

CEO's Message

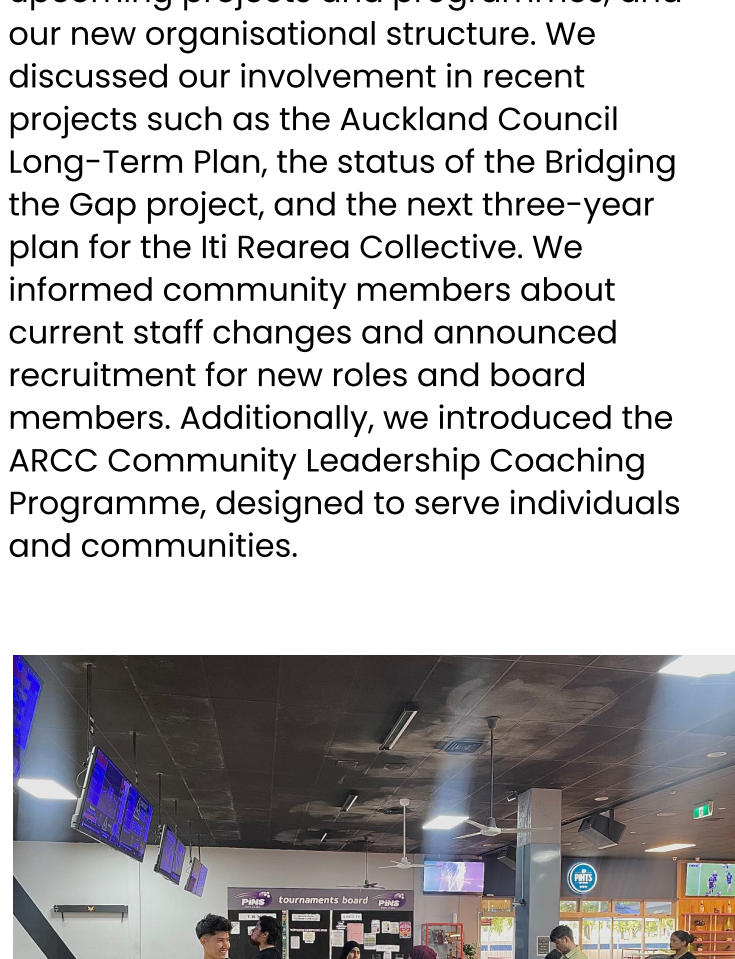
Welcome to this issue of our newsletter. I want to commend the ARCC team for their exceptional dedication and intelligence shown over the past two months. The team successfully met all the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) set out for this period, ensuring we remain on track with our annual goals. With the start of the new financial year in April, they have laid a solid foundation for the year ahead.

This period also saw continued progress in our ongoing projects such as Bridging the Gaps, Auckland Council-Long Term Plan, and Iti Rearea Collectives, alongside programmes like MLN, WLN, and YUV. Our team also conducted individual office visits and engaged in community consultation meetings with individual Executive Committees (ECs), enhancing our commitment to community welfare and outreach.

I extend my gratitude to our 26 coalition member organisations, board members, staff, friends, funders, supporters, project participants, and volunteers for their ongoing support. Thank you for your engagement, and I encourage you to read and provide feedback on our newsletter.

