

# New Bridges – Hamilton SSNZ



SETTLEMENT SUPPORT  
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## Settlement Support Welcome

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Relationships among people are vital to settlement. While there may be different cultures and various approaches to life we all share a need to belong.

The recent 'Indigo - Gathering of Cultures' event was a great opportunity to meet people from around the world showcasing their cultures, customs and traditions with the Hamilton community.

Settlement in our community happens every day around us and we are part of making the journey to belong an easier one. Barriers to settlement come in all forms, but our increased awareness and interest in newcomer communities assists the spirit of a '**Welcoming Community**'.

## UPDATES:

### Race Relation Day 21 March, 2010

This year the Race Relations Day was celebrated on the final day of the Indigo Festival.

The Race Relations Commissioner Joris de Bres and His Worship the Mayor of Hamilton were among the guest speakers at the Hamilton Gardens. Young migrant women shared their experiences in education and settling in New Zealand.

The community was invited to join the 'Gathering of Cultures' family day at the Hamilton Gardens. The action packed event offered also cultural performances, food stalls and activities for children to enjoy.



*Parade of Nations 14 March, 2010*

## Indigo 2010: Celebration of Cultures



### *Celebrating cultures in Hamilton 2010*

The week-long celebration of cultures started with a Parade of Nations with traditional costumes, drums, gongs, music and dances. This vibrant multicultural event later gathered communities at Garden Place for a Powhiri and the official opening by His Worship the Mayor of Hamilton.

'Indigo Style' was a fashion show with traditional garments from around the world. From elegant saris, proud turbans, colourful pareaus to the much loved kilt- this evening of entertainment was a success.

At the 'Business Before 8', a Chamber of Commerce event hosted by HMST (Hamilton Multicultural Services Trust) Migrant Internship Programme with support from the Office of Ethnic Affairs, a local employer presented the business case for employing staff who have moved to the Waikato from overseas.

Every day of the week Indigo Community Activities were offered at the Waikato Migrant Resource Centre (Japanese craft, hair braiding, middle-eastern food demonstration, Korean War photo exhibition, Kiribati weaving, etc.). Migrant communities were also invited to join the Turangawaewae Regatta on the Waikato River.

The 'Indigo Film Festival' offered also international films from Korea, China, India, Latin-America, France, Fiji and Africa, with the communities hosting. The 'Indigo Festival' was made possible through sponsorship and support of COGS, Hamilton City council, Hamilton Community Arts Council, Office of Ethnic Affairs, Trust Waikato, Sky City, Wintec, volunteers and ethnic communities.

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## What's On

- **NZ Tax & 'Working Families' Seminar**  
**22 April, 7.15pm -9.15pm**  
**Presenter: Inland Revenue**  
*For more information Contact: Settlement Support New Zealand at 07 834 3075.*
- **New Settlers Focus Group Meeting**  
**19 May, 2010**  
ALL WELCOME  
*For more information Contact: Settlement Support New Zealand at 07 834 3075.*
- **'Get a life' 2010**  
**Regional calendar of free events during May 2010.**  
*Find out more about upcoming events at: <http://www.getalifewaikato.co.nz/>*

## Get a life 2010

### Skills for you. Skills for the Waikato.

Join in and come to one of the many events focused on careers in the Waikato. There are free seminars, work place events and also a career expo. Events are intended for all groups thinking of their career options.

This is a chance to find out more about future career options and how to apply your skills in the New Zealand Workplace.

### Free seminars at the Waikato Migrant Resource Centre:

MAY 2010

**13th: Employment and Career in New Zealand**  
**Presenter: Career Services**

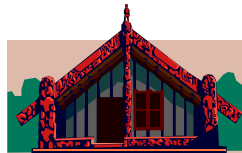
**26th: Education in New Zealand**  
**Presenters: Ministry of Education & Career Services**

**For more information and registration:**  
**Settlement Support New Zealand:**

**Ph: 07 834 3075**

**Email: [ssnzham@wmrc.org.nz](mailto:ssnzham@wmrc.org.nz)**

## Maori Culture: FREE lectures at the University of Waikato



**26 April: Karetao- Maori Puppetry**  
Knowledge about the art and practice of karetao (Maori puppetry)

**3 May: Waerea: A Tainui Perspective**  
Waerea- ancient karakia of Tainui: Examines the origin and traditional & contemporary practice

**Venue: University of Waikato, SG.01 All lectures 5.30 – 7.00pm**

**Contact: [milly@waikato.ac.nz](mailto:milly@waikato.ac.nz) (Bookings essential)**

**Find out more about other adult education courses available in Hamilton:**  
**[www.conted.waikato.ac.nz](http://www.conted.waikato.ac.nz)**

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## Health: Influenza Information

Influenza immunisation is FREE for those most at risk. This year's seasonal influenza vaccine will offer protection from Pandemic (H1N1) Influenza (Swine Flu).

