

# New Bridges – Hamilton SSNZ



SETTLEMENT SUPPORT  
NEW ZEALAND

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## Settlement Support Welcome

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A new year has started full of new ideas and areas that we can support. The settlement of Migrant Youth has been at the centre of local discussion. Changes due to settlement can impact young people in various ways. A dialogue and understanding for the multiple challenges that migrant youth may face in education, family, personal and cultural identity is vital.

To ensure that the voice of the youth is heard may require creative and new approaches. The wide range of activities over the coming months in the city will be great opportunities for engagement and interactions for all ages and cultures. Let's all be part of the action.

## UPDATES:

### Waikato Refugee Resettlement Forum 7-8 February, 2010

A powhiri marked the beginning of this year's forum organized by Refugee Services with the Waikato Refugee Forum.

Community representatives, providers, government agencies met to discuss the needs of local refugees.

Key areas discussed included: Employment, in particular the emerging need for skills assessment and the role of volunteering during the early stages of resettlement. Access to interpreting in relation to primary and mental health, were also raised.

An update from Columbians settled in Hamilton two years ago demonstrated the success of local provision and support available. Despite English having been an issue many reported how safe, welcome and at home they feel in New Zealand.

## Focus on Migrant & Refugee Youth



### Workshop: HMST NGO settlement conference 2010



The Hamilton Multicultural Services Trust (HMST) had its Annual NGO settlement conference on 2 February. The focus of the gathering was to share knowledge, issues and potential local solutions to support migrant and refugee youth.

Youth participants from the community shared their personal experiences of settlement. Topic discussions included the following: Employment, Education, Identity, Family and Community Participation. Over 35 participants contributed to the workshops; including migrant & refugee youth, Hamilton City Council, Wintec, Youth workers, Multicultural Waikato and community representatives.

Presenters from the Ministry of Youth development, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and the Hamilton Youth Council outlined their local role for youth. Many of the suggestions included the importance of connecting with the parents and consulting with the youth directly on what their real needs and issues are.

If you like to get involved in projects for migrant and refugee youth contact HMST at the Waikato Migrant Resource Centre at: [w.migrant@xtra.co.nz](mailto:w.migrant@xtra.co.nz).

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## What's On

- **New Settlers Focus Group Meeting**  
**19 May, 2010**

ALL WELCOME

For more information Contact: Settlement Support New Zealand at 07 853 21 92.

- **Indigo Festival**  
**14 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)
- **Cultural Perspectives**  
**31 March, 2010**  
China/Taiwan/Hong Kong  
For more information: Ph 07 8532188

## Indigo Festival 2010

Join the 8- day Indigo Festival from 14-21 March. The city will be able to share in the spirit celebrating all cultures living in our community.

### March:

**14th:** **OPENING: Street Parade, 2pm**  
Departure Knox St, Hamilton

**17th:** **St.Patrick's Day Celebration**  
(Local Irish Pubs)

**18th:** **'Indigo Style' Fashion Parade, Meteor Theatre, 7.30pm, Ticket: \$12**  
Phone: 0800 TICKETEK

**20th:** **Marae Ngaruawahia Regatta, 9am**

**21th:** **'Gathering of Cultures', Hamilton Gardens , 10am - 3pm**  
**RACE RELATIONS DAY**  
Cultural Performances, Ethnic Food, Craft stalls and more....

Find out more at: [www.indigofestival.org.nz](http://www.indigofestival.org.nz) or e-mail [centre.wmrc@xtra.co.nz](mailto:centre.wmrc@xtra.co.nz).

## Hamilton Community Summer Events:

**Hamilton Gardens Arts Festival: 19 February – 4 March, 2010**



Enjoy a varied programme with music, art, theatre, food & wine. A number of free events will be held. This includes Brazilian & Cuban rhythms (19 Feb), Chinese Flute (21 & 28 Feb), Indian Dance 20, 21 & 22 Feb) and there is more.... More info at: [www.hamiltongardensfestival.co.nz](http://www.hamiltongardensfestival.co.nz).

