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**Community Networks Wellington Newsletter  
February / Hui-tanguru 2025**

**COMMUNITY NETWORKS WELLINGTON  
FEBRUARY / HUI-TANGURU NETWORK MEETING**

Nau mai, haere mai!  
Kei te tino karangahia koe / You are warmly invited to our  
February / Hui-tanguru Network Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday 19 February 2025

**Time:** 11am—12pm (join us for morning tea from 10:40am)

**Venue:** St Peters Church 'Garden Room' 211 Willis Street (*Entrance is on Ghuznee Street*)

**To RSVP** click here: [19 February 2025 Network Meeting](#)

Or for more information contact Debbie Delaney  
by email at: [office@cnw.org.nz](mailto:office@cnw.org.nz) or visit [www.cnw.org.nz](http://www.cnw.org.nz)

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**COMMUNITY NETWORKS  
WELLINGTON  
HOME PAGE**

**March Newsletter Deadline**

**Deadline for the March newsletter** - Tuesday 25th  
February (Midday)

**Deadline for weekly email supplements** – Tuesdays  
Midday (for Wednesdays Supplement)

Please forward anything you wish to advertise,  
to [newsletter@cnw.org.nz](mailto:newsletter@cnw.org.nz)

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**Upcoming Radio Shows**

29 January 1.30pm — [Utilities Disputes](#)  
Host Jennifer Buckley speaks with Utilities Disputes  
about their work and services they provide.  
**Replays 5 February 1.30pm**

12 February 1.30pm — [Problem Gambling Foundation](#)  
Our host Maddie Clarke speaks with the Problem  
Gambling Foundation. About their work and the  
services they provide.  
**Replays 19 February 1.30pm**

**Want to Promote your Mahi?**

If you would like to be involved in our radio show, to  
promote your Organisations Mahi, promote a special  
event or new resource, contact [office@cnw.org.nz](mailto:office@cnw.org.nz)  
The Radio show is free to our members and can be pre  
recorded to fit in around your work.

**Want to be more involved?**

If you are interested in the sector and would you like  
to host some shows? contact [office@cnw.org.nz](mailto:office@cnw.org.nz)

Join us at 1.30pm, (every second Wednesday) on  
[Wellington Access Radio](#) 106.1FM  
Listen to previous shows :  
<https://www.cnw.org.nz/nga-whakahirahira-a-nga-mema--members-highlights.html>

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**In place of our March Network Meeting  
CNW will be co-hosting a Special Event for  
our members  
See invitation on next page!**

**Articles of Interest**

**You need to get in early, as soon as you see  
people struggling: Understanding the life-  
course journey**

“This report captures the voices of children and young  
people who shared what’s important to them, what  
gets in the way, and what helps - at different stages of  
their life journey from babies through to young adults.  
Their insights and perspectives were sought primarily to  
inform the review of the Child 2 and Youth Wellbeing  
Strategy, which sets out a shared understanding of  
what’s important for children and young people, and  
what is needed to create an environment where they  
can all thrive”. Source: Mana Mokopuna (New Zealand)  
[Read Full Article Here](#)

**A place to talk peacefully: Mokopuna  
voices on healing from family violence and  
sexual violence in Aotearoa**

This mokopuna voices report shares the unfiltered  
voices of children and young people, shedding light on  
what helped and what hindered them when accessing  
support after experiencing family violence and sexual  
violence. An outcome of a collaboration between Mana  
Mokopuna – Children and Young People’s Commission  
and Te Puna Aonui, the Government board responsible  
for Te Aorerekura National Strategy to Eliminate Family  
Violence and Sexual Violence, the report was written to  
ensure that young voices were meaningfully heard and  
incorporated into decision-making relating to family  
violence and sexual violence elimination. [Download the  
Report here](#)

**The Emperor has some new clothes**

Heralded by the Government as a panacea to address  
our shameful social wellbeing record, is the  
establishment of the Social Investment Agency headed  
by Andrew Coster, the ex Commissioner of Police. The  
task of the Social Investment Agency is to implement  
social investment approaches in our communities and  
provide cross-sector insights for decision-makers.  
They describe themselves as being “focused on the  
operation of the system of government agencies,  
supporting agencies to comply with the Government’s  
directions (e.g. through standards and guidance), and  
monitoring delivery against the Government’s work  
programme and priorities”. ..... [Read the full Blog Here](#)  
[LEAD](#) Blog Written by Sandy Thompson

# SPECIAL INVITATION TO CNW MEMBERS ONLY



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## WELLINGTON COMMUNITY SECTOR CELEBRATION

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Community Networks Wellington | Government House

19<sup>th</sup> March 2025 | 10:30am - 12:00pm | 1 Rugby St

*(please arrive between 9.45am – 10.15am)*

### **Thank you !**

The RT Hon Dame Cindy Kiro, GNZM, QSO, Governor-General of New Zealand, together with Community Networks Wellington invite you to morning tea to recognise the inspiring mahi of the CNW network and acknowledge your commitment to Wellington's most vulnerable people.

