

This newsletter is historic!! It is our very first electronically distributed newsletter. I hope it gets to you okay. We will be printing a small number for those who don't have access to emails or would simply like hard copies. If you are one of those who would like a hard copy, do let us know. If you have received this newsletter by post, we may not have your email address — please inform us if you have an email address and would like to receive future correspondence electronically.

Celebration of Culture

Date: Tuesday, 17 November 2009
Time: 5.30pm—7.30pm
Venue: Burns Hall, Moray Place behind First Church

We welcome all learners, tutors & supporters to our 2009 Celebration of Culture.

- ◆ We hope you will come and enjoy food, music and entertainment.
- ◆ We will present certificates to new home tutors.
- ◆ Please bring food to share, enough for your family.
- ◆ Bring plates and cutlery, enough for your family.
- ◆ Please wear your national dress if possible



Photo: Eating their way around the world. Tutors, learners and supporters enjoy the great food on offer from all over the world after enjoying entertainment at last year's Celebration of Culture (see page 2)

Workshop

Date: Saturday, 31 October 2009
Time: 9.15am—12.15pm
Venue: H Block, Otago Polytechnic, Cnr. Forth St. & Union St., Rm. H113

Topic: Practical Pronunciation.
 (Due to popular demand based on feedback from the last workshop)

Presenter: Karen Eichorn

RSVP: Please let us know if you are able to attend for catering purposes.



ENGLISH FOR EMPLOYEES

This programme is for people who are working (part-time, full-time or self-employed) and want to improve their English language skills, literacy and numeracy for the workplace.

- Free to people with permanent residence or NZ citizenship
- Flexible content to meet individual needs
- English level may be from beginner level upwards
- Small class sizes so learners get individual attention
- Highly qualified teachers

Employers are welcome to refer potential learners or employees may self-refer

Alexandra Home Tutor Training

For the very first time ever, we have held a training course in Alexandra over two weekends where we trained 12 tutors. This training was held in conjunction with REAP (Alexandra) who

were excellent hosts. Thanks to Bernie Lepper for initiating the training and the delightful staff at REAP for making the training a success.

It was a marvellous experience training the enthusiastic volunteers. Thanks to the LION Foundation for funding the training.



'Historic class'

Back row from Left: Shirley Wiltshire, Angela Meecham, Susan Mort, Penny Fitzgerald, Ute Keck, Helen Williamson **In front:** Gwyneth Wilson, Jijee Weigel, Pip Pedofsky and Sue Levick **Absent:** Claire Cockburn & Deborah Rennie



Tutors hard at work

We have just finished our second training course in Dunedin for the year. 21 trainees completed the course. Congratulations to Sarah Blackie, Lisa Brockbank, Paulienke Buyck, Nicole Campbell, Caitlin Chew, Cliff Donaldson, Stephanie Evans, Lynne Hill, Sue Hoskin, Jasmin Lamorie, Jacqueline Mascini, Jennifer KcKean, Jolene Milford, Wade Parson, Rebecca Radford, Adelaide Reid, Donald Reid, Noel Tiano, Donna Vanderbyl and Rosie Victor Hoogland.



We need you—Would you or your learner like to present an entertainment item at our Celebration of Culture? Sing, tell a joke, dance, play a musical instrument, recite a poem, do magic or anything that will showcase your talent. Please encourage your learners and do let me know as soon as possible. One of our learners,

Joyce McManus, has already agreed to be the Master of Ceremonies but we are looking for someone else to join her (tutor or learner). This will be an ideal opportunity for your learner to build their confidence. You could help them practise being a MC during your tutoring sessions.



Upcoming Events

Dunedin Rhododendron Festival, 18-26 October
Vulcan & Steam Celebrations, 23-26 October
Diwali Festival of Lights, 20-24 Oct
Celtic Arts Festival, 28 Oct-1 Nov
Queen O'Heather Scottish Festival, 21-30 Nov
For a full list of events please visit
www.dunedin.govt.nz or call 477 4000

Reminder: if you have overdue resources from our library do return them so other tutors have a chance to borrow them.

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible. - George Burns

New Books in our library



KUDOS TO YOU

We have received many awards recently. These awards recognise the fantastic work of you, the volunteer. The first award received was the TrustPower Award in the educational category which was followed by the 'Supreme Award' for being the overall winner. We then received an Innovative Provider Award during the Adult Learners' Week. This was followed by a Dynamic Community Learning Award commendation. This is a national award and only five organisations received awards or commendations nationally. We are delighted to be one of those five. **These awards belong totally to you for your generosity of time, selfless work and for just being awesome people!!**

The year was made even better when Liliya Belyak, one of our learners, received an Outstanding Learners' award and Yvonne Reid, one of our tutors, received a commendation.