<http://www.fightflu.co.nz/what-about-swine-flu/>

<http://www.fightflu.co.nz/can-i-get-a-free-vaccine/>

### INFLUENZA IN NEW ZEALAND

Between 10 and 20% of the population are infected with influenza each year.

Up to 156,000 will consult a GP and, from 1989 to 2004, surveillance reports indicate there were 5,226 hospitalisations and 414 deaths, making an average of 327 hospitalisations per year. In 2007, there were a total of 347 hospital admissions in New Zealand for influenza.

**To protect your family ask your doctor or nurse about Influenza immunisation today.**

### **For more information contact:**

Free phone: 0800 466 863

Web site: [www.Fightflu.co.nz](http://www.Fightflu.co.nz)

**Brochures are available in English, Mandarin, Korean, Samoan, Tongan, Maori and Cook Island Maori.**

## HEALTHLINE

**Ministry of Health:  
HEALTHLINE 0800 611 116**

**Call this 24 hour Free telephone information service for the family.**

A registered Nurse assesses health needs, gives info and advice to help decide on the best level of care.

**LanguageLine** is available for this service 9am-6pm.



**Waikato Multicultural Council Inc**  
**'Parade of Nations' at the Indigo Festival 2010**

## Research Updates

### Newcomer Communities:

### Hamilton & Waikato District

**Hamilton Multicultural Services Trust (Settlement Support New Zealand) 2009**

This report builds a profile of newcomer communities in our area. It focuses migrants from six countries: India, China, Korea, South Africa, Philippines and Somalia. Each profile covers: Reasons for moving to the local area, Contribution to the local area, Local settlement, Communication Networks, Services and activities and Community Awareness and Cultural Knowledge.

A demographic section based on information from the Census 2006 includes data on key information about newcomers and migrants living locally more than three years. The report covers a range of characteristics including country of Birth, ethnicity, languages spoken, religion, and locally active newcomer groups.

If you like to receive a report by e-mail please contact the settlement support coordinator Lucia Reijgersberg Email: [ssnz.hmst@xta.co.nz](mailto:ssnz.hmst@xta.co.nz).

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## Update: Law on Immigration Advice

**From May 2010** the law about who can give immigration advice also applies for all applications lodged overseas.

**Offshore** people who give advice about New Zealand immigration matters must be licensed from **4 May 2010**, unless they are [exempt](#) from the licensing requirements.

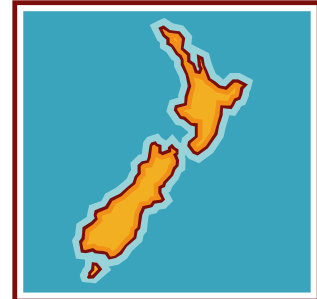
People giving immigration advice in **New Zealand** must be licensed from **4 May 2009**, unless they are [exempt](#) from the licensing requirements.

**Check the immigration advisers register:**  
<http://www.iaa.govt.nz/adviser-register/search.htm>

People who are exempt from being licensed do not appear on the register.

**More information:** [www.iaa.govt.nz](http://www.iaa.govt.nz)  
(Immigration Advisers Authority)

**Free Phone in NZ: 0508 422 422**  
**Offshore phone: +64 9 925 3838**



## Free Permanent Residence Information Seminars:

Regular seminars are offered by **Immigration New Zealand at the Hamilton Branch**.

Sessions are held on the ‘Skilled Migrant Category’ and ‘Family Category’.

We suggest before attending, you obtain from Immigration New Zealand, a [Self-Assessment Guide for Residence in New Zealand \(INZ 1003\) PDF](#).

Please note the seminar is to help you understand and gain information with regard to seeking permanent residence in New Zealand. The forum cannot be used to discuss specific applications which have been declined or are currently awaiting a decision.

## More information and bookings:

<http://www.immigration.govt.nz/branch/HamiltonBranchHome/News/residenceseminars.htm>

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