

It's been awhile since the last newsletter what with the summer holidays and my short break for the birth of our third child, (a gorgeous wee boy) so I thought I would do a short update for you all on the project.

Calls to Action

We are on our way....

6 out of the 7 Call to Action groups have now met at least once with many collaborative projects already being identified.

The range of projects is amazing and there are good opportunities to get involved in the projects.

A number of people have commented that participation in the groups has other side benefits including getting new information, making contacts and the opportunity to have more dialogue with key people around key issues.

A number of the Call to Action teams have missed the participation of some organisations and individuals so if you have not managed to attend yet please do take the opportunity.

Below is a list of the Calls to Action, the dates of their **next** meeting and the convenors' contacts.

Schools and Communities working together

- 4.00pm to 5.30am
- 10 April
- Henderson High School
- Convenors (interim) Sue Dodds or Mark Allen
- Ph: 836 8000 extn 8438 or 8813
- sue.dodds@waitakere.govt.nz

Reduction of violence to women and children

- 9.30am to 11.00am
- 9 April
- Man Alive
- Convenor Helen Jones WAVES Ph: 838 4834
- helenjones1951@hotmail.com

Families give children a great start

- 9.30am to 11.00am
- 7 April
- 34 Te Pai Place
- Convenor Elizabeth Francke Ph: 817 8130
- francke@ihug.co.nz

Developing a Culture of Inclusion

- 9.00am to 11.00am
- Thursday 1st May
- Sport Waitakere
- Convenor Pat Culham DIWN Ph: 838 1609
- diwn@ihug.co.nz

Access to quality early childhood education

- 9.30am to 11.30am
- Wednesday 2nd April
- Barnados office
- Fourth Floor, John Henry Centre
- Convenor Gayleen Maurice Ph 837 4306

Migrants and Refugees settle successfully in Waitakere City

- 1.00 to 2.30
- 31st March
- Waitakere Community Resource Centre
- Convenor NOW (New Out West) Monica Sharma 838 7103
- wadcoss2@xtra.co.nz

Better Coordinated Planning

One of the features of the Waitakere Wellbeing Collaboration Project has been the mandating by the community at the Wellbeing Summit of the priorities for 2003/04.

This agreement across Waitakere is special and gives us a high level of robustness to the priorities and the ability for us to demonstrate an agreement to priorities in Waitakere .

It has been requested that we produce a summary of the focus areas and the Calls to action as a "Waitakere Collaboration Plan" in the form of a fold out brochure .

One of the key uses for it will be to enable you, our participating organisations, to attach it to your business strategic plans to enable you to easily identify and demonstrate the linkage of your work to the agreed Collaboration priorities.

It will also be an invaluable tool along with the Newsletters to communicate to other agencies, businesses and individuals about the Collaboration project and potentially enrol them in any initiative.

We have assumed that each organisation will need at least five copies but to assist us with production planning could you please indicate if you will require more.

Communication

The next newsletter is currently being finalised so watch for it in your emails and letterboxes. If you would like extra hard copies to circulate to your teams, co-workers and contacts please let me know by return email.

I hope the year has started well for you and your family.

WOSSIP (Waitakere Online Social Services Information Project)

One of my projects is to create a portal through which we can all access information of use to the social services sector in Waitakere. From plans and research to contact and organisational lists

We have recently confirmed that we will work in collaboration with the Child Youth and Family's Local Services Mapping project and will be building on previous directories.

I think that's enough for today but as you can see things are moving along...

Best wishes to you and your family

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