



# NORTHERN REGION COMMUNITY UPDATES

## Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> April 2011

### MINISTRY NOTICES

#### Stakeholder Satisfaction survey – Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs

The Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs aims to provide leadership and enable improved outcomes for Pacific peoples. We focus on two key outcomes: lifting incomes and living standards, cohesive and resilient families and communities.

Improving our performance is key to serving the Pacific community and realising the Government's vision for Pacific peoples.

We would like to invite you, as a valued **organisation** to our Ministry, to help us. We have compiled a brief (five minute) questionnaire which you can find at this link:

<http://www.datasyn.co.nz/Online-forms/MinistryOfPacificIslandAffairs/StakeholderSurvey.htm>

We would be grateful if you could find time in your very busy schedule to take part in our survey. Closing date is **18 April**.

#### Pacific Languages Strategy

The Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs is currently working on the Pacific Languages Strategy. The Pacific Languages Strategy is being developed as a framework to protect and promote the use of Pacific languages in New Zealand.

We are currently looking at what government and Pacific Island groups are doing in New Zealand that protects and promotes Pacific languages.

We would like to know what **you and your community groups** are doing that relates or contributes to protecting and promoting Pacific languages. This could be involvement in but not limited to:

- producing a resource in a Pacific language
- comment on a local council policy or guidelines/best practice for Pacific communities
- providing translation services in a Pacific language
- research/evaluation project that has all/some part focused on Pacific language promotion
- a local Pacific community production/event(s)
- a service for Pacific communities elderly/children/youth
- a community or agency programme/resource/initiative/working group

### Let us know:

1. What are you doing in your community to protect and promote Pacific languages?
2. What is the name of your initiative/event?
3. What is the name of your group/organisation and your contact details?

Send us your feedback by Thursday **21 April**. You can send your feedback by email to [theresa.fabricius@mpia.govt.nz](mailto:theresa.fabricius@mpia.govt.nz) or by post to:

**Theresa Fabricius**  
**Pacific Languages Strategy**  
**Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs**  
**PO Box 833**  
**Wellington 6140**

For further information please telephone Theresa Fabricius on (04) 495 0028.

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Registrations are open for Pacific Quota

Registration for this year's Pacific Quota ballot opened on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April and closes at the end of the month. Between now and then citizens of Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu and Kiribati can submit their registration applications for New Zealand residence under the 2011 Samoa Quota (SQ) and Pacific Access Category (PAC) ballots.

The two schemes allow up to 1100 Samoan citizens, up to 75 citizens of Kiribati, 75 citizens of Tuvalu and 250 citizens of Tonga to be granted residence in New Zealand every year. The principal applicant must have a job offer from a New Zealand employer.

Ballot registration forms can either be collected from the nearest Immigration New Zealand branch or downloaded from [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz) For further information contact the DoL media line on 0274 422 141 or email [media@dol.govt.nz](mailto:media@dol.govt.nz)

### Key changes to the Employment Relations Act 2000 and the Holidays Act 2003

Most changes to the Employment Relations Act 2000 and the Holidays Act 2003 come into effect on 1 April 2011. Below are some of the key changes that may impact on your business.

#### Employment Relations Act 2000:

- All employers will be able to offer a 90 day trial period to new staff
- There is a change to the test of justification used by the Authority or the court to determine if a dismissal or employer's action was unjustified
- An employer's consent must now be obtained before a union can access a workplace
- There has been clarification that employers can communicate with employees during collective bargaining as long as such communication is in good faith
- From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011, employers will be required to retain signed copies of individual employment agreements.

#### Holidays Act 2003

- Employees will be able to request that their employer cashes up a maximum of one of their four weeks of annual leave

- Employees will be able to request to transfer a public holiday and observe it on another working day
- A new averaging formula can be used if it is not possible or practicable to work out relevant daily pay or if an employee's daily pay varies in the relevant pay period
- Employers will be able to require an employee to provide proof of sickness or injury within the first three consecutive calendar days of taking sick leave, if they inform the employee as early as possible that proof is required, and agree to meet the reasonable expenses of obtaining the proof
- Changes to the rules around taking alternative holidays.