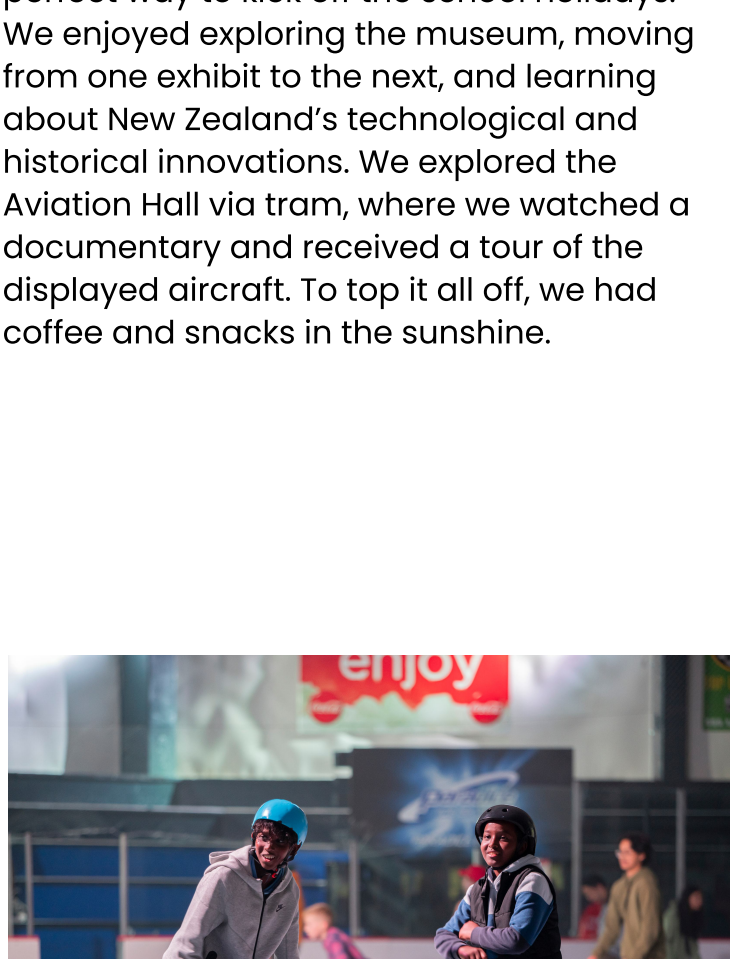
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ARCC Programmes



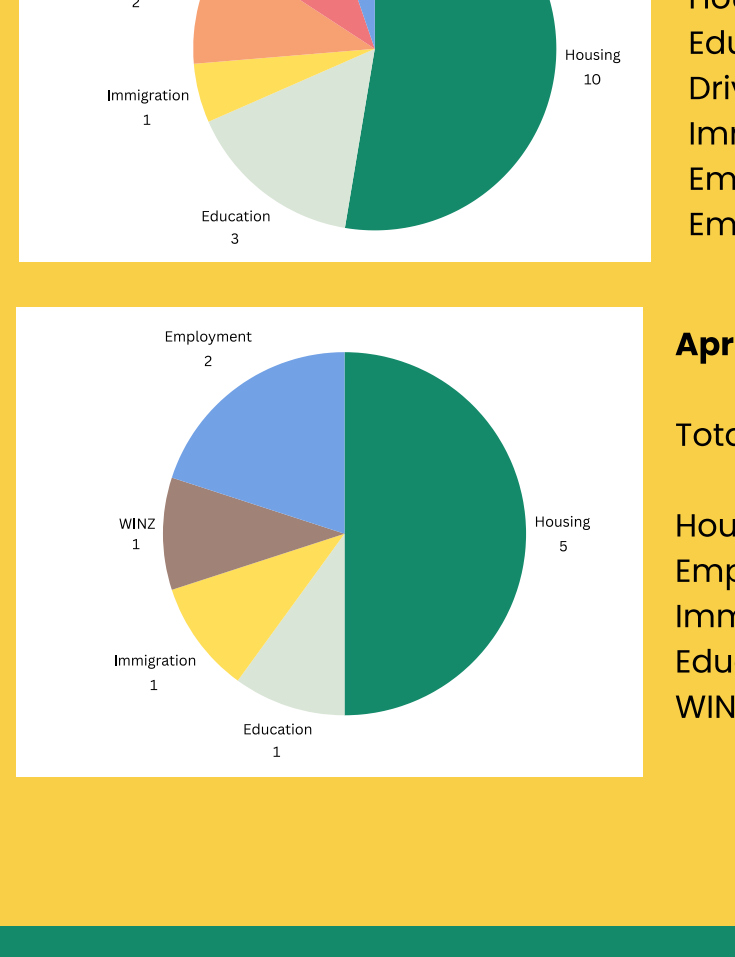
Member Leadership Network (MLN)