With you all things are possible.

### **Who is invited?**

This special occasion has limited capacity. We ask you to nominate only one person from your organisation at this stage. You are required to notify CNW by noon on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025 of whom will be attending from your organisation by following this link and filling in the form.

**[CLICK HERE TO FILL OUT THE RSVP FORM](#)**

We look forward to seeing you in March.

#### **Important - Please note**

*On confirmation of your rsvp you will be emailed a QR code from Government House.  
This is not transferrable, and you will need to show your QR code on arrival.*

## NOTICES

### Invite to Wellington Groups to hear about WCC's Social funding review 4 and 5 February

Wellington City Council are reviewing the funding and grants criteria for the Social and Recreation Fund and are planning to improve alignment of fund criteria with the Council's strategic priorities outlined in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 as well as aligning the fund with the timing of the Council's three yearly LTP process.

We are running two 60 minute webinars for community organisations at 12.30pm on Tuesday 4 February 2025 and at 5pm on Wednesday 5 February 2025.

Please RSVP by emailing [funding@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:funding@wcc.govt.nz) stating what time option that best suits you, we can send links to the webinar. If you cannot make either session, there will be a summary of the information made available after the webinars.

At the webinars Connected Communities Funding Team Lead Siaun Lintern and Business Performance Manager Mark Farrar and will provide information on the review, key steps and the timeframe for decision making.

There'll be time for questions and people can provide feedback via comments during the webinar.

The fund was last reviewed in 2005 when current arrangements were established. The total amount of funding available through the Social and Recreation fund is \$5.388m in 2024/25, this includes current multi-year funding for 50 organisations of \$3.847m, as well as specific funding streams for Sportsville Partnerships, Tawa Community Grants and community facilities as well as the grant applications for project funding through the Social and Recreation Fund.

The team have met with organisations currently supported through multi-year funding to talk through the timeline and process.

Further information is available here; [Social and Recreation Fund - Community support - Wellington City Council](#)

## Island Bay Festival Day in the Bay

Island Bay  
Sunday 9th February, 10am - 6pm  
[Facebook](#)

Day in the Bay is back in 2025 and better than ever! Come along on Sunday 9th of February to kick off the beginning of the Island Bay Festival with a parade, bands, food and the blessing of the boats.

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### Pōneke Philosophy Club

Saturday 8th February, 3.30 - 4.30pm  
[Instagram](#)

A monthly meetup fostering community, empathy and connection, with snacks and no philosophy knowledge needed. This month's theme is memory. Follow [@ponekephilosophy](#) on Instagram for more information.

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### Waitangi Day 2025: Kotahitanga & solidarity hīkoi

Te Tiriti Action Group is gearing up over the next few weeks to support mana whenua for a massive Waitangi Day event in Pōneke - Thursday, 6 February. Join and support the Kotahitanga & Solidarity Hīkoi!

For more information, check out the [Facebook](#) page here - [bit.ly/3WtG8sl](https://bit.ly/3WtG8sl) or hop on to [Tiriti Action Group](#)'s website for other details and updates - [bit.ly/3E4F4Vo](https://bit.ly/3E4F4Vo)

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### Wellington Pasifika Festival Saturday 8 February

12PM - 6PM WAITANGI PARK

This free family-friendly festival celebrates our unique Pacific communities.

Enjoy a wonderful line-up of performances, activities, stalls, food trucks, the Kids' Zone, radio activations, and more.

Read more and check out the [programme here](#).



# Help our children thrive!



Does your child have difficulty:  
paying attention,  
have trouble remembering things, or  
listening especially when there's background  
noise? They may need extra support if they have  
Auditory Processing Disorder (APD).

APD is a term for hearing disorders in which the ears process sound normally, but the brain does not. APD is estimated to affect 6.2% of children in New Zealand (35% for Pasifika children).

Many symptoms of APD are the same as for hearing problems except APD can't be detected with a standard hearing test.

Sign your child up for a free assessment  
either at our place or yours - [hearwell01@xtra.co.nz](mailto:hearwell01@xtra.co.nz)  
(Assessment is suitable for 6-11 year olds.)



## NZCCSS Guide to Government: Writing A Submission

This useful guide explains What a submission is, how to write or prepare an oral submission, and what happens after a submission is made. The information can be downloaded as a pdf and is the first of the [NZCCSS](#) 'Guide to Government' series.