Find out more about the changes go to [www.ers.dol.govt.nz](http://www.ers.dol.govt.nz)

## Television is going digital

Changes are occurring to television broadcasting, heralding an end to the old analogue television signal that New Zealanders have experienced since 1960. Around seven out of ten households in New Zealand have already gone digital—if you use Freeview, Sky or Telstraclear services you are already watching digital television. Benefits of the digital signal include fantastic picture, more channels, great sound and an on-screen-TV guide. Depending on the region, analogue cut-off dates will be between September 2012 and November 2013.

You don't need a new television set to watch digital TV—but you will need a set-top box (most new televisions have the UHF one built-in) and UHF aerial (UHF will be available in most areas, but not all) or a satellite set-top-box and satellite dish.

Community Advisor, Pila Fatu is available talk about the changes—and answer questions groups may have. Please contact Pila by email on [Pila.Fatu@goingdigital.co.nz](mailto:Pila.Fatu@goingdigital.co.nz) Further information can be found at [www.goingdigital.co.nz](http://www.goingdigital.co.nz) or 0800 838 800.

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## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

### The New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO is pleased to invite expressions of interest for a youth representative to serve on the Education Sub-Commission.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation works worldwide to improve education through technical advice, standard setting, innovative projects, capacity building and networking. Appointed and funded by the New Zealand Government, the New Zealand National Commission represents UNESCO; manages relationships with key stakeholders; and coordinates advice to the organisation on future programmes. The National Commission works to promote UNESCO's vision, goals and programmes within New Zealand and the Pacific.

The five Sub-Commissions focused upon UNESCO's key programme areas provide advice to the National Commission. In recognition of the importance of youth participation, a youth representative is appointed to each Sub-Commission. Together, these representatives also constitute a Youth Bureau, which contributes a youth perspective to the work of the Commission.

The applicant should be aged between 18 and 25 and demonstrate:

- A strong commitment to the UNESCO ideals;
- Knowledge and interest in the education sector, particularly as it pertains to the work of UNESCO;
- Strong networks in the youth sector;
- An understanding of youth issues.

### **Closes before Monday 2nd of May**

More information contact

Vicki Soanes

Education Programme Officer, New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO

[vicki.soanes@minedu.govt.nz](mailto:vicki.soanes@minedu.govt.nz) Please note this is an unpaid role, although associated expenses will be covered. For further information, please call (04) 463 8626

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## **CHRISTCHURCH EARTHQUAKE**

### **What you can do:**

#### **Donate to Red Cross:**

All funds raised will be used towards the New Zealand Red Cross response to the disaster, including transport and provision of goods. As weeks go by different needs will be identified and Red Cross will be there for the long haul with your help. Free phone: **0800 754 726**

#### **Donate to Salvation Army:**

The Salvation Army has re-launched its Canterbury Earthquake Appeal in expectation of the great humanitarian need in the region. The Salvation Army is accepting monetary donations and offers of volunteers. We are not requiring clothing at this time. Your donation will strengthen our response to help those in need. Thank you for your support. Freephone: **0800 53 00 00**

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## **SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**

### **Sir Peter Blake Trust seeks nominations for the 2011 Leadership Awards**

The Sir Peter Blake Trust is seeking nominations for New Zealand's premier Leadership Awards, which identify the achievements of leaders who add value to our nation.

#### **The Blake Medal**

Is the premium award for outstanding leadership achievement in New Zealand. Its purpose is to identify, acknowledge and celebrate great New Zealand leaders who have made an outstanding contribution to this country.

#### **The Sir Peter Blake Emerging Leader Award**

The Emerging Leader Award recognises and celebrates leaders of considerable potential and encourages them to develop their leadership potential. Up to six awards are conferred at the Sir Peter Blake Leadership Awards.

For more information and to request nomination forms contact: Siobhan O'kane Programme Director: [Siobhan@sirpeterblaketrust.org](mailto:Siobhan@sirpeterblaketrust.org) or go to [www.sirpeterblaketrust.org](http://www.sirpeterblaketrust.org) Nominations close on **26<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

### **Pacific Dance Artist in Residence 2011**

Pacific Dance New Zealand, in partnership with Auckland Council and Dance Aotearoa New Zealand and supported by Creative New Zealand, is now inviting submissions for the Auckland-based '*Pacific Dance Artist in Residence 2011.*'

This exciting new dance residency is offered to an established New Zealand based dancer, dance choreographer or a director of Pacific Island descent with a proven track record of working in a community and or professional theatre context.