On 19th April, we convened at the Wesley Community Centre for our MLN meeting, addressing updates on ARCC management, upcoming projects and programmes, and our new organisational structure. We discussed our involvement in recent projects such as the Auckland Council Long-Term Plan, the status of the Bridging the Gap project, and the next three-year plan for the Iti Rearea Collective. We informed community members about current staff changes and announced recruitment for new roles and board members. Additionally, we introduced the ARCC Community Leadership Coaching Programme, designed to serve individuals and communities.



Women Leadership Network (WLN)

On 15th April, ARCC organised a visit to the MOTAT Museum. We welcomed over 30 people, including 15 children, making it a perfect way to kick off the school holidays. We enjoyed exploring the museum, moving from one exhibit to the next, and learning about New Zealand's technological and historical innovations. We explored the Aviation Hall via tram, where we watched a documentary and received a tour of the displayed aircraft. To top it all off, we had coffee and snacks in the sunshine.



Youth United Voice

On 2nd March, We hosted a Youth Bowling event at PINS Bowling Centre, with 19 youths participating. They played two games of bowling and enjoyed a lunch break together.

On 20th April, another event took place at Paradise Ice Skating Rink, attended by 14 youths. From our youths nervously stepping onto the ice for the first time to watching talented skaters showing off their moves, everyone had a great time. We came together to strengthen our community bonds through shared joy and fun memories. Snacks were provided during a short break.



Community Support Services

From March to April 2024, our Community Support Service team assisted in 29 community cases, providing support letters, advocacy, and more. Details of the services provided are as follows:



March Community Cases

Total Community Cases: 19

- Housing : 10
- Education : 3
- Driver License : 2
- Immigration : 1
- Emergency : 2
- Employment : 1



April Community Cases

Total Community Cases: 10

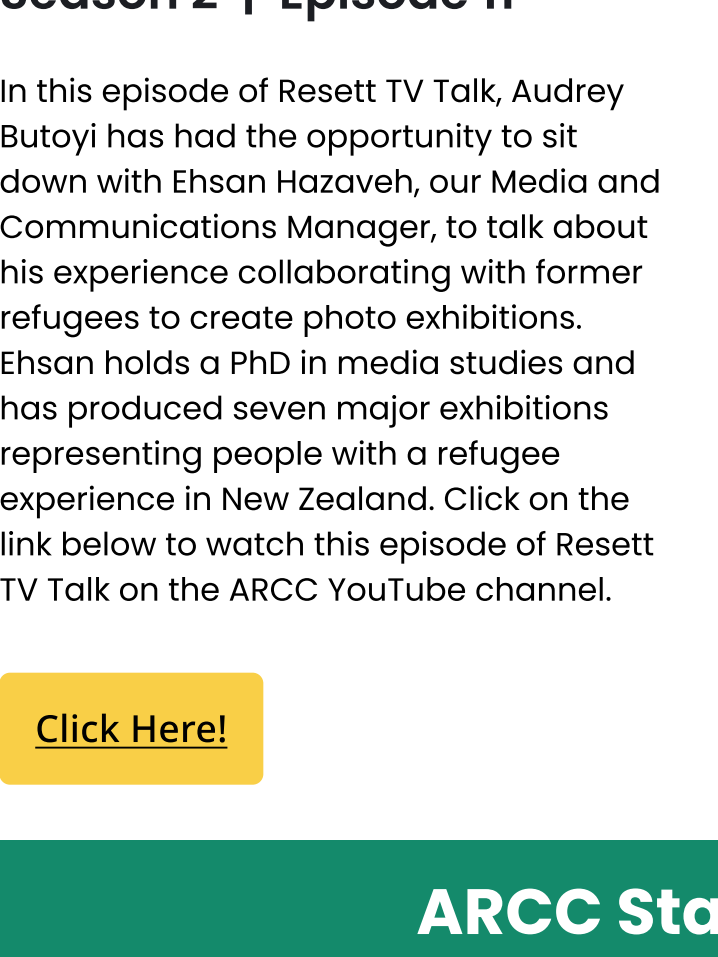
- Housing : 5
- Employment : 2
- Immigration : 1
- Education : 1
- WINZ : 1

