



NORTHERN REGION WEEKLY UPDATE

Week beginning Monday 1st of August 2011

Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs

Pacific Languages Framework - Consultation

Helping New Zealanders of Pacific descent speak in their mother tongue is not just a feel-good initiative. We are engaging in a round of consultations throughout August on the Pacific Languages Framework. The Framework will revitalise, promote and maintain the use of Pacific languages in New Zealand and aims to provide leadership and direction. It also intends to improve the coordination between government and Pacific communities.

We need to be absolutely sure that what we are proposing, as a way of revitalising our languages, is something that will work for communities. This is why we have extended the timeframe for the work so we can consult more widely and thoroughly. A series of consultations is planned in August. Venues will be Whangarei, Central Auckland, Manukau and Hamilton. To view the framework please go to our website at: www.mpia.govt.nz

Those interested can also make written submissions to the Ministry at plfeedback@mpia.govt.nz or by post to PLF Feedback MPIA, PO Box 833, Wellington 6140.

Consultation dates for the Northern Region:

HAMILTON Wednesday 24 August Celebrating Age Centre Victoria Street Hamilton City Council Meeting time 7:00pm – 8:30pm	WHANGAREI Thursday 25 August Northland Pacific Islands Charitable Trust 152 Lower Cameron St Whangarei City Meeting time 6:30pm – 8:00pm
WEST/CENTRAL AUCKLAND Monday 29 August Western Springs Community Hall 956 Great North Road Western Springs Meeting time: 6:30pm -8:00pm	SOUTH AUCKLAND Tuesday 30 August Manukau Civil Centre (former Manukau City Council) Gallery Kotuku House, Manukau Square City Centre Manukau City Meeting time: 6:30pm – 8:00pm

MoneyPACIFIC calendars – Photography competition

The MoneyPACIFIC calendars are back for 2012 and we're excited to announce that there will be separate 2012 calendars for Samoa, Tonga and Vanuatu. We are looking for photos depicting Pacific children and/or families within school, church or community settings in Samoa, Tonga, Vanuatu, Australia or New Zealand. The competition is for photography which we will use for the months in each calendar and also the covers. Entry is free and the winning photos receive some great prizes. Check out the prizes via <http://www.moneypacific.org/competition.html>. Competition closing date is **29th August 2011**.

Community updates

New Zealander of the Year nominations

The New Zealander of the Year Awards recognise, encourage and reward New Zealand's most vital asset - its people. The awards seek out and honour the incredible achievements of individuals, organisations and community groups who inspire us through their commitment, hard work and achievements and create a sense of national pride, unity and inspiration through their example as mentors and role models to the wider community. To nominate go to: <http://www.nzawards.org.nz/Nominatingbr/NominateNow/tabid/36181/Default.aspx>

Knowledge is Power Community Information Days

Local community organisations, government departments and social service providers such as Viola PI Budgeting, Work and Income, New Zealand police, Consumer Affairs, Housing New Zealand, IRD, Christians against poverty and many more will be offering free information sessions in locations around South Auckland. For information on dates and times please contact Helen Amituanai on 09 5803666

FREE Home Ownership Workshop

Home ownership workshops in Central, East and South Auckland register now with Career works at Email: home@careerworks.co.nz, website: www.careerworks.co.nz/firststeps or phone 09 636 0921 Fax: 09 636 9077

Consultation on ECE Taskforce Report

The independent Early Childhood Education (ECE) Taskforce, established by Education Minister Anne Tolley in October last year, released its report An Agenda for Amazing Children on 1 June 2011. The report outlines the ECE Taskforce's recommendations to Government on the future direction of ECE in New Zealand.

There is an eight week public consultation period on the recommendations made in the ECE Taskforce report. The consultation began on 15 June 2011 and will end on **8 August 2011**. Parents, whanau, employers and the ECE sector are being encouraged to take part in the consultation process so that Government can consider public feedback before working through the recommendations. For more information go to <http://www.lead.ece.govt.nz/LeadHome/ManagementInformation/RecentAnnouncements/ConsultationECETaskforce.aspx>

Or e-mail: ECE.TaskforceConsultation@minedu.govt.nz

Local board Plans – Submissions

Auckland has 21 local boards representing local communities from Te Hana in the north to Waiuku in the south. Now is the time for you to take a look at the draft plan for your area and let your local board know if it is on the right track. Submissions will be open from 8 July until **8 August 2011**. Summary brochure in Maori, Simplified Chinese, Korean, Tongan and Samoan is available online.

Please visit

<http://aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/EN/AboutCouncil/PlansPoliciesPublications/localboardplans/Pages/home.aspx> to find out how you can contribute to the Local Board plans.

