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## MEETINGS WITH MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

JANUARY 2022

ARCC Development Manager has been engaging with members organisations including Burundian, South Sudanese, Auckland Somali kiwi trust and more. This was an opportunity for James to introduce himself to executive committee, get to know them & the community also to hear from them about any ways that ARCC can support their organisations moving forward. James will be also met with them again to support them with their organisation's strategic planning.

## WHEN WE BECAME NEW ZEALANDERS

14 JANUARY 2022

When We Became New Zealanders Participants were invited to for feedback session on 14th January and asked them for their feedback on how they felt about being part of this project. As a token of appreciation, we gave them koha and thanked them over dinner. One participant Said, "Having been part of the poster campaign and seeing my story publicised made a mother proud."

In January, we finished our Facebook campaign for When we became New Zealanders. We received 17,400 page views, 70 new Page likes, 1179 Post Engagements, and 782 people read the stories.

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## RADIO PROGRAMME

15 JANUARY 2022

We restarted our radio programme in January. We discussed what ARCC has done during the lockdown. We aired another show on Saturday the 22nd of Jan to discuss what ARCC has done in 2021, with ARCC's development manager James as a guest.

## AUCKLAND RESETTLED SECTOR STEERING GROUP (ARSSG)

15 JANUARY 2022

The Auckland Resettled Sector Steering Group (ARSSG) met with ARCC, Belong Aotearoa, New Zealand Red Cross, and Refugees as Survivors New Zealand. Every second month, resettlement sector partners in Auckland come together to share updates on their current activities and programmes.

## BRIDGING THE GAP

FEBRUARY 2022

The ARCC has embarked on a Bridging the Gaps (BtG) 3-year Action Research project with support and guidance from a Steering Group, including Abann Yor, ARCC's CEO. This ambitious project aims to tap into the lived experiences of families from the resettled communities to provide some practical action points to improve the settling in process.

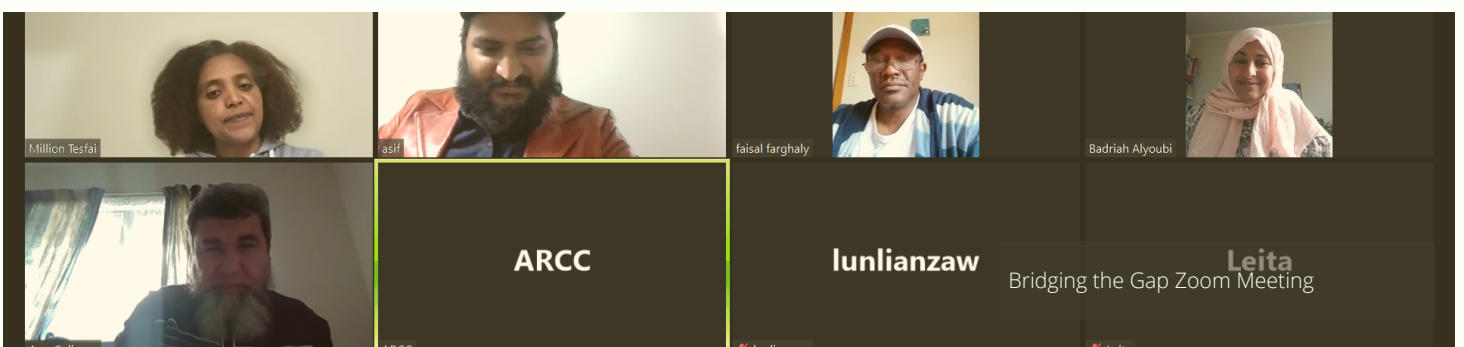
The project has completed its first year, where it focused on project management pre-implementation, including planning, timelines, and identifying systems to be in place. As a result, the ARCC team delivered successful outcomes, e.g., recruited eight families from eight different countries, willing to share their experiences, and ten individuals to take on the roles of community representatives. In addition, four facilitators received training on carrying out the action research to add rigour to the project.