The residency will be carried out in South Auckland for 8 weeks starting 4 June 2011. The successful applicant will be given the opportunity to create a dance work with participants from the community, culminating in a public showing at the Metro Theatre (Mangere East Hall) on 31 July 2011.

Applications close Friday **29 April** 2011, 3.00pm.

For more details about the Pacific Dance Artist in Residence, please click on the following link [http://www.pacificdance.co.nz/residency\\_2011.php](http://www.pacificdance.co.nz/residency_2011.php)

For enquires, you can contact Filoi Vaila'au on (09) 3700487 or email [auckland@pacificdance.co.nz](mailto:auckland@pacificdance.co.nz)

### **Ministry of Education's Aspire Scholarships**

Applications have opened for the 2012 round of the Ministry of Education's Aspire Scholarship, with at least 50 Aspire Scholarships available for Year 9 students.

The Aspire Scholarship is for students from low income families who would like to attend a New Zealand private secondary school. The scholarship contributes up to \$15,000 a year for private secondary school tuition fees and up to \$1,500 a year for course related costs, while the student is at that school. Applications must be received at the Ministry of Education National Office in Wellington by 5pm on **9 May** 2011. All eligible applications will go in a ballot and the available scholarships will be drawn at random.

For an application pack: visit [www.minedu.govt.nz/aspire](http://www.minedu.govt.nz/aspire)

E-mail [aspire.scholarship@minedu.govt.nz](mailto:aspire.scholarship@minedu.govt.nz)

Phone your local/regional Ministry of Education office.

### **EEO Trust Work and Life Awards 2011**

Entries are now open for the EEO Trust Work & Life Awards 2011 which acknowledge and celebrate employers who bring creativity and commitment to meeting today's employment challenges and preparing for tomorrow's.

Although the entry deadline of **May 19th** at 12 noon may seem a long way off, now is the perfect time to start putting an entry together. The Awards categories have been simplified this year and are:

- Tomorrow's Workforce Award
- Diversity Award
- Work & Life Award
- Skills Highway Award
- Walk the Talk Award

Entering is straightforward, with entries capped at a maximum of six A4-sized single-sided pages for all Award categories except for the Walk the Talk category which is capped at a maximum of four A4-sized single-sided pages.

Additional relevant material may be included as appendices and attachments – these are in addition to the stated maximum entry size. Entry guidelines and category questions are available at: [www.eostrust.org.nz/awards/awards.cfm](http://www.eostrust.org.nz/awards/awards.cfm)

### **New Horizons - Opportunities for women**

Each year the New Horizons for Women Trust offers a number of Second Chance Education and Training Awards to support women who have not previously attained higher qualification to study at a tertiary institution in New Zealand. Applications for 2011 are now open. Closing date for applications is **31 May 2011**. <http://www.newhorizonsforwomen.org.nz/awards/apply-for-awards/>

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## WRITING OPPORTUNITY

### Playmarket Brown Ink Clinics

Play market is committed to supporting Maori and Pasifika playwrights. Our Brown Ink development programme in 2010 was very successful. Both the works selected for development were later honoured in the 2011 Adam New Zealand Play Awards.

We invite all Maori and Pasifika playwrights in Auckland to submit new and original work for Brown Ink. The winning scripts will receive - one-to-one script advice & a full day clinic with a script advisor /director and actors.

#### Criteria

- New and original unproduced script
- Must be a complete full draft with
- Synopsis
- List of all characters
- All pages numbered
- Playwright's contact details

Submission Deadline – **July 8<sup>th</sup>**. To enter email: [jenni@playmarket.org.nz](mailto:jenni@playmarket.org.nz)  
For more details call Jenni Heka – Maori and Pasifika Advisor 09 365 2648

### Plays for the young: Playmarket

Playmarket is putting a special effort into gathering and co-ordinating the best of all plays that are aimed at young people, from adaptations of fairy tales for tiny children, to plays written by teachers especially for the classroom, to the most searing explorations of adolescence written by teenagers themselves - with no limits on length or cast size. Playmarket aims to encourage strong, original and inventive writing for young people both from those new to writing for the young, and the experienced. Visit their website for more information:

[http://www.playmarket.org.nz/opportunities/plays\\_for\\_the\\_young\\_competition](http://www.playmarket.org.nz/opportunities/plays_for_the_young_competition) The next deadline is **31 July** 2011.

