



NORTHERN REGION COMMUNITY UPDATES

Week beginning 14th March 2011

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.

The Ministry seeks to increase the number of Pacific students within YES and to support teams to continue to develop their products beyond YES. We believe that young Pacific people who have been a part of YES are better equipped to become business owners in the future.

It is understood that available financial resource is a barrier to young Pacific people and Pacific teams participating. The Ministry is in a position to address this barrier in 2011. The Ministry will fund successful Pacific teams to a maximum of \$500.00

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 26th April**.

VACANCIES

New Zealand Qualifications Authority NZQA - Moderators for unit standards

Part-time contract Closing date: 21 Mar 2011

NZQA is seeking applications for the role of moderator for unit standards in the following tertiary moderation systems:

- Adult Education and Training
- Business and Management (particularly Māori Business and Management, Project Management and Business Administration)

- Communication Skills (Levels 4-8)
- Core Skills (including Core Generic, Personal Financial Management, Service Sector Core Skills, Communication Skills Levels 1-3)
- English for Speakers of Other Languages
- Ngā Mahi a te Whare Pora.

The closing date for applications is Monday 21st of March 2011, and the advertisement and application form can be found in the following link: <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/about-us/working-at-nzqa/vacancies/moderators-for-unit-standards/>



Administrator (Part Time)

The Fonua Ola Network consists of eight Pacific social service providers committed to serving the community. Its primary role is to build collaborative relationships within the network to enhance social service delivery to the wider Auckland community.

The Administrator role is expected to support the Executive Officer to carry out Fonua Ola initiatives and objectives.

The ideal candidate must have:

- Confidence to work independently with minimum supervision
- Honesty, integrity and passion for making a difference to the lives of Pacific communities
- Experience in coordination of projects
- Excellent writing skills
- Excellent IT skills- capable of using Windows Microsoft Word, Publisher, Excel, Converting files
- Experience in administration, website maintenance and newsletter
- Some experience in financial management
- A can do attitude towards supporting the network
- A good understanding of any of the Pacific cultures

Successful applicant/s must have a clean police record and a full clean driver's license.

Please contact Fiva on 09 828 0347 or Brenda on 09 620 6529 for more information about the application process. **Applications close: Friday 25 March 2011.** Applications in writing accompanied by CV should be addressed to:

Fiva Faalau

Fonua Ola Network

PO Box Number 19008 Avondale, Auckland

CHRISTCHURCH EARTHQUAKE

WHERE TO FIND HELP IN AUCKLAND

IMPORTANT

Where you are caring for family that have arrived from Christchurch, for support, it is advised that you visit the reception centres there are many agencies that can help following the earthquake. Here's a brief outline of the services and support available in Auckland. **PLEASE NOTE THE RECEPTION CENTRES WILL BE CLOSING SOON** where by families will then have to go to the different agencies for support.

1. Emergency assistance

- Call the **Earthquake Government Helpline** on **0800 779 997** for information and emergency financial support. Its open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- If you arrive at Auckland Airport, you can get emergency assistance at the **Auckland Reception centre, located at Faith City Church, 13 Lambie Drive, Manukau**. There is a shuttle from the airport to this reception centre.
- If you arrive at Whenuapai Airport, you can get immediate assistance at the **Whenuapai Reception Centre when you get off the plane**.
- **The Reception Centres are staffed by a range of agencies that can provide immediate support. These include the Auckland Council, Red Cross, Victim Support and the Ministry of Social Development.**

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Advice on donating:

The Charities Commission advises that it's best to give to large well-known charities and suggest if anyone ever has a doubt about donating to a charity, they can check it out on the [Charities Register website](#). Donations can be made to the following such charities:

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**

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**

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

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

E-mail aspire.scholarship@minedu.govt.nz

Phone your local/regional Ministry of Education office.

University of Tasmania Elite PhD Scholarship Opportunity: Cognitive & Behavioural support for cigarette smokers trying to quit.

The University of Tasmania (UTAS), Australia is currently offering an Elite PhD Scholarship as part of an NHMRC-funded study evaluating a cognitive and behavioural support program designed to assist smokers attempting to quit:

<http://www.utas.edu.au/graduate-research/elite/medical--and--health-sciences/pharmacy/cognitive-and-behavioural-support-for-cigarette-smokers-trying-to-quit>

Elite scholarships are valued at AUD\$30,000 tax free per annum, and successful candidates also receive a laptop computer. A site visit can be arranged for promising Australian and NZ applicants. More details on Elite Scholarships can be found here:

<http://www.utas.edu.au/graduate-research/elite/laptop--and--site-visit>

Fulbright New Zealand and Creative New Zealand – Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer’s Residency Award

Fulbright New Zealand and Creative New Zealand invite applications for the 2011 Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer’s Residency, an award which offers a New Zealand writer of Pacific heritage the opportunity to work for three months on a creative writing project exploring Pacific identity, culture or history at the University of Hawai’i. The project may be in any genre, but priority is given to works that focus on developing New Zealand literature in the genres of fiction, poetry, drama, non-fiction (including biography, history, arts-related and cultural topics) and playwriting.