In February, the individual families met for the first of four sessions scheduled to run until July 2022; in March, we will begin a larger group gathering comprised of all the families and the community representatives. There will also be five of these sessions running until July or August 2022.

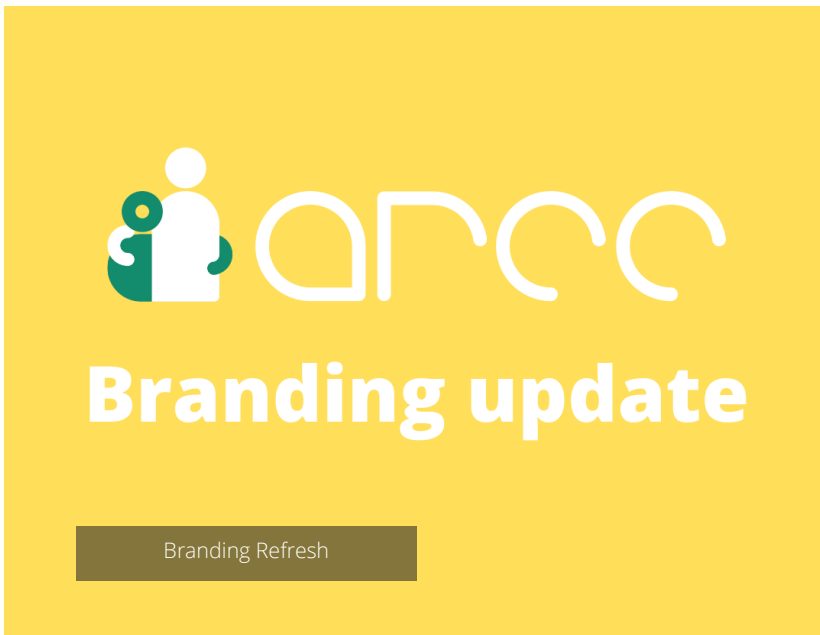
As Project Manager, Abann Yor monitors and manages progress on a weekly basis, communicating closely with the facilitators and ARCC support staff. Monthly catch-up meetings are scheduled with the Steering Group (SG) for updates on the project progress and feedback from the external evaluator. Regular updates are communicated to the ARCC Board, staff, and programme leader of Youth United Voice, Women Leadership Network, and Member Leadership Network.



Resett Radio







## NEW BRANDING

FEBRUARY 2022

We have refreshed our branding and updated our new look including:

- Business Cards
- Name Badges
- Employee Id Cards
- Twin Pull up Banners
- Branding Guideline 2022 Booklet

The rest is on it's way, which includes Sign boards and Brochures.

## STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

18 FEBRUARY 2022

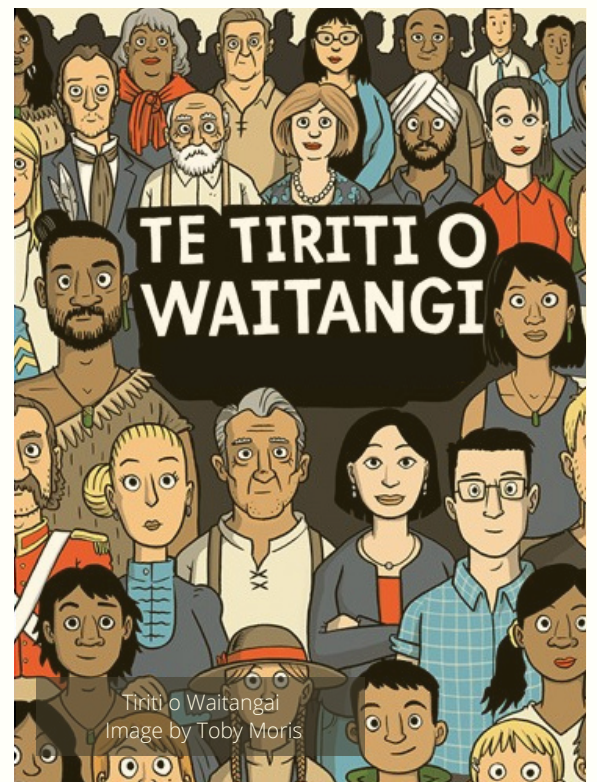
ARCC is currently reviewing our strategic planning to look at our strategic priorities for the next five years. We were joined by the professional strategic Planner Annette Lee. Currently Annette is working on a document regarding the topics that we discussed in the meeting. We look forward to the next meeting next month, where we will present the strategic document.