Signing of the Kia Tūtahi relationship accord

Following the official signing ceremony of the Kia Tūtahi Standing Together Relationship Accord on 1 August 2011, there will be opportunities for community members to sign up to the Accord at regional meetings. You are warmly invited to attend the Auckland regional meeting.

Where: Papakura Marae, 29 Hunua Rd, Papakura, Auckland

When: 9 August 2011, 11am to 12.30pm

At the meeting, an edited video of the signing ceremony will be shown, and an opportunity will be provided to sign the Accord and to share your ideas about implementing it, followed by refreshments. As numbers are limited, you need to RSVP to ocvs@dia.govt.nz by 3 August 2011.

Visa changes for religious workers

Visa changes have been announced by the Government today that provide a pathway for religious workers to gain New Zealand residency. For more information visit www.immigration.govt.nz/migrant/general/generalinformation/news/religiouswork.htm

Auckland Measles Outbreak



The Auckland region is now in its second and largest measles outbreak for 2011. It began in mid-May and, two months later, the number of people infected with measles continues to rise. Measles is a serious and highly infectious disease that can make people very sick. For information on the latest Outbreak Status please go to. <http://www.arphs.govt.nz>. Measles Fact Sheets <http://www.arphs.govt.nz/notifiable/measles.asp>

Waikato Community Hub Facility Survey

For some time now there has been discussion about the possibility of community and volunteer organisations coming together under one roof. This survey is the first step to determine whether or not there is any interest from community and volunteer sector organisations in coming together and being housed within one facility and also what the facility could look like in terms of physicality, resource and service provision. After the survey has been completed by the 15 August 2011 and the data collated the results will be made available on request to those who contribute to the survey. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SP8X3QQ>

Navigate – The 2011 New Zealand Youth Mentoring Conference

Youth Mentoring Network are proud to announce that Conference registrations are open. If you work with young people, then you can't afford to miss out on this valuable 2 days - so REGISTER NOW!

What: NAVIGATE - The 2011 New Zealand Youth Mentoring Conference

When: 16th & 17th August 2011

Where: Novotel Hotel, Ellerslie, Auckland, NZ

See website for further details. www.youthmentoring.org.nz

Consultation on new fees to support NZQF implementation

NZQA is seeking comment on proposals to introduce fees for two quality assurance activities for which there are currently no fees. These are a fee for qualification developers for qualification pre-approval and a fee for the approval of training programmes. Feedback is also sought on quality assurance approval criteria for training programmes. While NZQA will accept hard-copy responses, they would prefer that you respond via the online questionnaire. <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/fee-survey>. Please note the deadline for submissions is **19 August 2011**.

NZ Diversity Forum - Hamilton

As part of the NZ Diversity Forum are meeting once again at the Claudelands Convention centre. This programme gives us an insight into the treasures the museum brings to the community working with libraries.

What: NZ Diversity Forum librarians - Hamilton

When: **Monday 22 August** 11am -12:30pm.

Where: Claudelands Convention centre

Please register your interest and give an indication of numbers attending by emailing

Shivangi.Pradhan@Aucklandcouncil.govt.nz or Ada.Nally@wcc.govt.nz

For more information please go to: <http://www.hrc.co.nz/race-relations/new-zealand-diversity-forum/>

Talanoa Oceania 2011 Conference

Pasifika@Massey of Massey University will host the Talanoa Oceania 2011 Conference. The designated theme for the 2011 conference is 'Niu-flavours'.

What: Talanoa Oceania 2011 Conference

When: **28 to 30 November 2011**

Where: Albany campus, North Shore, Auckland, New Zealand from

Massey University will be taking on-line registrations until **22 November 2011**. Please go to:

<http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/learning/departments/pace/services/conference-services/upcoming-events/talanoa-oceania-2011-conference.cfm>

Education and careers / scholarships / awards / residencies

Free study options for 16 & 17 year-olds at MIT

16 & 17 year-olds have the chance to study for free entry criteria apply. As part of the Governments Youth Guarantee scheme, MIT has free study options for young people to study for a tertiary qualification. Visit MIT at their information evenings **4th August**. For more information call 0800 Youth G or go to www.manukau.ac.nz

Attitude Awards 2011

Nominations are open and will close on **7th August 2011**. Get ready to celebrate the achievements and potential of the thousands of Kiwis living with a disability. Winners of the seven categories will be announced at a black tie gala dinner at Auckland's new Viaduct Events Centre. Be sure to forward your nominations and secure your tickets to the event; visit the website at www.attitudepictures.com for inquiries contact sue@attitudepictures.com

