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Pwint is sorting out Food vouchers for the Community.

## FAMILIES FOOD VOUCHERS

SEPT, OCT 2021

The Pak N Save gift cards/vouchers were sent to **661 families** with **2,810 people** from **38 diverse ethnic backgrounds** across Auckland during the lockdown to help those having difficulty with grocery expenses. The vouchers were delivered to people's houses by our hard-working staff, volunteers, and community leaders. Families have expressed that this service is essential and that they need continuing support.

## VACCINE Q&A WITH DOCTORS

OCTOBER 2021

ARCC hosted a Zoom Question and Answer session with two doctors, and many community members and leaders. There were many important questions brought to Dr. Ala Farah and Dr. Benjamin Soe, who were able to answer with and communicate information very effectively. We received a lot of positive feedback about the Doctors' ability to communicate well.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OCTOBER 2021

After having to push our Annual General Meeting forward a couple times, ARCC and member communities were able to attend the AGM on Zoom. We discussed the outcomes of ARCC's work since March 2020, and community leaders elected new board members. At the end Abann was given a special thanks for his hard work and commitment to the resettled community. The speech was given by community leader Hajibaba Sarwary, and Abann was given a beautiful koru (spiral) made of wood and paua shell.

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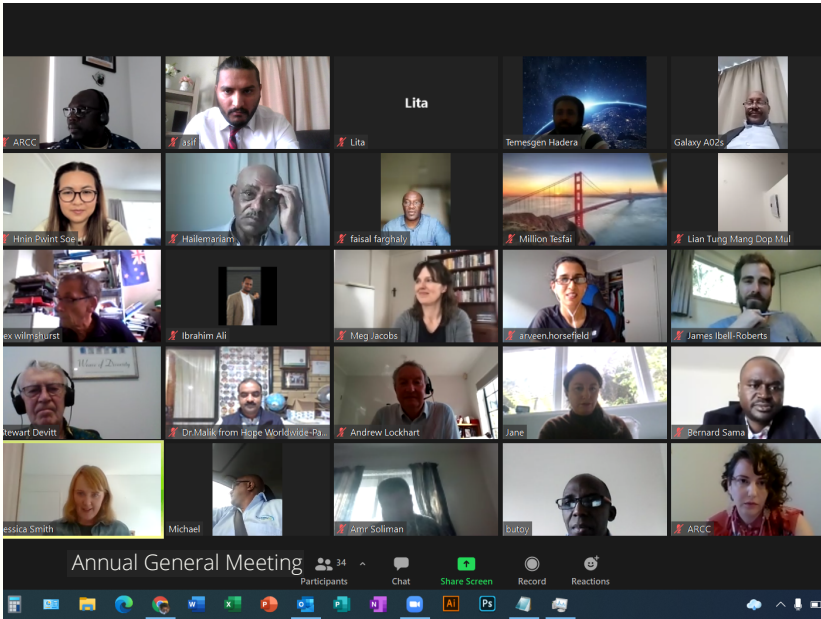
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## YOUTH UNITED VOICE

AUGUST 2021

Youth United Voice will meet every month, and the next online meeting is November 20, after university exams end, at 2pm. We will be discussing and sharing dreams, ideas and interests for the future, and how to make them possible. Our Shared Lunch had to be cancelled due to lockdown, but has been rescheduled for Saturday, 4 December. Please contact Sandy if you wish to be involved in Youth United Voice.

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## BRIDGING THE GAP

SEPTEMBER 2021

We have begun recruiting participant families and community representatives for the Bridging the Gaps project. And it is designed to identify gaps in support services offered to forced migrant communities in Auckland, design potential solutions to address those gaps and develop a coalition for change to help bring these solutions to life. The project focuses on ensuring new residents and resettled people are central to the work, empowering their voices to lead problem identification and solution design.

Please get in touch with Sandy if you are interested.

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## WOMEN LEADERSHIP NETWORK

OCTOBER 2021

The long-standing programme Women's Leadership Network was rebooted at the end of August. It is a chance for women to socialise with other women. For our next Zoom meeting, we will be Sewing Together, chatting and sharing our hobbies, interests and skills. Bring your crafts, sewing or other interests to Zoom meeting, and we can start to do more after lockdown! The next online meeting is 3pm Monday, November 22. Please contact Sandy if you wish to be involved. E: [sandy@arcc.org.nz](mailto:sandy@arcc.org.nz) P: 022 600 9589



## WHEN WE BECAME NEW ZEALANDERS CAMPAIGN

OCTOBER 2021

We are collecting stories from resettled community members in the Albert-Eden area of Auckland, to share their experiences of becoming New Zealanders. These stories will be featured on a billboard and some large street-level posters, along with on our blog and social media. Please contact Sandy if you live in the Albert-Eden suburbs and want to share your story of becoming a New Zealander: The relevant suburbs are Point Chevalier, Waterview, Kingsland, Mt Albert, Owairaka, Morningside, Sandringham, Balmoral, Mt Eden, Epsom and Greenlane. Please get in touch with Sandy if you are interested.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- YOUTH UNITED VOICE  
2P.M 20 NOVEMBER 2021
- WOMEN LEADERSHIP  
NETWORK 3P.M 22  
NOVEMBER 2021
- MEMBERS LEADERSHIP  
NETWORK MEETING 5:30  
PM 26 NOVEMBER 2021

## THE ARCC WELLBEING COVID-19 RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE PROJECT

SEPTEMBER 2021

The ARCC Wellbeing COVID has two different initiatives: the Families Food Vouchers as mentioned above. And the second consultation with member organisations representatives' leaders (Executives Committee) to reflect on the impact and experience of the Covid 19 lockdown. The representative leaders highlighted issues that included people being stranded overseas, people feeling isolated, needing to send money overseas to a family affected by COVID-19, hours reduced at people's jobs or losing jobs, children having difficulty with homework; suggestions included food vouchers, petrol vouchers, and mental health and disability support.

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