The residency is valued at NZ\$30,000 and includes return airfares to Hawai’i, accommodation costs and a monthly stipend. This year’s Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer’s Residency is available from August to November 2011. **The deadline for applications is 5:00pm, Friday 1 April.**

See <http://www.fulbright.org.nz/awards/nz-cnz.html> or contact Felicity Birch or Makerita Urale at Creative New Zealand for further information:

felicity.birch@creativenz.govt.nz / (04) 498 0735

makerita.urale@creativenz.govt.nz / (04) 498 0729

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.eeotrust.org.nz/awards/awards.cfm

Barbara Wood Memorial Foundation

The [scholarships](#) are available to tertiary students who were born in the South Pacific region. Students wishing to study in New Zealand or anywhere in the South Pacific are eligible for funds.

AFS Pasifika Scholarship

[AFS New Zealand](#) is offering scholarships for Pacific Island students to take up the challenge to live and study overseas. Scholarships are valued at \$10,000 for a year programme or cover the full exchange programme fee for a semester programme.

[TeachNZ ECE Scholarships](#) – These scholarships are targeted at people who have knowledge, understanding and experience working with Māori or Pasifika communities who want to teach in the early childhood sector.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Department of Internal Affairs: Community Development Scheme

The Community Development Scheme (the Scheme) was established to support community, hapū / iwi / Māori, Pacific and ethnic groups in areas of identified need to work together in new ways, to generate their own solutions to local issues, and to become more self-reliant and resilient. The Scheme enables communities to work together in new ways, to be innovative and to determine their own development priorities to achieve sustainable community outcomes.

The Scheme funds communities to employ community development project workers who work on community-driven projects over three years, enabling local people to come together, build trust and work together to find solutions to the issues they face.

The 2011 funding round opens on 8 November 2010 and closes on 21 March 2011 at 4pm.

Community development projects are funded for a three year period. Each project receives funding of \$80,000 plus GST per year to cover the salary of a community development project worker and project expenses.

Funding decisions are based on outcome-based project proposals. For further details go to:
<http://www.dia.govt.nz/Services-Community-Funding-Community-Development-Scheme>

Priority territories 2011 funding round Communities / hapū / iwi based in the priority territories for the 2011 funding round are eligible to apply. Funding is available for allocation to 12 new community-based projects from these priority territories.

Districts: Wairoa, Rotorua, Waimakariri, Tasman **Provinces or Combined Districts:** Waikato / Waipa / Matamata-Piako / Manawatu / Whanganui / Far North **Cities:** Auckland, Christchurch
Please note: applications from communities not located within the priority territories identified above will not be considered in 2011.

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 or Alan Jones, 04 916 3397 alan.jones020@msd.govt.nz

Closing dates for the Local Initiatives Fund (LIF)

25 March 2011 – for Winter grants of up to 12 months there is a \$70,000* limit. Initiatives will run between July 2011 and June 2012.

25 March 2011 - for three year grants there is a limit of \$195,000*. Initiatives will run between July 2011 and June 2014.

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

Local Contestable Fund (Waitakere) applications close 18 March 2011.

Funding is available for the Waitakere community for projects and initiatives that can provide new or increased opportunities for organised sport for school-aged children. So clubs, schools, churches, community groups or sports organisations, now is the time to get your application in! For more information or to download an application form visit our website www.sportwaitakere.co.nz or contact Hollie Evans on 966 3111 or hollie.evans@sportwaitakere.co.nz To view flyer click go to:
<http://www.communitywaitakere.org.nz/images/noticeboard/ks.pdf>

Hamilton City Community Grants

Hamilton City Council's community grants are now open. HCC is currently seeking applications from Hamilton community groups who may need funding for projects or activities. Applications for these funds close **31st March**.

Brand new Funding Calendar is also available on HCC website now. This calendar will provide you with information on funders, their contact details and closing dates. This calendar includes

Waikato funders as well as National funders. Most important of all – it is absolutely FREE and can be downloaded from our website.

For more information on our grants and the Funding Calendar – follow the link below
http://hamilton.co.nz/page/pageid/2145828005/Community_Funding

Workplace Literacy

Tertiary Education Commission has announced funding for literacy and numeracy programmes that will benefit employees and businesses. Employers may access workplace literacy programmes for their employees by contacting any of the funded Workplace Literacy Fund approved providers. TEC will provide advice and guidance to employer programmes currently underway. For more information please check this link: <http://www.tec.govt.nz/Resource-Centre/Directories/Workplace-Literacy-Fund-approved-providers/>

COMMUNITY NOTICES

English for Employees Programme

English language Partners New Zealand has a free, part-time, flexible programme for people who are working and want to improve their language, literacy and numeracy for the workplace. Content is flexible to meet individual needs and learning goals. The main topics are:

- Communication in the workplace
- Reading, writing and numeracy for work
- Workplace vocabulary (general and specialised)
- Expectations of the New Zealand workplace
- Cultural issues in the workplace

People can enrol during the year. Class times will be flexible – usually one or two sessions a week at times to suit learners. This programme is free to adults who have Permanent Residence and are working (part-time, full-time or self-employed).