## Summer in Garden Place

**Markets & Movies, Music & Street Theatre- Dance & Poetry**

**All Summer Long:** Find out more at [www.hamilton.co.nz/gardenplace](http://www.hamilton.co.nz/gardenplace)

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## Driving: Child Safety in NZ

### What is required by NZ Law?

As the driver, you must make sure that any child **under five years** of age is properly restrained by an **approved child restraint** that is appropriate for the age and size of the child. They must not travel in the car if you can't put them in an approved child restraint. The vehicle's safety belt on its own is not an approved child restraint. Find out more how the law applies, **also for children 5-6 and 8-14 years old children** at:

<http://www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/factsheets/07/child-restraints.html>

## Update: Immigration New Zealand

### Essential Skills Policy minimum income requirement questions and answers

A minimum income threshold ensures a basic standard of living for temporary migrant families while they are in New Zealand. Temporary migrants are not eligible for government benefits, unlike residents who are eligible for standard benefits after two years.

<http://www.immigration.govt.nz/migrant/general/generalinformation/qanda/esminimumincomefaq.htm>

### Immigration Advice: Who can assist?

It is an offence to provide immigration advice in New Zealand without a licence, unless you belong to one of the exempt categories specified by the Immigration Advisers Licensing Act. All licensed immigration advisers are listed on the **Immigration Advisers Authority website** [www.iaa.govt.nz](http://www.iaa.govt.nz). Offenders could face a fine of up to \$100,000 and/or up to seven years imprisonment.

If in doubt, contact any Immigration New Zealand branch or the **Immigration Call Centre 0508 55 88 55**. (Source: , 14 Jan, 2010, [www.dol.govt.nz](http://www.dol.govt.nz))

## Research Updates

### Migrant and Refugee Youth Settlement and Social Inclusion Series

Department of Labour

#### **MIGRANT AND REFUGEE YOUTH IN NEW ZEALAND: STATISTICAL PROFILE, 1996 TO 2007**

<http://www.dol.govt.nz/publications/research/migrant-refugee-youth-nz/mrynz-1.asp>

This report builds a profile of migrant and refugee youth (people aged 12 to 24 years) in New Zealand by analysing immigration approval data (1998 to 2007) and Census of Population and Dwellings (census) data (1996, 2001, and 2006).

The report covers a range of characteristics and key outcomes, including immigration approval trends, demographic data, ethnic identity, English language ability, labour force and study participation, location in New Zealand, and living arrangements.

### Long-Term Settlement of Refugees

Department of Labour

<http://dol.govt.nz/publications/research/abltsr/index.asp>

Annotated bibliography and thematic review of New Zealand and international literature on factors involved in the long-term settlement of refugees, as part of the wider research programme entitled 'Quota Refugees Ten Years On: Perspectives on Integration, Community and Identity'.

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## Resources for Newcomers

### An Information pack for migrants: Early childhood and schooling in New Zealand

This resource is **now also available in Spanish**. There are already versions in English, Korean, Chinese and Japanese .

It was written by the Central North Regional Migrant Education Coordinator of the Ministry of Education to provide information for migrant families due to, among other, their lack of participation in their children's education. The information is written in plain English and written through the eyes of migrants.

If you like to find out more about this resource please contact the Waikato Migrant centre ([www.wmrc.org.nz](http://www.wmrc.org.nz)) or Afat Xiao (Ministry of Education) at: Ph 07 8587305.



## Updates: Inland Revenue

### Tax credits for Families

'Working for Families Tax Credits' are an entitlement for families with dependent children aged 18 or younger. It includes four different types of payments (tax credits).

For more information on applying and working out the tax credit visit:

<http://www.ird.govt.nz/wff-tax-credits/>

### Info for Non-Residents and Visitors

Are you coming to or leaving New Zealand? Find out more about your situation.

<http://www.ird.govt.nz/nonresidents/>

**Language Line** (Free phone-based interpreting in 39 languages) is available whenever you call, come to one of our offices; receive a call from Inland Revenue.

**Phone Inland Revenue :**  
**Free Phone: 0800 227 774**

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