<https://nzccss.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/NZCCSS-Guide-to-Government-Writing-a-Submission.pdf>

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## Lunar New Year Festival 2025

UNTIL SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY

Celebrate the Lunar New Year through a range of exciting events across Wellington, such as:

[Sssip and Sssavour](#) – Throughout the festival period, participating venues will offer special drinks and dishes inspired by the colour red, the snake, and Lunar New Year traditions.

[Sssidewalk Sssideshow](#) - On Saturday 1 February from 6pm to 9pm, join in on a spectacular evening featuring street performances, music, and the iconic red envelope tradition. Then follow it up with [a fireworks display](#) on the waterfront.

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## FillGood at events across Wellington

With so many exciting summer festivities happening in Pōneke, FillGood, an initiative from Sustainability Trust and a collective of partners, aims to reduce the mass amounts of single-use items by offering reusable cups, plates and trays at events.

[Read more](#) about how FillGood works.

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## New Parents Group

Space at The Salvation Army, 4 Normanby Street, Newtown. Thursdays 9 - 11.30am

[space.wellington@salvationarmy.org.nz](mailto:space.wellington@salvationarmy.org.nz)

A group for new parents for families with babies born October 2024 - January 2025 for community connection, parent education, coffee, fun & play. For info, email [space.wellington@salvationarmy.org.nz](mailto:space.wellington@salvationarmy.org.nz), text: 022 010 0471

## UPDATE

### Dementia Wellington Reimagining Dementia Symposium 27 Feb 2025

**Please read if you have booked or are planning to attend.**

Bookings close Monday 3 February

Due to the large interest from supporters and people with dementia we are closing bookings at the end of the day on **Monday 3 February**. This is so we can offer any free places to supporters and people with dementia on the waiting list.

Please use the name of your organisation, rather than your personal name when booking, so that your organisation is invoiced rather than you. You can email [admin@dementiawellington.org.nz](mailto:admin@dementiawellington.org.nz) with any queries about invoicing or about the event. Please note timings and content are subject to change but the current information will not change significantly.

[dementia.nz/events/dementia-wellington-reimagining-dementia-symposium](https://dementia.nz/events/dementia-wellington-reimagining-dementia-symposium)

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## Check out NZ Navigate Trust Great New Resources

Generosity Generator Masterclass - an online short course in crowdsourcing <https://community.net.nz/resources/givealittle/generosity-generator-masterclass>

Using bilingual signage around your organization <https://community.net.nz/resources/te-taura-whiri-i-te-reo-maori-maori-language-commission/bilingual-signage>

Good Numbers Tier 4 Tool - a free tool for creating annual financial reports for small charities <https://community.net.nz/resources/good-numbers/good-numbers-tier-4-tool>

Cyber Security Issues for Organisations - resources to keep your organisation safe online <https://community.net.nz/resources/nz-navigator-trust/own-your-online>

Their website has many more resources designed to strengthen organisations and communities <https://community.net.nz/>



NZCAST

# NEW ZEALAND COLLECTIVE OF ABUSED IN STATE CARE

## WELLINGTON STATE CARE GATHERING “WHARE TAPU”

NZCAST is hosting a State Care Survivors gathering at Orongomai Marae, Upper Hutt Wellington. Friday to Sunday. Book now to secure a space.

### Highlights

- Accommodation at Marae
- Kai
- Information for survivors
- Connecting with other survivors



**28 FEB - 2ND  
OF MARCH** | **10AM  
ONWARDS**

ORONGOMAI MARAE, 1/9 RAILWAY AVE, UPPER HUTT

**Register  
Now**

Contact us below for  
more information

FOR MORE INFORMATION

NZCAST@OUTLOOK.COM

021 207 0587

NEW ZEALAND COLLECTIVE OF ABUSED IN  
STATE CARE CHARITABLE TRUST ON FB

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Peer Support Worker Kites Trust

Full Time Role

#### Job Description

Being a hub- connecting Whaiora with community groups – developing knowledge of/ ties to peer support groups.

- Facilitating groups.
- One on One peer support and shared goals.
- Relationship building.
- Interviewing.
- Developing own projects.
- Reporting to Kites Trust.
- Taking part in/ facilitating art/music/writing.
- Attend staff meetings/get handovers about the acuity of the Whaiora.

#### Organisation

Kites Trust

#### Job Summary

The purpose of this role is to walk alongside tangata whaiora and offer support, empathy, and companionship to them on their journey towards wellbeing.

