



**A PRESENTATION OF  
COLLABORATION IN CANTERBURY**

# Presentation Will Cover:

- Collaboration Beginnings
- Our Development as Collaborators
- Who We Are and What We Do
- The Advantages of Collaboration
- Our Bi-cultural Foundation
- Where We Go From Here

# Our Beginnings

- Mark Solomon and Ngai Tahu's leadership and the creation of the Intercultural Assembly in Christchurch was the beginning
- Ministry of Social Development's Settling In initiative working with Ngai Tahu provided the impetus for thinking about the advantages of cross cultural resettlement collaboration (He Oranga Pounamu)
- The establishment of Settling In as a settlement initiative in Canterbury brought the initial work with Ngai Tahu fully into the Refugee and Migrant sector.
- The Christchurch Refugee and Migrant Centre was instrumental in bringing key organisations in the sector together on a daily basis

# Our Development As Collaborators

- Early work began with Refugee Services Aotearoa, The Canterbury Refugee Council, Ministry of Social Development (Settling In) and Ngai Tahu collaborating on the Regional Refugee Resettlement Forums.
- The collaboration around the forum worked well and spread the work load and responsibility by sharing planning, tasks, ideas and networks E.G. The Forum Welcome.
- The group expanded to address a wider range of issues. E.G. family safety, youth issues and cross cultural experience. Christchurch Resettlement Services, Human Rights Commission and the Office of Ethnic Affairs all joined the collaboration
- As a group we started to strategize and have meet fortnightly ever since to manage initiatives E.G. A series of Family safety Hui

# Who We Are and What We Do

- Refugee Services Aotearoa / Anne-Marie Reynolds
- Christchurch Resettlement Services / Shirley Wright
- The Human Rights commission / Tina Marsh
- Canterbury Refugee Council / Alicia Palmer and Ahmed Tani
- Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu / Sally Pitama
- Office of Ethnic Affairs / Claire Phillips
- MSD Settling In / George Clark

# The Advantages Of Collaboration

- **Collaboration enhances outcomes if organisations seek similar strategic goals.**
- **Clients respond well to familiar agencies visibly working together**
- **Our collaboration is a great way to introduce new migrants to the Maori experience**
- **The sharing of cost and effort**
- **Language enhancement, social integration and community understanding are all indirect gains from our collaboration**
- **We have learnt to assign roles and to trust each other**

# Our Bi-cultural Foundation

- The bi-cultural foundation of our work is the core of what we do.
- Our commitment to a bi-cultural approach underpins who we are as New Zealanders
- It makes sense to new migrant and refugee clients
- It's a great foundation to a Multi Cultural approach

# Where To From Here

- Maintain and build on our bi-cultural beginnings (Rehua Marae)
- Continuously review and assess our activities, the impacts and the outcomes
- Partner directly with migrant and refugee communities
- Continue to learn and to grow in our roles