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The Settlement Support Waitakere Newsletter

World Refugee Day 2011- 20 June



Dawit Arshak (pictured with his family) will be providing a special presentation about his journey from Ethiopia to New Zealand at Auckland Central Library on 20 June, 2011.

Every year on 20 June the world honours the courage, resilience and strength of refugees. World Refugee Day is an opportunity to focus global attention on the plight of refugees and the causes of their exile, their determination and will to survive, and on the contribution they make to their host communities.

Refugees flee their country not for economic gain but to escape persecution, the threat of imprisonment and threats to their lives. New Zealand accepts several hundred refugees each year, reflecting the government's commitment to international humanitarian obligations and responsibilities.

Organisations such as Refugee Services Aotearoa New Zealand and Refugees as Survivors make a critical contribution to the resettlement of refugees in this country and many New Zealanders work as volunteers with these and other support organisations to assist families as they establish new lives and new homes.

Over recent years, New Zealand has accepted refugees from Vietnam, Cambodia, Somalia, Iran, Burundi, Rwanda, Afghanistan, Iraq, Democratic Republic of Congo, Colombia, Nepal and many other countries. Former refugees can now be found in every walk of life and they continue to make a wonderful

contribution to the social, cultural and economic fabric of our increasingly multicultural society.

In celebration of World Refugee Day, Auckland Libraries will be having information displays at libraries across the region and Auckland Central Library will be hosting a special presentation by *Dawit Arshak*, who will be sharing the story of his journey from Ethiopia to New Zealand. *Dawit* will also be describing the inspirational work of New Zealand-based volunteers at Habitat for Humanity, who travels to Ethiopia each year to construct houses, schools and community facilities.

World Refugee Day

Special Presentation

Dawit Arshak

Whare Wananga

Level 2

Auckland Central Library

44 – 46 Lorne Street, Auckland CBD

Monday, 20 June at 6.00 pm (All welcome)

To find out more, visit

www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz

Find other news on World Refugee Day from:
http://www.hrc.co.nz/newsletters/diversity-action-programme/te-punanga/2011/05/world-refugee-day-4/?utm_source=te-punanga&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=May2011



Settlement Support Update

Local Settlement Network & Client survey on settlement support services are running from 16 May until 10 June which is conducted by Department of Labour (please click the link for LSN survey: <http://dol.datapro.co.nz/Survey/Create/1?providerKey=12&lan=eng&editable=0> and the link for client survey: <http://dol.datapro.co.nz/>). Settlement Support Waitakere is located at the Waitakere Community Resource Centre, **8 Ratanui Street, Henderson** (9:30 am to 4:00 pm Mon. to Thurs.). All walk-in clients are welcome. Alternatively you can also make an appointment by emailing us at ssnwaitakere@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz or call us on **09 8374273**. Please also contact us if you have any inquiries on settling into the West Auckland.



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The 9th Auckland Show (18th nationwide)

Date/time: 10am – 4pm 9 July 2011 (**FREE** entry)

Venue: ASB Showgrounds, Logan Campbell Centre
 Greenlane Road, Auckland

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE SHOW:

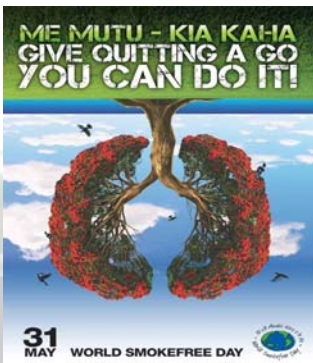
New migrants & refugees; people who have relocated here from other parts of NZ; NGO's, members of community groups; Those who have famil or friends planning to migrate; international students, home-stay parents; job seekers; those changing career paths; employers, recruitment agencies; government officials; school principals, staff and students. Find more from www.migrantexpo.co.nz.

Emergency Services for Adults 24/7 at

Waitakere Hospital deferred until mid June 2011

Unforeseen events have forced Waitemata DHB to postpone the start date for 24-7 emergency services for adults at Waitakere Hospital to mid June 2011. The WDHB board is still committed to opening this service to improve access to health services for the communities of West Auckland.

World Smokefree Day 2011



World Smokefree Day 2011(31 May) is coming up soon, and the theme of the day is all about giving quitting a go – and friends and family supporting those who want to quit. On the 26th of May within Waitakere and the North Shore there will be Smokefree promotions at

Albany, Henderson, Glenfield and Takapuna Westfield malls. Volunteers from a range of organisations will be supporting this initiative at mall displays, ready to talk to people about the range of free options available to help you or your family member to help quit smoking. Approximately 21% of New Zealanders currently smoke. The rate of smoking is higher in Waitakere than on the North Shore. Although the smoking rate is decreasing, we still have a long way to go! For more information about Quit smoking programmes please contact [Leanne Kirton](#), Waitemata DHB Smokefree Coordinator on telephone 486 8920 Ext 3062.

Get to know the new Coordinator for Waitakere Ethnic Board !

Julieth Rivera (pictured below) is the new Coordinator for the Waitakere Ethnic Board (WEB) and comes with a wide range of personal and professional experience



on diversity. *Julieth* was born and raised in Bogota, Colombia, lived in New York City for 12 years and is now making Auckland her new home. *Julieth* comes to the WEB with a solid background in community development. Her role as coordinator is to increase WEB's profile among ethnic

communities and key stakeholders in and around the Waitakere region. *Julieth* will support and guide the board members' efforts in achieving WEB's vision. Specifically, she will be directly involved in the board's advocacy work; project and event management; issue and data analysis; and administrative tasks. *Julieth* is working out of the WEB office in the Waitakere Community Resource Centre, right next door to our Settlement Support office. You can contact her via phone: 8361069 or email: contact@waitakereethnicboard.org.nz Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:30pm.



Auckland Careers Expo

Investing in the future development of New Zealanders, by way of a non-profit community based event, providing job and career information, opportunities and pathways.

<http://www.careers-expo.co.nz/Site/Auckland/>

Where: ASB Showgrounds

217 Greenlane West, Auckland

Thursday 9 June: 10am-3pm & 5pm-7pm

Friday 10 June: 10am-3pm

Saturday 11 June: 10am-4pm

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