#### Salary

\$28 per hour

#### How to apply

If you enjoy team collaboration and working with Tāngata Whai Ora, please submit your resume and a cover letter explaining your experience and why you are the ideal fit for this role to our Administrator, Laura at [Laura Harper](#).

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, so we encourage you to apply.

We may close the application process once we find the right candidate.

We look forward to receiving your application.

[Find out more here](#)

### Rainbow Youth Worker | 4 Hours Zeal Education Trust Casual Role

#### Job Description

Zeal Wellington is looking for a casual youth worker who can proactively engage with our young people, build positive and effective relationships and connect young people to Zeal's programmes, events and services.

At Zeal, we're all about giving our lives for young people. And we're looking for someone to join our team in Wellington who believes in young people like we do. You will be responsible for connecting with our Wellington young people in the Rainbow community and facilitating a safe inclusive space.

#### Key responsibilities

- Proactively engage with young people and build positive and effective relationships, in line with best practice strengths-based youth development.
- Connect young people to Zeal's programmes and services.
- Assist the Zeal staff in coordinating the drop-in space and other youth work activities.
- Work alongside other Zeal staff, implementing the strategic direction of Zeal.
- Comply with all health and safety procedures, reporting any health and safety issues, hazards or possible risks to the Manager.
- Play an active and contributing role within the Zeal Centre and Zeal nationwide team, fostering shared learning opportunities and experiences.
- To assist the Manager in any other capacity as directed.

#### Skills and experience

- You know your stuff. You've got a relevant tertiary qualification in youth development and 2+ years' experience in youth/community development, or a similar field.
- You have working knowledge of The Circle of Courage and Te Whare Tapa Whā.
- You have a demonstrated ability to build relationships with young people.
- You have a proactive, self-motivated mindset and approach.
- You think outside the box to produce fresh ideas and concept
- Young people and creativity are deeply important to you, and you've got the experience and knowledge to back it up.

[Find out more or apply here](#)



Catholic  
Social Services

people helping people āwhina tātou

# GAME ON!

**AN 8 WEEK PARENTING COURSE JUST FOR DAD**

**WE SUPPORT DADS TO BE THE BEST DAD THEY CAN BE FOR  
THEIR KIDS**

**WE EXPLORE WHAT WE WANT FOR OUR KIDS AND WHAT WE  
HAVE TO DO TO MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE**

**LEARN.CONNECT.SHARE**



**WHEN: STARTS WED 12TH FEBRUARY, 2025  
6.30PM - 8.30PM**

**WHERE: TE MAKO COMMUNITY HUB  
27 HILARY COURT  
NAENAE, LOWER HUTT**

**COST: FREE**

**FOR MORE INFO CONTACT US  
RECEPTION@WN.CATHOLIC.ORG.NZ  
OR RING FRANCIS 021 0887 4824**

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

### Smart Newtown Computer Classes



Smart Newtown is starting out 2025 with another round of computer classes.

It's the first lot of the year, so they're starting off with some of the key basics of email, smart phones, and the art of using a Windows laptop.

Each class is a single, self-contained 2 hour session, and you've got a choice of either a Monday evening slot from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM or a Wednesday afternoon time of 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM.

Check our facebook event for a full description of each.

Facebook Event: [bit.ly/40KbmOc](https://bit.ly/40KbmOc)

Register Here: [bit.ly/44GGRYI](https://bit.ly/44GGRYI)

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### Governance Bytes 2025: Board as Employers: Supporting, Developing & Appraising the Manager

When: Wed Feb 12 2025 @ 6:15pm - 7:45pm

Where: Online: zoom (link sent prior )

Cost: \$69 + GST

Facilitator: Aly McNicoll

In this workshop you will learn about:

- The Leadership equation - the Board-Manager relationship
- Being a good employer - managing the manager
- Performance reviews and accountability conversations

[Register Now](#)

### Governance Bytes 2025: Dealing with Board Dynamics Managing Difficult Personalities

When: Wed March 5th 2025 @ 6:15pm - 7:45pm

Where: Online: zoom (link sent prior )

Cost: \$69 + GST

Facilitator: Aly McNicoll

In the workshop you will learn about:

- Civility respect and regard - the three non-negotiables
- Types of board personalities
- Recognising and managing difficult behaviours
- How to exit a problem board member

[Register Now](#)

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### INSIGHT: Ready, Set, Engage

Are you new to managing volunteers or maybe you're looking for a refresher?

Join us for a free one-hour INSIGHT webinar: Ready, Set, Engage is designed for volunteer leaders, coordinators and managers who want an overview of things to think about when managing volunteers!

This is an opportunity for you to gain valuable insights and practical strategies through the entire process.