ARCC Projects



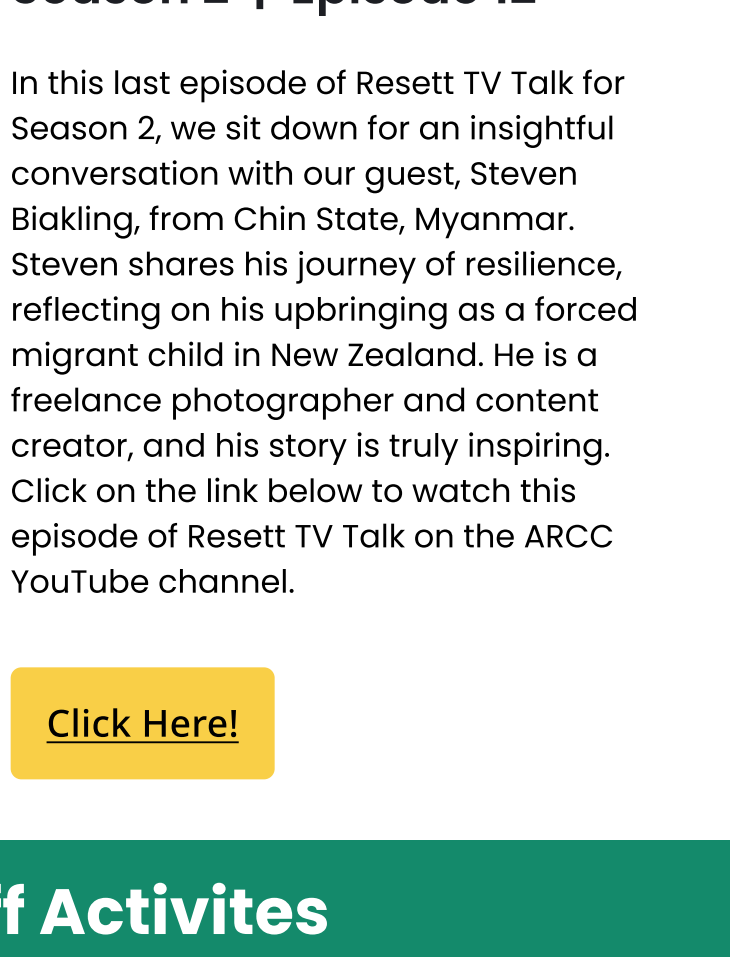
Learning Communities Hub: 1st session – Overview of New Zealand Education System

On 20th April, the first session of our Learning Communities Hub was held at Mt Roskill War Memorial Hall, covering the New Zealand Education System. We had a great turnout, with 34 families, including parents and children, participating actively. A representative from the Ministry of Education led the presentation, with community volunteers providing interpretation. The session covered an overview of the New Zealand Education System, which is crucial for parents to understand.



