

# New Bridges – Hamilton SSNZ



SETTLEMENT SUPPORT  
NEW ZEALAND

- *Social and Cultural connections: Tangata Tiriti*
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## Settlement Support Welcome

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Settlement often starts with finding a place to live, work, schools and education for the family.

Making friends, getting to know the neighborhood and the new place may be a next step. As we are engaging in new surroundings with people we may find that local customs differ.

Feeling at home in a new country is vital in every way. Tangata Tiriti – Treaty People, a national series of workshops across New Zealand aims to dispel myths about the Treaty of Waitangi which forms the foundation of New Zealand's race relations. Forming relationships across all cultures requires sincere engagement, open dialogue, respect and understanding.

For the year ahead more interactions, engagement and discussions will occur to support settlement at all levels. Best wishes to you all for the holiday season and the year ahead of us.

## UPDATES:

### Welcome to New Zealand – Destination TV

A 30 second clip promoting Settlement Support New Zealand funded by Department of Labour is produced for airing on Destination TV (DTV) – the programme announcements played to International Arrivals prior to touchdown in New Zealand. It is due to go to air on flights in December.

### New National URL for SSNZ

Coinciding with DTV clip, a new website, [www.ssnz.govt.nz](http://www.ssnz.govt.nz), will be launched to make it easier for people to find out more about Settlement Support New Zealand, and be connected to the appropriate local SSNZ Coordinator. Visitors will be taken to a new 'National Landing Page' – which will be an updated version of the current page at Immigration New Zealand.

## Tangata Tiriti People:



**Workshop: Tangata Tiriti- Treaty People**  
*Dr Ingrid Huygens, Jenny Magee, Iharahera Henare, Te Hauwhenua Kirkwood*

Settlement Support New Zealand (with national sponsorship) offered a workshop to foster understanding for newcomers on the role of the Treaty of Waitangi in New Zealand. A group of 21 participants from various agencies most of which are working with migrants and refugees learned and participated in the two half day workshops on the Treaty of Waitangi.

The practical nature of the workshop was well demonstrated and participants expressed confidence to teach using the resource kit (Tangata Tiriti- Treaty People). Exercises can be modeled and resources photocopied from the kit. There are already plans and local goodwill to bring this knowledge to newcomers and the community.

If you like to know more about workshops options for you and your organization please contact Settlement Support at: [ssnz.hmst@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ssnz.hmst@xtra.co.nz) .

More information about this resource and for orders go to: <http://www.arms-mrc.org.nz/Workshops.aspx#ws2>

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## What's On

- **New Settlers Focus Group Meeting**  
**17 February, 2010**  
**(Local responses to settlement)**  
Local providers network for those working with newcomer communities.  
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*For more information Contact: Settlement Support New Zealand at 07 853 21 92.*
- **Migrant Expo, 20 March, 2010**  
5<sup>th</sup> Waikato Migrant Expo. More info:  
<http://www.migrantexpo.co.nz/hamilton/>
- **Indigo Festival**  
**15 March – 21 March, 2010**  
A week of intercultural celebrations with  
Held at various locations across the city.  
  
More info: [centre.wmrc@xtra.co.nz](mailto:centre.wmrc@xtra.co.nz)

## Intercultural Seminars 2010

This year, volunteer home tutors with English Language Partners Hamilton have relished the opportunity to learn more about the history, language, cultural values and communication styles of several different cultures by participating in Cultural Perspectives workshops.

Facilitated by intercultural trainer Jenny Magee, these workshops have been co-presented by a guest from each profiled culture. English Language Partners are pleased to invite participants from other community and government organisations to join in these workshops and to note these dates in their diaries for 2010. There will be a \$25.00 fee.

### Intercultural Perspectives Seminars:

<b>31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>China</b> <b>(including Taiwan, Hong Kong)</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Sri Lanka</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>Communicating across Cultures</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Cambodia</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Korea</b>

**Venue: Waikato Migrant Resource Centre**  
**Time: 9.00am to 1.00pm**

For further information or to book your place on a work shop please contact Jenny Field or Rebecca Morris at Ph 07 853 21 88 or at [waikato@englishlanguage.org.nz](mailto:waikato@englishlanguage.org.nz).

## Merry Christmas - Meri Kirihimete



### Community Christmas events

Celebrate the spirit of Christmas with friends and family in your local neighbourhood at one of Hamilton City Council's community Christmas events.

For more information visit: [www.hamiltonevents.co.nz](http://www.hamiltonevents.co.nz) or [www.whatsonhamilton.co.nz](http://www.whatsonhamilton.co.nz)

**The Waikato Migrant Resource Centre will be closed from  
21 December 2009 and reopens on 5 January 2010.**

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## Update: National Standards

### What are the National Standards?

National Standards show what all New Zealand children are expected to be able to do in reading, writing and mathematics in Years 1-8. Children start at different learning points and progress at different rates, so both the progress rate and actual achievement are important.