What we will cover:

- Ready: What to think about before you start recruiting
- Set: Recruitment and Onboarding
- Engage: Recognition and reward

Where: Zoom

When: Wednesday 19th February 2025

Time: 10:00am – 11:00am

Fees: FREE

Facilitators: Amanda Ashby and Leta Roache from Volunteer Wellington and Volunteer Porirua

[Register Here](#)



SUPPORTING CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE, AND ADULTS THROUGH

# Change and Loss

## PROGRAMS AVAILABLE



**Children and Young Persons'**



**Stormbirds**  
Natural Disaster Response



**Parent Programs**



**Adult Programs**

Help build a resilient and understanding community

## **FOR TRAINING DATES AND MORE INFORMATION**



**VISIT:** <https://catholicsocialservices.org.nz/seasons-for-growth/>



**Email** [seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz)



**Call** 021 374 405

## TRAINING



### **WHO IS IT FOR?**

Professionals working with children, young people, or adults who have experienced significant life changes.



### **WHAT IT INVOLVES**

A 2-day workshop equipping you to lead small group sessions supporting children, young people, or adults through change, loss, or grief. Gain skills in companionship, group management, and creating safe spaces.

*(Parent and Stormbirds training are only 1 day).*



### **WHAT WILL YOU GAIN?**

Certification as a Seasons for Growth Companion.

Resources, skills and tools to companion the program.

# register today

## Safeguarding & Child Protection Blended Learning (elearning + webinar)

Wed 19 Feb 2025 , 10am—12pm, \$60

e-learning: approx 2 hours, pre-requisite to webinar; access given 20 days before webinar date

Live webinar: Wednesday, 19 February 2025, 10am - 12pm. Session is 1.5 - 2 hours depending on discussion and Q&A This training is the starting point on your safeguarding and child protection learning journey. It would also serve as a good refresher as it is an introduction to the essentials of safeguarding and child protection. You will gain an understanding of the impact of child abuse and neglect, including family violence and sexual violence, along with the knowledge of what you can do to prevent and minimise the risk of harm to tamariki and rangatahi. You will gain confidence in the actions you need to take when you are worried about a child or young person.

[Register Here](#)

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## Tauiwi Tautoko Course

The cool folks at [Tauiwi Tautoko](#) are rolling out the next free, public 8 week training for tangata tauiwi Pākeha on 12 February. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to harness the awesome vibe from the hīkoi and continue the kōrero on Te Tiriti justice and learn some skills to have important anti-racist chats. Contact [info@tauiwitautoko.com](mailto:info@tauiwitautoko.com) for more info and a link to upcoming course expression of interest.

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## Theories of suicide: Insights into ideation and prevention

On demand webinar—Online (New Zealand)

Who should view this webinar recording?  
Anyone who works in a professional care role or supports people through all forms of loss and grief. This webinar is particularly applicable to those working in suicide prevention. Our content is applicable to a wide variety of professions including counsellors, social workers, teachers, emergency response teams, medical, corrections, mental health, hospice, volunteers, caregivers and more. [Find out more here](#)

## Volunteers Driving Mentors Needed

ChangeMakers Resettlement Forum

Help a former refugee gain their driver licence in 2025.

It's fun, rewarding and life-changing!

### Job Description

If you are:

- be at least 21 years old
- have held a clean NZ full licence for at least 2 years
- have some patience, confidence and creativity!
- Available to volunteer for 2 hours a week in Wellington City (2 x 1 hour practice sessions) until the learner is test ready (usually 12-20 weeks)

### We provide

- A dual control car (you don't have to use your own)
- Training from a driving instructor
- Ongoing support

We would love to hear from you!

We are looking for some female volunteers to help another woman from a refugee background to get their licence by practicing with her once or twice a week.

You will be matched with someone who lives nearby so that you can easily meet her at her place (all the practices will be in her car).

In return, you will make a positive difference in the life of woman from a refugee background and her family, receive training and support throughout your placement, increase your understanding of another culture and contribute to improving driver safety on the road.

### Job Summary

Help a former refugee woman get her driving licence!

### How to apply

We would love to hear from you! For further information email Susan and Mylène at the address below ([TTC@crf.org.nz](mailto:TTC@crf.org.nz))



# Solution Focused Brief Therapy

## A Comprehensive Introduction

SFBT

Live Webinar with Michael Durrant

Solution Focused Brief Therapy (SFBT) is an internationally recognised, short-term goal-focused therapeutic approach which research has shown to be particularly successful in work with children and young people. By focusing on how change happens and constructing solutions rather than concentrating on the historical details of how a problem developed, SFBT offers a range of approaches and techniques to assist in facilitating timely, lasting change. SFBT teaches people to utilise their existing strengths and redirect their focus towards how they want things to be, and what it will take to make it happen.