Bridging the Gap (BtG): SDWG Meeting Update

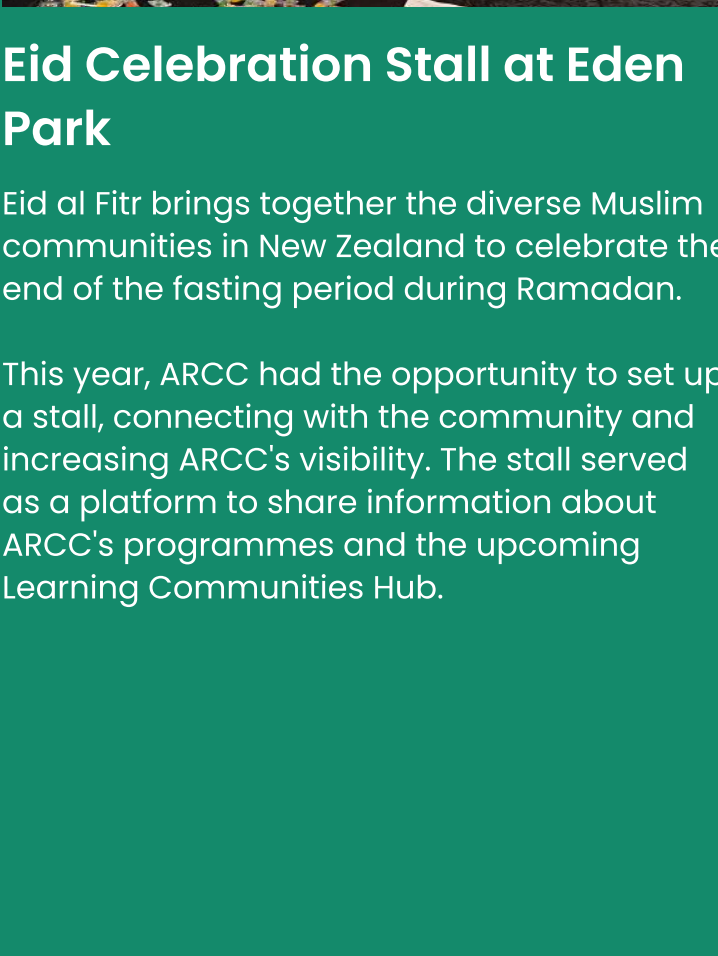
The Solution Development Working Group (SDWG) had a meeting on 25th March, marking the conclusion of their six-month volunteering period dedicated to developing tools. ARCC extends its sincere appreciation to every member of the SDWG for dedicating their time, knowledge, energy, and unwavering commitment to participating in Phase 2 of the Bridging the Gap Project. The report, along with two practical tools, will be officially launched on 1st June 2024.



Auckland Council Long Term Plan (LTP) - Community Partners Meeting

In partnership with Auckland Council, ARCC facilitated the completion of the Auckland Council Long Term Plan Feedback Form within our communities. Our target was to reach 200 participants; fortunately, we exceeded this target by engaging 233 community members. The community partners' team from Auckland Council took the time to meet with ARCC to acknowledge and recognise the effort and hard work ARCC has put into achieving this. We would like to acknowledge the individual community leaders who facilitated the completion of the Feedback Forms within their communities.

Resett TV Talk



Season 2 | Episode 11

In this episode of Resett TV Talk, Audrey Butoyi has had the opportunity to sit down with Ehsan Hazaveh, our Media and Communications Manager, to talk about his experience collaborating with former refugees to create photo exhibitions. Ehsan holds a PhD in media studies and has produced seven major exhibitions representing people with a refugee experience in New Zealand. Click on the link below to watch this episode of Resett TV Talk on the ARCC YouTube channel.



Season 2 | Episode 12

In this last episode of Resett TV Talk for Season 2, we sit down for an insightful conversation with our guest, Steven Biakling, from Chin State, Myanmar. Steven shares his journey of resilience, reflecting on his upbringing as a forced migrant child in New Zealand. He is a freelance photographer and content creator, and his story is truly inspiring. Click on the link below to watch this episode of Resett TV Talk on the ARCC YouTube channel.