You can visit the [TKI website for teachers to find out more about the National Standards](#).

If a child is in Year 1-8\*, you can expect to receive at least two written school reports each year on their progress.

For more information about National Standards reporting you can visit

[www.minedu.govt.nz/NationalStandardsReportingToParents](http://www.minedu.govt.nz/NationalStandardsReportingToParents)

### If the Child is an English Language learner

Children who learn English as a new language or have high learning support needs, their progress and achievement may be assessed in a different way. If your child is learning English as a new language, the teacher may first use the English Language Learning Progressions (ELLP) to assess their progress in reading and writing, and report to you.

The ELLP shows the pathway most children follow when they are learning English as a new language. When the child has sufficient English reading and writing knowledge and skills, the teacher will use National Standards to assess their progress and achievement.

**For further details contact:**

### Ministry of Education

Asad Abdullahi  
Ph 07 858 7302  
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## Research Updates

### External Migration Fact sheet- October 2009

Department of Labour

Nov 2009

This report outlines all data which refers to permanent & long-term (PLT, i.e. 12 months or more) migration.

<http://www.dol.govt.nz/PDFs/lmr-migration-factsheet-oct-09.pdf>

The **Monthly Migration Trends report** is a brief summary of data about the New Zealand Residence Programme, permanent skilled migration, and temporary entry.

[http://www.immigration.govt.nz/NR/ronlyres/8A40C9D0-3A94-4F5E-BABD-6E2F2A8242D1/o/MonthlyMigrationTrends\\_October2009pdf.pdf](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/NR/ronlyres/8A40C9D0-3A94-4F5E-BABD-6E2F2A8242D1/o/MonthlyMigrationTrends_October2009pdf.pdf)

### Life in New Zealand: Settlement Experience of Skilled Migrants- Results of the 2008 Survey

Department of Labour

This report presents findings from the 2008 Settlement Experience Feedback Survey of migrants who gained permanent residence in New Zealand through the Skilled/Business Stream between September and December 2007.

<http://www.dol.govt.nz/publications/research/life-in-nz/>

### Looking Back and Building Futures: Former Refugees' Views on Settling in New Zealand

Department of Labour

Exploratory study as part of the wider *Quota Refugees Ten Years On: Perspectives on Integration, Community and Identity* research programme. The aim of this exploratory study was to hear the views and experiences of former quota refugees who have lived in New Zealand for more than ten years.

<http://www.dol.govt.nz/publications/research/looking-back/looking-back.pdf>

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## Resources for Newcomers

### The Treaty of Waitangi Maori History & Culture

In the [Māori language](#) the word *māori* means "normal", "natural" or "ordinary". In legends and other oral traditions, the word distinguished ordinary mortal human beings from [deities](#) and spirits (*wairua*).

Early visitors from Europe to New Zealand generally referred to the inhabitants as "New Zealanders" or as "natives", but *Māori* became the term used by Māori to describe themselves in a pan-tribal sense.

Māori people often use the term [tangata whenua](#) (literally, "people of the land") to describe themselves in a way that emphasises their relationship with a particular area of land — a tribe may be the *tangata whenua* in one area, but not in another. The term can also refer to Māori as a whole in relation to New Zealand (Aotearoa) as a whole. More information can be sourced from <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maori>.

## Audio Resources

### [Maori Greetings](#)

On this page you can listen to the **Māori greetings** used on Radio New Zealand and read the English translation.

[http://www.radionz.co.nz/about/maori\\_greetings](http://www.radionz.co.nz/about/maori_greetings)

### [The Treaty of Waitangi](#)

This web-only feature presents a collection of audio which explores the **history of the Treaty of Waitangi**.

[http://www.radionz.co.nz/genre/treaty/treaty\\_home](http://www.radionz.co.nz/genre/treaty/treaty_home)

## Local Refugee Resettlement



### Refugee Services Volunteers and staff

During December 2009 refugee arrivals had Congolese and Somali backgrounds. Planned refugee arrivals for February 2010 will be Colombians. These three main communities are settling in Hamilton at the moment. They speak Spanish, French, English, Somali or Swahili. If you would like to know more about getting involved in supporting refugees in Hamilton as volunteers please get in touch with Refugee Services.

A unique & rewarding opportunity to **help people rebuild** their lives in our community: support people from other cultures and share your own.

**Limited places on (NZQA accredited) preparatory course. 15 hours from evening of January 21<sup>st</sup> to Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup> 2010.**

Contact Clare at Ph 853 2195, email: [Clare.Fearnley@refugeeservices.org.nz](mailto:Clare.Fearnley@refugeeservices.org.nz)

[www.refugeeservices.org.nz](http://www.refugeeservices.org.nz)



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For settlement information, visit: [www.immigration.govt.nz/settlement](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/settlement)