In this live broadcast webinar, Michael provides a comprehensive introduction to the practice of SFBT and its application within a range of professional contexts relating to work with children and young people. He will unwrap the theory which underpins SFBT discussing how it fits within broader strengths-based approaches and introduces participants to the questioning skills and tools central to the success of this approach. Videotaped examples of actual interventions will be used to complement the discussion and participants will be equipped with a range of new techniques that can be easily and immediately incorporated into their own work. If your work involves you having change focused conversations with young people then this training is definitely for you.



Michael Durrant is the director of the Brief Therapy Institute of Sydney. A Psychologist and Author with an international reputation in Solution Focused Brief Therapy, Michael consults with agencies and teams in Australia and overseas and has presented more than 750 professional training workshops throughout the world. His vast knowledge of this approach combined with his clear and concise presentation style ensures that this is a training opportunity not to be missed for everybody working at the coal face with children and young people.

Brought to you by:  
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### Details:

- 📍 Live broadcast webinar via Zoom
- 🕒 Thursday 27th February 2024 - 9:00am to 3:00pm
- 💰 \$249 (incl. GST). Price includes presentation notes and a free access code to re-watch the workshop via Compass Seminars new On Demand platform.
- 📞 Contact the Compass Seminars team on 06 7591947 or [office@compass.ac.nz](mailto:office@compass.ac.nz)

### How to Register:

 [www.compass.ac.nz](http://www.compass.ac.nz)

 [office@compass.ac.nz](mailto:office@compass.ac.nz)



## Best Practice Guidelines For Managing Volunteers

We're delighted to be offering this workshop in Porirua. This is a great opportunity to find out more about the Best Practice Guidelines - Te Anga Whaitake, developed by Volunteering New Zealand. Learn how you can apply this resource as a tool to support managing volunteers in your organisation.

The guidelines cover 7 key areas following the volunteer life cycle. There will be an opportunity to ask questions, share best practice ideas and take back with you a hard copy of the guidelines booklet and workbook.

Where: Te Rauparaha Arena, 17 Paramoana Street, Porirua

Date: Thursday, 20th February 2025

Time: 9:30am – 11:30am

Fees: FREE

Facilitator: Heidi Quinn is the Relationship Manager at VNZ and has a real passion for volunteering. She brings a wealth of knowledge of volunteer management, including the deployment of national IT platforms to support volunteer activity. In her free time, you'll find Heidi...volunteering! Her current role is with the IHC.

[Register Here](#)

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## Simplify Grant Writing with ChatGPT!

Join this interactive, hands-on workshop by Rochelle Stewart-Allen (The NGO Coach) to learn how ChatGPT can make funding applications faster and easier.

Designed for nonprofit leaders, this 1-hour session includes live demos, expert tips, and practical exercises

Date: Monday 3 February 2025, 12pm

Register now: <https://events.humanitix.com/using-chatgpt-to-write-funding-applications>  
Limited spots—don't miss out!

[Register Here](#)

## AWARENESS DATES

### FEBRUARY / HUI-TANGURU

1 – 28 Heart Health Awareness Month  
[www.heartfoundation.org.nz/get-involved/bigheart-appeal](http://www.heartfoundation.org.nz/get-involved/bigheart-appeal)

1 – 28 Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month  
<https://ovariancancerfoundation.org.nz/ovariancancer-awareness-month>

1 – 28 Aotearoa Bike Challenge Month  
[www.lovetoride.net/nz](http://www.lovetoride.net/nz)

1 February World Hijab Day, a global initiative that fosters understanding and appreciation of religious expression and cultural diversity. <https://www.facebook.com/WorldHijabDay/>

1 February World Interfaith Harmony Week, 1-7 February (A/RES/65/5) <https://www.un.org/en/observances/interfaith-harmony-week>

2 World Wetlands Day  
[www.wetlandtrust.org.nz/what-we-do/worldwetlands-day](http://www.wetlandtrust.org.nz/what-we-do/worldwetlands-day)

4 World Cancer Day  
[www.worldcancerday.org](http://www.worldcancerday.org)

6 Waitangi Day  
[www.waitangi.org.nz/events](http://www.waitangi.org.nz/events)

10 February International Epilepsy Day  
[International Epilepsy Day \(Purple Day\) - February 10](#)

11 International Day of Women and Girls in Science  
[www.un.org/en/events/women-and-girls-in-science-day](http://www.un.org/en/events/women-and-girls-in-science-day)

20 World Day of Social Justice  
[www.un.org/en/observances/social-justice-day](http://www.un.org/en/observances/social-justice-day)

