Settlement Support update

Date for the Project Planning Workshop is confirmed on 13-14th August. This workshop is sponsored by Ministry of Social Development for capacity building for the community. Requirement for a sponsorship is, people who works for/in/with community but not in the government or commercial organisation. People from NGOs and ethnic/refugee communities are welcome. Places are limited. If you or you know someone interested, contact *Ayumi*, Settlement Support Coordinator ph; 837 4273 or email ssnzwaitakere@waitakere.govt.nz



New Settler's Guide 2009 version

Brendon Hickey, Migrant Information Coordinator in Waitakere Library has been working very hard for this project. Current "New Settler's Guide" was published in 2004 and it's time to get face-lift.

2009 version (in English, Chinese, Arabic, Samoan, Korean and Japanese) will be out soon, very soon...

Friendship Centre Trust



Founded by members of the Glen Eden Baptist Church community 20 years ago, the Friendship Centre trust is one of the largest community based organisations in Waitakere. Employing over 350 people, with over 70 volunteers and impacting the lives of over 6,000 members of the community each year. Their services are; homeware support for elderly or physical disability, foodbank, budgeting service, counselling, emergency housing, kindergarten to name a few. Visit their website, www.fct.org.nz for more information.

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