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ARCC Staff Activities



Meet2Connect

ARCC's Operations Manager, Pwint, and Community Support Worker, Faisal, participated in the Monthly Meet2Connect Shared Lunch Networking Meeting organised by Belong Aotearoa. This gathering presented a valuable opportunity for our team members to establish connections with other resettlement service providers within the community. During the meeting, we engaged in meaningful discussions aimed at understanding the diverse areas of support offered by various organisations. By actively participating in such networking meetings, ARCC aims to foster collaboration, share knowledge, and strengthen partnerships with other service providers.



ARCC Meeting with MP (Dr Parmjeet)

Our CEO, Abann, and Marketing & Communications Manager, Ehsan, had the privilege of meeting with our local MP, Dr. Parmjeet. She came to our doorstep to reconnect with ARCC and to see how to engage with local community issues. It was a positive meeting as the outcome was that she is willing to provide employment support in the resettlement sector. Abann even briefly talked about the Bridging the Gap project, giving her updates and explaining the process of the project itself. Dr. Parmjeet expressed strong admiration for the project, and she offered opportunities for ARCC to present the Bridging the Gap project to different political parties to garner support. We hope to collaborate more with her soon.



Eid Celebration Stall at Eden Park

Eid al Fitr brings together the diverse Muslim communities in New Zealand to celebrate the end of the fasting period during Ramadan.

This year, ARCC had the opportunity to set up a stall, connecting with the community and increasing ARCC's visibility. The stall served as a platform to share information about ARCC's programmes and the upcoming Learning Communities Hub.



Community Consultation Meetings

Our community engagement with the Executive Committee (EC) aims to identify leadership gaps within the EC, ensuring a better understanding of their leadership capabilities within the organisation/community. This initiative equips the EC with specialised capability development to make meaningful contributions to their community/organisation.

The outcomes of this engagement include a better understanding of the frameworks of incorporated societies and organisational structures, familiarity with roles and responsibilities, and clearly identified areas for capacity building in leadership practices such as management, communication, problem-solving, negotiation, meeting facilitation, leadership management, strategic thinking, and relationship building. We have conducted a total of eight consultation meetings with various community organisations under the umbrella of ARCC.

ARCC Upcoming Events!

ARCC Programmes

Women Leadership Network (WLN) Mother's Day Special Ceramic Painting

Date: Monday, 6th May
Time: 11 am - 2 pm
Venue: Western Springs Garden Community Hall

Member Leadership Network (MLN) Resettlement Community Updates

Date: Friday, 24th May
Time: 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm
Venue: Wesley Community Centre

Youth United Voice (YUV) Photography Workshop

Date: Saturday, 25th May
Time: TBC
Venue: TBC

ARCC Events

World Refugee Day 2024

Date: Saturday, 22nd June
Time: 11 am - 2 pm
Venue: Mt Eden War Memorial Hall

ARCC Projects

Learning Communities Hub Workshops:

Workshop 2: Understanding NCEA
Date: Saturday, 4th May

Workshop 3: NZ Curriculum
Date: Saturday, 11th May

Workshop 4: Being Safe at Schools
Date: Saturday, 18th May

Workshop 5: Understanding School Reports & Parent-Teacher Interviews
Date: Saturday, 25th May

All Sessions will be conducted at the same venue and at the same time

Time: 10am - 12 pm
Venue: Wesley Community Centre

Upcoming Community Events

Woman Wellness Workshops

Workshop 1: Wellbeing
Date: Saturday, 4th May

Workshop 2: Sewing and Alteration
Date: Saturday, 11th May

Workshop 3: Fitness & Nutrition with Mihi Nemani
Date: Saturday, 18th May

Workshop 4: Personal Style & Brand
Date: Saturday, 25th May

Workshop 5: Brain Education with Master Sunyoung
Date: Saturday, 1st June

All Sessions will be conducted at the same venue and at the same time

Time: 8 am - 10 am
Price: \$40 per session
Venue: Nora Swann HQ - 318 Ti Rakau Drive, Burswood

If anyone is interested in participating, please register at the following email address below:

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