Creative New Zealand is offering new grants to support Pacific heritage arts

KAVA grant of \$7,500 to support a mentoring proposal (up to 3 people can be involved in project) to learn from a senior heritage artist in NZ or in the Pacific Islands. 3 x MOANA Community Festival grants \$2,500ea to isolated groups outside of Auckland, Wellington & Christchurch. Deadline for both grants **12th August, 2011**. For more information go to Kava & Moana on our Creative New Zealand website <http://www.creativenz.govt.nz/en/getting-funded/find-funding-opportunities/artform/pacific-arts>

TeachNZ mid-year early childhood education scholarships

Applications **officially open on 1 August 2011** the application information and forms are live on their website now and can be found here: <http://www.teachnz.govt.nz/scholarships/mid-year-early-childhood-education-scholarships/>

There's also a video guide or 'Online Helper' to assist students with the application process here: <http://www.teachnz.govt.nz/scholarships/online-helper/>

Auckland Regional Youth Sector Network Free Youth Work Training

Thanks to the support from Auckland Regional Youth Sector Network (an Ara Taiohi Network) and COGS funding we are able to provide Free Youth Work Training for up to 15 people over four days, **Monday and Tuesday 29th & 30th August** and **5th and 6th September**.

The training will give information and knowledge required to complete the Level 3 National Certificate in Youth Work (40 Credits) and empower people working with Youth to know they are working safely and effectively. It is ideal for junior youth workers. Max 2 per organization.

To register please email shonaballigner@xtra.co.nz with your contact details, organization you work or volunteer for and your role. Or phone on 0274871715 for enquires regarding the training or enrolling onto the Youth Work Certificate Work Base programme. Only 15 spaces available so be in quick.

Funding opportunities

Office for Disability Issues Making a Difference Fund opens.

The Making a Difference Fund - Round Two has opened. Applications are due by **2 September 2011**. The Fund is part of the campaign to improve attitudes and behaviours towards disabled people. The Making a Difference Fund gives priority to projects that are collaborative, have support from across the community and have a well-thought-out plan to effect local change. Seven projects were supported through the first round of funding in April 2011. Read more about the Making a Difference Fund, download the application form, or read about the first round projects at: <http://www.odi.govt.nz/what-we-do/improving-attitudes-and-behaviours/index.html>

FACS Funding News

The latest FACS funding news which gives an overview of the FACS funding available to community groups is available online at <http://www.familyservices.govt.nz/working-with-us/funding-and-contracting/funding-at-facs/index.html>

Lottery Community

The Department of Internal Affairs administers Lottery grants. Information about Lottery grants, and the other grants and Community Advisory Services offered by Internal Affairs, is located on the www.communitymatters.govt.nz

The Fletcher Trust – Auckland

The Trust aims to assist in funding for historical projects, arts and culture, community, education and youth. Individuals or travel expenses not eligible. Closing Date **27 October 2011**, to be received by

8am. Apply by letter to the contact below - No application forms. Paul Pirani Manager, The Fletcher Trust, Private Bag 92-114, Auckland, Ph: 09 525 9250, www.fletchertrust.co.nz

EOI/Vacancies/Volunteers

Two roles Business Support Manager (full-time) Ambassador (part-time)



Business Support Manager (Full-time). Ambassador (Part-time) required for new and exciting Cook Islands Development Projects. Positions are based in Mangere, Auckland. To register your interest, email Ina Michael for a job description, ina@cidanz.co.nz. Cook Islands Taokotaianga Charitable Trust t/a Cook Islands Development Agency NZ (CIDANZ). Registrations and applications close Friday **5 August 2011**.

Settlement Support NZ Co-ordinator (Auckland – central)

An exciting opportunity exists for a suitably experienced person passionate about assisting newcomers to settle well in Auckland. The purpose of the role is to facilitate improved provision of settlement information and responsive mainstream services, for newcomers settling in the Auckland Central area. The successful candidate will have strong stakeholder networks, and sound knowledge relating to migrant communities and issues. Go to www.arms-mrc.org.nz/JobVacancies.aspx for more information. Applications close **5 August 2011** at 5:00pm

Submissions to the 2011 Pacific Dance Choreographic Lab

Pacific Dance New Zealand in association with DANZ, Auckland Council and Creative NZ is calling out for submissions to the 2011 Pacific Dance Choreographic Lab. Choreographers are asked to send an expression of interest form (attached) with a CV and description of the work they would like to develop during this three-week 'Choreographic Lab'. Dancers are also asked to respond as to their availability during the lab taking place between the **26th September** and the **14th October 2011**.

For more information contact: Filoi Vaila'au, Email auckland@pacificdance.co.nz phone 09 3700487

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