## TE TIRITI O WAITANGAI AND TE AO MĀORI MEETING

JANUARY 2022

James and Abann met with Helen Te Hira, Māori Outcomes Director at Auckland Council, to discuss and receive guidance and advice on ARCC's engagement with The Treaty of Waitangi/Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Te Ao Māori. ARCC staff and Board members will be meeting in the coming weeks to take this discussion forward as an organisation, a very timely discussion with Waitangi Day just around the corner.



## YOUTH UNITED VOICE MEET-UP

19 FEBRUARY 2022

Youth met up in Rocket Park to discuss ideas for upcoming events. We had delicious pizza.

## COOKING COMPETITION WINNER

21 FEBRUARY 2022

Congratulations to Laila Mohammed for winning last week's Women Leadership Network Cooking Competition! Laila made a lovely Egyptian pastry called Hawawshi, and won a \$100 Prezzy card.

Please contact Sandy if you are interested in joining the Women Leadership Network, [sandy@arcc.org.nz](mailto:sandy@arcc.org.nz)



## VACCINE Q AND A SESSION

26 FEBRUARY 2022

We had a great turnout at our second Vaccine Q and A session - 30 people came! People asked many questions for the two doctors, Dr Ala Farah and Dr Benjamin Soe, to answer. The doctors were thorough in answering questions and addressing concerns.

## MEETING WITH MP IBRAHIM OMER

27 FEBRUARY 2022

Team ARCC met with Hon Ibrahim Omer, MP Member of New Zealand Parliament. We discussed:

- How to make a connection between the resettlement of forced migrants (grants)
- Recognition of being a New Zealander, no longer a refugee (not to live in past trauma anymore)
- How to find a way to work with government services/organizations. The possibility of arranging a conference and meeting with Ministers and maybe Prime Minister, to present the issues within the resettlement sector and to be able to hear from the community directly.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND UNIVERSITY FORUM

04 MARCH 2022

We held a forum on scholarships and university life for our Youth United Voice programme. About 20 people came and asked questions of our panel of speakers. Questions ranged from scholarships, to what type of support is provided by universities, to different areas of study and using creative skills to pursue a good career.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### WOMEN LEADERSHIP NETWORK: CROCHETING TOGETHER

28 MARCH 2022

Come bring your crocheting and knitting supplies, create things, chat and socialise.

We will be meeting at the Band Rotunda in Cornwall Park. Monday, 21 March at 3pm. Food vouchers provided to participants.





## MEMBER LEADERSHIP NETWORK: STRATEGY AND IMMIGRATION

01 APRIL 2022

Come hear about ARCC's new Strategic Plan, and the updates we have received from Immigration NZ.

Friday, 1 April, 5-6:30pm

## YOUTH UNITED VOICE LEADERSHIP TRAINING: SELF-EMPOWERMENT AND SELF-ADVOCACY

02 APRIL 2022

Have you ever had difficulty saying "no," or standing up for yourself? Do you have trouble telling people your ideas in a confident way?

Our first Leadership Training seminar will be on Self-Empowerment and Self-Advocacy, and will feature:

-Abann Yor, CEO of ARCC

-Judy Lightstone, Psychologist and Self-Empowerment trainer

Saturday, 2 April, 2-3:30pm

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84621653268?pwd=TGpJaEo2UTRSN1dnbnZyVG1jWG43Zz09>

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When We Became New Zealanders Participants