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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### New Zealand Winston Churchill Memorial Trust

Churchill Fellowships are intended for travel, typically between three weeks and three months in duration, for intensive research. The Trust helps all kinds of New Zealanders - including community workers, engineers, business people, actors, teachers, nuns, artists - to travel overseas and bring back with them new insights and understanding that will enrich their community and, ultimately, New Zealand as a whole.

The Trust will make a contribution to the all-inclusive costs of travel of the successful applicants. The average grant is from \$5,000 to \$7,000. However, consideration will be given for grants of up to \$10,000. **Applications close on 31 July each year.** Fellowships are announced during December.

**Application form:** Applicants must use the NZ Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Fellowship Application form available on website [www.dia.govt.nz/Services-Trust-%26-Fellowship-Grants-New-Zealand-Winston-Churchill-Memorial-Trust](http://www.dia.govt.nz/Services-Trust-%26-Fellowship-Grants-New-Zealand-Winston-Churchill-Memorial-Trust) .

The Committee particularly encourages applications relating to: general public health studies, including mental and dental health, studies relevant to Māori health, especially in association with Māori health researchers, studies relating to Pacific health.

### Lottery Community Sector Research

The Lottery Community Sector Research Fund is now accepting Research Idea applications for the 2011/12 funding year. This Committee considers applications from community organisations to carry out research and/or evaluation projects. Community organisations can either undertake projects independently or in partnership with a suitable provider. Applications can be made for grants to fully fund both the carrying out of research and/or evaluation projects and the communication of their findings. Eligible projects must help community organisations develop their research and evaluation skills. Research Idea considered close at 4pm on **4 May 2011.** <http://www.cdgo.govt.nz/>

### Lottery Health Research - PhD Scholarships

The Lottery Health Research Committee awards up to two scholarships each year. They are for PhD students planning a career in health research who enrol at a New Zealand university. Assistance of \$28,333 per annum for a maximum of three years (i.e. a total possible grant of \$85,000) is provided.

Lottery Health Research distributes grants to support:

- Research into the cause, prevention and treatment of disorders affecting the health of New Zealanders
- Research which will lead to advances in health and bio-medical science for the ultimate benefit of all New Zealanders
- The development, maintenance and retention of a highly skilled workforce of health and bio-medical researchers in New Zealand.

The Committee particularly encourages applications relating to:

- General public health studies, including mental and dental health
- Studies relevant to Māori health, especially in association with Māori health researchers
- Studies relating to Pacific health.

<http://www.cdgo.govt.nz/UploadFiles/GrantDocuments/PDFs/6a4b0b03/LHR%20Information%20Sheet%2017-5-10.pdf>

### Auckland Communities Foundation (Manukau Fund) is currently seeking applications for Community Grants – Supporting Manukau.

The Foundation is seeking applications from community groups that provide services in the Manukau area (what was Manukau City) that support families and communities. The Foundation is particularly interested in projects that address one or more of the following areas:

1. Maori, migrant or refugee
2. Early intervention – parenting and child safety
3. Youth development

Auckland Communities Foundation (Manukau Fund) manages these grants in its capacity as the Tindall Foundation funding manager for the Manukau area. If your organisation provides services in any of these areas you may wish to apply for funding for a specific project or programme. **Applications close at 5pm on 21st April, 2011.** Please direct enquiries to Penny Olson at [p.olson@aucklandcf.org.nz](mailto:p.olson@aucklandcf.org.nz) or call 09 277 8833.

### **Whānau Integration, Innovation and Engagement Fund (WIIE) Fund – Whānau Planning.**

The Whānau Integration, Innovation and Engagement Fund (WIIE) is available to help whānau move to greater self-reliance and self-management by: strengthening whānau connections and engagement; developing whānau leadership and building whānau knowledge, skills and capabilities to achieve their goals and aspirations.

The application is to be used for WIIE Fund whānau planning to a maximum level of \$5,000 per whānau plan. For advice about the WIIE Fund or assistance and to complete an application, please contact your local Te Puni Kōkiri office. or For further details you could go online at: <http://www.tpk.govt.nz/mi/newsevents/news/archive/2010/12/9/call-for-applications-wiie-fund/> or e-mail [info@tpk.govt.nz](mailto:info@tpk.govt.nz)

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### **Ministry of Pacific Island affairs Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) Seed Fund for Pacific Business**

The Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs works to improve economic wellbeing and living standards for Pacific people and strengthen Pacific families and Communities. For the past three years the Ministry has partnered with the Young Enterprise Trust to support young Pacific people within the Young Enterprise Scheme by awarding the top Pacific team with an award for excellence in Pacific business. The Ministry supports the scheme and acknowledges the value of activity where qualifications can be gained and incorporates an in school focus.