22 Te Matatini - Kapa Haka Aotearoa Festival  
<https://tematatini.co.nz/>

28 Rare Diseases Day  
[www.rarediseaseday.org](http://www.rarediseaseday.org)





The NGO Coach

FACILITATOR: ROCHELLE STEWART-ALLEN

# Meaningful Refugee Participation

## Leadership and Governance workshop!



**12 PLACES ONLY!**

**DEMEYSA.AHMED@CRF.ORG.NZ**

### What you will get:

- Understanding Leadership and personal strengths
- Resilient and Empathetic leadership
- Introduction to NGO governance
- Strategic Governance of emerging leaders

### Eligibility:

- Must be refugee background
- Currently involved in leadership roles or aspiring to take on leadership responsibilities.



**8TH FEBUARAY 2025**

### Commitment to attend:

- All monthly workshops (for six months)
- Three peer group sessions.

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ChangeMakers  
Resettlement Forum

# Answering the Unanswerable: Counselling those bereaved by suicide



**When: Wed, 19 Mar, 9am - 4:30pm NZDT**

**Where: Sisters of Compassion Conference Centre, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington**  
[TaylorMade Training and Consulting](#)

## **Event description**

The effects of a suicide on whānau and hapū, friends, work colleagues, and communities are deep and lasting. Many individuals undergo a complex grieving process, which is intensified by the stigma associated with suicide or mental illness.

Suicide poses an elevated risk of additional suicides within families. Intergenerational suicide contagion is now acknowledged as a notably heightened risk factor, with certain studies suggesting that a family history of suicide can amplify the risk ten times. Counselling should address intergenerational suicide and suicide clusters. As stated by Shneidman, postvention serves as "prevention for the next generation."

It's crucial for counselors supporting those grieving a suicide loss to not only be skilled in bereavement support but also in helping individuals or families find meaning in the death in a manner that reduces the risk of suicide contagion within the family.

## **Workshop Description:**

Bereavement caused by suicide has similarities with other forms of grief, but it also has distinct differences. The workshop's primary focus is on comprehending these unique attributes, recognizing how they affect individuals and relationships, and addressing them within a therapeutic setting.

The grieving process is known to be intricate and can extend far beyond other forms of bereavement, with lasting effects that may persist for years following the death. This workshop offers insight into the unique aspects of grief when providing support to individuals or families who have experienced a suicide loss.

The impact of suicide can extend far beyond the individual's close circle to affect a larger number of people. Studies suggest that up to 135 individuals may be influenced by each suicide. Therefore, with the significant prevalence of suicide in our society, it is crucial for counsellors and clinicians to be able to effectively support these clients by comprehending the complexities of grief related to suicide.

[Find Out More and Register Here](#)



# FUNDING FORUM

## SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday 27 February 2025 | 10am to 12 noon

Online via Zoom

**FREE**

Do you apply for grants? Are you in need of funding?  
Then you need to attend ANCAD's Funding Forum  
where we bring the funders to you!

Hear directly from the funders and get your questions answered!  
This session is ideal for anyone seeking funding for  
their organisation or is involved  
with an organisation that needs to seek funding.

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COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT  
Te Runanga Rotonga Hapori o Te Raki-Pae-Whenua

## ANCAD's FREE Community Funding Forum is back! New in 2025

Do you apply for grants?  
Are you in need of funding?

Then you need to attend this Funding Forum where we bring the funders to you!

Hear directly from the funders and get insights and tips and have your questions answered  
(as many as we can fit in!).

This online session is ideal for anyone seeking funding for their organisation,  
or is involved with an organisation that needs to seek funding.

We bring to you several funders (representatives) including those from the Department of Internal Affairs,  
Perpetual Guardian, Public Trust and others who are being confirmed soon.

Register here below, connecting you with our Humanitix ticketing provider.

Thursday 27 February  
10am—12pm  
Cost FREE  
On Zoom

[Find out more or register Here](#)

# NIKAU Foundation Grants Round launches 11 February 2025

**Local funding, to help local mahi grow.**



Ruamāhanga Farm Foundation

## Our Funding Model

Nikau Foundation is Te Upoko-o-te-Ika-a-Māui, the Greater Wellington region's community foundation. We have an endowment fund model, which means we have many funds that are dedicated to different causes e.g. The Blake Fund is dedicated to supporting youth causes.

When you apply for funding, we work to match your kaupapa with a fund and the funding it has available for that year.

