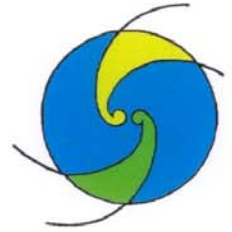




COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT



WAITAKERE ETHNIC BOARD and WAITAKERE CITY COUNCIL

1. PARTIES

A) Waitakere Ethnic Board Incorporated ("WEB")

WEB's official liaison with the Council is the President

WEB's registered office is at:
Waitakere Community Resource Centre
c/o West Auckland District Council of Social Services
8 Ratanui Street,
Henderson,
Waitakere City

(B) Waitakere City Council ("Council")

Council's contact person is the Partnerships & Advocacy Leader: New Migrants

Strategy & Development Directorate
Waitakere City Council
6 Waipareira Ave,
Henderson

2. PURPOSE OF THIS AGREEMENT

This document is the formal agreement between the parties to work together to achieve the common goals set out in Clause 6.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

New Out West was launched in May 2003 in response to the Wellbeing Collaboration Strategy's Call to Action, for migrants and refugees. The WEB was established on 20 September 2003 with the mandate of ethnic community leaders as an outcome of New Out West's Democracy Project. (WEB's constitution as amended from time to time will be appended to the agreement).

The WEB is an ethnic community initiative driven by the desire to participate more actively in New Zealand society and democratic processes, facilitating settlement and providing a platform for advocacy for a growing sector of the Waitakere community.

The WEB is a representative advisory body taking a pro-active, strategic and integrated approach to progressing communities' needs and giving the ethnic communities a "voice" in local and central government.

The Council has made a commitment in its Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) to have a process for engagement with ethnic communities in place and has recognised the WEB as the body representing the City's ethnic communities.

4. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the relationship between the Web and the Council are:

1. A commitment to working together to achieve social cohesion and strong integrated communities in Waitakere City;
2. The inclusion of ethnic perspectives in Council's policy development, service delivery and decision making;
3. To achieve an appropriate level of representation of ethnic communities and reflection of their interests in the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP);
4. To provide a forum for mutual learning about (i) the functions, roles, responsibilities and activities of local and central government and (ii) the issues, concerns, needs and aspirations of the city's ethnic communities;
5. To develop and implement a shared work programme together.

5. PARTNERSHIP PRINCIPLES

The parties acknowledge a commitment to the concept of partnering and agree to adhere to the following partnership principles. To:

- (a) act towards each other honestly and in good faith;
- (b) communicate openly and in a timely manner;
- (c) work in a co-operative and constructive manner with respect, goodwill, trust and integrity towards the other party;
- (d) recognise each other's responsibilities to their stakeholders and the autonomy and independence of each party;
- (e) encourage quality and innovation to achieve positive results for the community;
- (f) acknowledge that diversity is a strength and promote an inclusive approach.

6. COMMON GOALS

- (a) Social inclusion – acceptance and tolerance, respect and acknowledgement of diversity.
- (b) For Waitakere City to become the city of choice for host communities and new settler communities.

(c) Pro-active and timely communication and sharing of information in relation to current and future needs.

(e) Encouraging and promoting activities that foster greater understanding.

7. CONTRIBUTION OF EACH PARTY

(A) Waitakere Ethnic Board

- "In kind" contribution of ethnic community volunteers and community leaders' time to working pro-actively with Councillors, Council staff and ethnic groups and community organisations, to facilitate the settlement and integration of new settler communities;
- Work with the Council to develop an annual shared work programme;
- Support capacity building and community development of ethnic communities and the identification and development of community leaders;
- Attend monthly Executive Committee and Membership meetings and provide regular feedback and advice to the Council on issues and needs.

(B) Waitakere City Council

- Work with WEB to develop and implement an annual shared work programme;
- Engage with the WEB when developing Council's strategic plans, policies and services;
- Assist the WEB to learn about and access Council services, democratic processes and activities;
- Commit staff time through the Partnerships & Advocacy Leader: New Migrants to promote involvement and consultation with ethnic groups in Council activities and assist WEB to achieve their objectives. Issues relating to the commitment of resources (financial or otherwise) will be set out in an appendix to the Agreement which will be reviewable on a three yearly basis;
- Commit funding through the Annual Budget to ethnic community engagement through the Waitakere Ethnic Board which will be reviewable on an annual basis;
- Regular meetings and reports.

DATED THIS 17th DAY OF DECEMBER 2004

WAITAKERE ETHNIC BOARD

President

Secretary

WAITAKERE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor

Council's WEB representative

Chief Executive