Contact the nearest English Language Partners centre for information.
www.englishlanguage.org.nz . The office in South Auckland is 09 278 9099 or e-mail aucklandsouth@englishlanguage.org.nz

Free Business and Computing Courses

The Pacific Business Trust in association with Te Wananga o Aotearoa are offering Free NZQA Business and Computing Courses commencing during March & April 2011. If you would like more information please phone: 0800 287 7526 or Email: info@pacificbusiness.co.nz or visit their website on www.pacificbusiness.co.nz

Learning Centre Available for Community Groups

Situated at 58 Summerland Drive in the Sturges West Community House with 12 computers and would be able to book out 10 per session. The service costs nothing for community groups to use unless they are going to print. The centre is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5:30pm. It closes for lunch from 12:30 to 1:30pm.

Please feel free to contact Mavi Zimba | Learning Centre Coordinator Auckland Libraries Ph 09 835 0437 Sturges West Learning Centre, 58 Summerland Drive, Henderson 0612

Learn a Pacific Language

Enrolments open now for language and cultural classes in Samoan, Tongan, Fijian, Niuean, and Cook Island. Pacific Education Centre offers the opportunity to enrich their learning by enrolling in a Pacific Island Language class. All classes have experienced tutors and are held in a friendly environment. We welcome all ages and all levels. Call (09) 260 4042 for more details or email Selwyn@pec.ac.nz. Courses start March 2011 - ENROL NOW

EVENTS CALENDAR 2011

Month	Date	Event Details	Venue	Contact
March	16	South Waikato Pacific Islands Community Services Inc. OPEN DAY (And the launch of their new name.)	SWPIHC Centre 1 Maraetai Rd Tokoroa 10am – 2pm	admin@swpihc.org.nz 07 886 0010
	16-18	Disability support services Consumers support services consumer forums 2011 Refer to dates below		Email: MOHFORUM@nzfdi.c.org.nz Free phone: 0800 MOH FORUM (0800664367) Text: 021 08203922 Go to: www.moh.govt.nz/disability
	16-19	ASB Polyfest Hosted by Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate.	Manukau Sports Bowl, Manukau City	ASB Polyfest 2011
	18	Alliance Health + Collective Whanau Ora Consultation with Pasefika families Otaru Music Arts Centre, Otara Shopping Centre		Alliance Health + Collective Please RSVP Su on 09 588 4260 or e-mail: reception@alliancehealth.org.nz
	18	Pacific Heartbeat – Smoking Cessation Training Free training. Strong emphasis on how to	Heart Foundation 9 Kalmia Street Ellerslie Auckland	To register contact: Cathrine Scott T: (09) 571 9189 E:

		work with and for Pacific people - using the ABC approach in supporting quit attempts.	9am-4pm	cathrines@heartfoundation.org.nz or Register on-line: http://www.pacificheart.org.nz/index.asp?pageID=2145883926
22 -26	E Mau Production presents Samoa Mo Samoa production : Samoa History	7.30pm the Mangere Arts Centre Orly Drive and Bader Drive Mangere	09 262 5789 mangereartscentre@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz for bookings	
25	Lu'i Ola Celebrating Success of Pacific People in the Disability Sector	Malaeola Hall Mangere 10.30am – 12pm	Gaylene Harvey 09 5262544 Gaylene.H@vakatau.tua.co.nz	
26	Pacific Children's Day 2011 - Hamilton	Claudlands Park, Boundary Rd, Hamilton. 10.30am -3.30pm	Contact Peni Seru Peni@terapakau.co.nz Phone : (07) 848 1002 Fax: (07) 847 1408 27 B Norton Rd Frankton	
30	SYHANZ Youth Health Forum – Brief interventions with young people at risk of alcohol related harm	2.15pm – 4.30pm Rm 220, School of Population Health Building 730 Tamaki Campus, The University of Auckland 261 Morrin Rd Glen Innes	Further Information contact Maria Kelus: syhpanz@gmail.co.nz RSVP Sue Grant s.grant@auckland.ac.nz	
31	(Abstract policy closing date) Pacific Society for Reproductive Health Conference Honiara Solomon Islands July 2011 Registrations are now open for the Pacific society for Reproductive Health's 9 th Biennial Conference in Honiara Solomon Islands	Abstract policy closing date 31st of March	For more information contact Yvonne Kainuku Walsh on 09 2760044 etxn 2207 or e-mail on ykwalsh@middlemore.co.nz or go to their website on www.psrh1995.org.nz	

DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES CONSUMER FORUMS 2011

Albany Forum	Wednesday 16 March	10am – 1pm	YES Disability Resource Centre Lion Foundation House 3 William Laurie Place, Albany
Manukau Forum	Wednesday 16 March	7 – 9:30pm	Hotel Grand Chancellor Auckland Airport Cnr Kirkbride and Ascot Roads Mangere, Auckland
Whakatane Hui	Thursday 17 March	10am – 2pm	Puawairua Marae Cnr Thornton Rd (SH2) and State Hwy 30, Whakatane
Tokoroa Fono	Friday 18 March	10am – 2pm	St Luke Pacific Island Community Hall Cnr Maraetai and Kelso Streets Tokoroa