## What we fund

As a community foundation, we understand that every organisation needs different types of funding to thrive and grow. We are delighted to provide funding opportunities to support the below types of expenses:

- Salaries
- Operating expenses (e.g. rent, power)
- Capital expenditure (i.e. buying key items)
- Capability building (e.g. training)
- Programme delivery costs
- Accommodation/Travel costs
- Fundraising costs

## Eligibility Criteria:

- Be based in the Greater Wellington Region or deliver a substantial portion of its services within the Greater Wellington region.
- Be a not-for-profit organisation that has a mission at its core that enhances our community (i.e. a charitable purpose)
- Have a sustainable financial model, strategic plan and/or articulated vision for the future.

## What we don't fund

Although Nikau Foundation donors and funds support a wide range of areas, we have fewer funds that currently support the below kinds of organisations. However, as we are guided by the giving goals of our donors, this may change in future.

- Educational organisations
- Sports
- Scouts/Cadets
- Community music groups
- Arts

NB: for more detailed information on what we fund and don't fund, please check our eligibility criteria, available via the links on the next page.

## Key Dates:

Applications for Nikau Foundation's 2025 Grants Round will open on Tuesday 11th of February and close on Tuesday 18th of March.

At the moment, we anticipate that funding application outcomes will be communicated in late May with grants paid out in early June, however we will keep you updated.

## How much should I apply for?

In 2024, we gave out grants averaging \$5,905. In 2025, we anticipate that our grants will be in the range of \$3000 - \$7,500, although in some cases they will be less or more.

If your organisation is based in Porirua, we welcome applications of up to \$15,000 from the Porirua District Fund.

## What do I need to apply?

At Nikau, we try and make the grants application process as easy as possible. To apply, you'll need the below as well as your organisation's kaupapa and information on how we can help your mahi to grow.

- Your organisation's legal name
- Your organisational bank account number and proof of account
- Your Charity Services or Incorporated Society number
- Financial statements (if the most up-to-date versions aren't available on Charity Services)

## For more information, please visit:

- Eligibility requirements  
[nikaufoundation.nz/faqs-about-applying](https://nikaufoundation.nz/faqs-about-applying)
- Application link  
[nikaufoundation.nz/2025](https://nikaufoundation.nz/2025)

## Contact:

Your contact for all-things funding is Lindy Young; Nikau's Funding and Relationship Manager.

She can be contacted via [grants@nikaufoundation.nz](mailto:grants@nikaufoundation.nz).





## FUNDING

### WCC Funding and Grant Criteria Review 2025!

Wellington City Council are reviewing the funding and grants criteria for the Social and Recreation Fund and are planning to improve alignment of fund criteria with the Council's strategic priorities outlined in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 as well as aligning the fund with the timing of the Council's three yearly LTP process. They will be running 2 webinars in early February—see page 4 of this newsletter for full details

### WCC Community events sponsorship

This fund supports community events sponsorship. Most sponsorship sits in the range of \$1,000 to \$10,000.

See criteria and application process here <https://wellington.govt.nz/community-support-and-resources/community-support/funding/council-funds/community-events-sponsorship>

### Four Winds Foundation

Four Winds have a paper-based application that needs to be received at their office by 4.30pm on or before the last working day of the month. They are considered at the following month's meeting (generally held on the last week of each month). A maximum of four applications per applicant will be considered in any 12-month period regardless of grant outcome and only 1 application per month will be considered.

[Find our how to apply here](#)

### NZCT - Always Open

Our grants criteria. Find out what we do and don't fund for the purposes of sport, motor vehicles, salaries, social activities, advertising, and education.

See the Criteria Here Website <https://www.nzct.org.nz/grants/>

### The Lion Foundation

The Lion Foundation are pleased to welcome applications for funding. Before you apply please check that you are eligible and that your project matches their [criteria](#) or [Find out more here](#)

### The Tindall Foundation

The following Programme Areas have been identified as a focus for donations: supporting families & social services; enterprise and employment; caring for our environment and preserving biodiversity; strengthening the 3rd sector; promoting generosity

and giving.

### Always open

EMAIL: [admin.ttf@tindall.org.nz](mailto:admin.ttf@tindall.org.nz)

WEB: <http://www.tindall.org.nz>

### Wellington Venues Subsidy

This subsidy helps local community groups hold special events in certain Council-owned venues.

Applications accepted at any time - **Always Open**

Decision: Two weeks after the end of the month of application

Find out more [here](#)

### DIA Funding

<https://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/>

### Wellington City Council Funding

<https://wellington.govt.nz/community-support-andresources/community-support/funding>

### Hutt City Funding

<https://www.huttcity.govt.nz/people-andcommunities/community-funding/funding-calendar>

### Porirua City Funding

<https://poriruacity.govt.nz/services/communitysupport/>

### Nuku Ora Funding

<https://www.nukuora.org.nz/funding/grant-fundingoverview-for-wider-wellington-region/>

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