From left: Anne Enright (tutor), Vladimir Belyak (Liliya's husband) and Liliya Belyak



Wim van Schie (Vice-chair, English Language Partners) and Mayor Peter Chin at the TrustPower Awards ceremony



Yvonne Reid—Always smiling and energetic - described as "a dynamo on two legs"

Banana Cake

From Lina Mukdad – Iraq



Ingredients:

1 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups self raising flour
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon baking soda $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar 2 eggs
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup milk 75gm melted butter
1 cup mashed banana



Sift flour, baking soda and salt into a bowl. Mix in sugar. In another bowl beat eggs. Stir in milk, butter and banana. Mix quickly into dry ingredients. Put into a greased and lined 22 cm loaf tin. Bake at 180°C for 45 to 55 minutes. Leave in tin for 10 minutes before turning out onto a wire rack.

Did you know? If you peel a banana from the bottom you won't have to pick the little 'stringy things' off it. That's how the primates do it.

Bananas ripen slower if you take them apart rather than leaving them connected at the stem.

Would you or your learner like to share a poem, anecdote, recipe, story, joke, etc. with our readers? If so, please forward it to our office. You may include a photo with your item.

Exciting Opportunity

I will be speaking to Toroa Radio, the community radio station, about a few of our learners making a radio programme jointly. The programme could contain music from their countries of origin, stories about their countries, discussions about their time in NZ, etc. Learners will decide amongst themselves the programme content. Incorporate the preparation for this in your tutoring sessions! Discuss this exciting opportunity with your learners and call me to confirm their participation. If we have enough interest we will make this a regular occurrence.



Garage sale

Do you have any nick-nacks or odds and ends that you'd like to donate to our fund raising garage sale? We are planning this fund raising activity to raise money for our community English classes. We can't accept anything huge like wardrobes or stoves!! Let us know as soon as possible so we can arrange a pick up.

Grocery Hamper Raffle

We will be having a Christmas hamper raffle so if you have a spare can of beans, packet of pasta, etc. to donate please give us a call and we will arrange pick up. The hamper raffle will be for learners, tutors and the public. You will hear from us soon as to how you may purchase a raffle ticket. Good luck!!

Adult Learners Week

English Language Partners, Literacy Aotearoa & ACE jointly hosted an International Dinner to celebrate Adult Learners' Week. International students / tutors brought a dinner that represented their country. Kiwi students / tutors brought a dessert. A fantastic time was had by all. See photo sheet (next page).

Open Day at the Dunedin Community Law Centre — Wednesday, 14 October from 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. The Centre is at 52 Filleul St. They will:

- ◆ Inform the community about the resources and information available
- ◆ Provide updates about activities of the Centre over the last year
- ◆ Solicit feedback from you about the services they provide
- ◆ Seek input from the community about the other / different needs they have and how the Centre might meet them



SCENES FROM RECENT EVENTS

Mid Winter Pot Luck Dinner



International Pot Luck Dinner to celebrate Adult Learners' Week



North East Valley Social English Group



Mothers of Babies & Toddlers Social English Group



English for Employees Class 1



South Dunedin Social English Group





There's more to our new logo than meets the eye...

“Kotahi te kohao o te ngira e kuhuna ai te miro ma, te miro pango, te miro wheno, I muri, kia mau ki te aroha, ki te ture, ki te whakaponu”

“Through the eye of the needle pass the white threads, the black threads and the red threads. Afterwards, looking to the past as you progress, hold firmly to your love, the law and your faith.

This whakatauki was gifted by the late Tamehana Tai Rakena of Tainui to individual leaders in the disability and then wider community sector to support us in our work.

It originated with Potatau Te Wherowhero, the first Maori king who, at his coronation in 1858, spoke of strength and beauty through both unity and diversity by alluding to the beauty and strength of the woven tukutuku.

Individual threads are weak but the process of weaving makes a strong fabric. Individual colours tell no story but woven together they become beautiful and can tell a story.

In the colour version of our logo we have black, red and white elements plus earth colours; distinct yet intertwined and woven together like our peoples and culture.

[Adapted from Auckland South and Hawke's Bay newsletters](#)

We appreciate their financial support:

Community Trust of Otago	Lotteries Community
COGS	United Way
NZ Post	Presbyterian Synod of Otago
LI ON Foundation	Sargood Bequest
	Dunedin Refugee Support Group
	ACE Network:
Logan Park High School	Kaikorai Valley High School
	Bayfield High School



Try answering these ...

1. What is black when you buy it, red when you use it, and gray when you throw it away?
2. Name three consecutive days without using the words Wednesday, Friday or Sunday?

Answers:

1. Charcoal, as it is used in barbecuing.
2. Yesterday, today, tomorrow

WISE



WORDS

“No one is useless in the world who lightens the burdens of others”
— Charles Dickens

“Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.” -- Sherry Anderson

“I am always ready to learn, but I do not always like being taught.”
— Winston Churchill

“Happiness cannot be travelled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed.

Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace and gratitude.” — Denis Waitley

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