All Pacific teams within YES are eligible to apply for this fund a Pacific team is defined as being a team where at least 50% of members are of Pacific ethnicity. To be considered please download the application form. <http://www.yetrust.co.nz/YES/documents/SeedFundApplication.pdf>

Closing date is **Friday 15 April 2011** applications must reach the Ministry by this date or they will not be accepted. Funding decisions will be announced on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April.**

### **SKIP Local Initiatives Fund**

The SKIP Local Initiatives Fund supports local communities to explore innovative ways to increase the use of positive parenting by parents and whānau of children aged 0-5. Successful initiatives develop and try new ways to get parenting messages to those who may not otherwise hear them.

Thinking of making an application?

Call or send an email to discuss your application to Andrea Sarty, 04 978 4151  
[andrea.sarty001@msd.govt.nz](mailto:andrea.sarty001@msd.govt.nz) or Alan Jones, 04 916 3397 [alan.jones020@msd.govt.nz](mailto:alan.jones020@msd.govt.nz)

### Closing dates for the Local Initiatives Fund (LIF)

**12 August 2011** - for summer grants up to a maximum of seven months there is a \$15,000\* limit.  
 Initiatives will run between November 2011 and June 2012.

\*excluding GST

## EVENTS CALENDAR 2011

Month	Date	Event Details	Venue	Contact
April	7 – 21 <sup>st</sup> of May	<b>Weaving a Scent of the Pacific</b> Presentation of stories by Valerie Hunton	Opening hours Monday – Saturday 12.30 – 9.30pm Sunday 1:00 – 4.30pm or by arrangement. Venue His International Mission, Te Huruhi Trust 11 Line Road Glen Innes	e-mail <a href="mailto:tehuruhitrust@xtra.co.nz">tehuruhitrust@xtra.co.nz</a>
	18-20	<b>SKIP – Free Skip Parenting Programme</b>  SKIP for parents is a community based program funded by family service.	Te Rapakau Pacific Trust. 27b Norton Rd Hamilton 10am-12noon	Contact Peni Seru on 07 8481002 <a href="mailto:peni@terapakau.co.nz">peni@terapakau.co.nz</a>
	20-21	<b>Penina Alcohol and other drugs – consumer training</b> 2 day free train training package is to equip Pacific people with Alcohol and Other Drugs information/Tool.	Botanic Garden (Friends Room), 102 Hill Rd, Manurewa. 9am to 3pm	Contact: Ingridanushka Tinai 09 2697989 <a href="mailto:aod2@peninahealth.org.nz">aod2@peninahealth.org.nz</a>
	23-30	<b>Niue Cultural and Arts Festival</b> TAONAGA TUFUGA NIUE 2011 'Ponataki Fakalataha' "BIND TOGETHER" Our culture, Our People, Our Livelihoods"	Island of Niue	<a href="http://niuefestival.com">http://niuefestival.com</a>
May	14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>How to write/publish a Family Book Workshop</b> The workshop is designed	Cook Islands Workshop 9.30am – 1pm	Register interest with Morrie Ann Togiahoe

		to answer all the questions above and cover the basics	Atiu Hall 7 Atiu Place Mangere  Niue Workshop 2pm – 5pm Atiu Hall 7 Atiu Place Mangere	0220 123 500 <a href="mailto:Morrie17@hotmail.com">Morrie17@hotmail.com</a>
	28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>How to write/publish a Family Book Workshop</b> The workshop is designed to answer all the questions above and cover the basics	Pacific Workshop 9.30am -1pm Henderson High School	Register interest with Morrie Ann Toghahoe 0220 123 500 <a href="mailto:Morrie17@hotmail.com">Morrie17@hotmail.com</a>
	28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>P.A.C.I.F.I.C.A Northern Regional Mini Conference</b>  Hosted by the Tamaki Branch Auckland	9:00am – 4.30pm Te Poho O Tamaki Marae (Tamaki College) Elstree Avenue, Glen Innes Auckland.	e-mail <a href="mailto:pacifica.tamaki@gmail.com">pacifica.tamaki@gmail.com</a>

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