



**ESOL Home Tutors (Nelson/Marlborough)**

## ***Tutor Newsletter***

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**Please tell your learner of the events and news in this newsletter that would interest him/her.**

*Adult Learners' Week*

# *Home Tutor Party*



*Take time out to celebrate your achievements as an  
Adult Learner and Teacher*

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 6 – 9pm  
Victory Community Centre, Totara St**

*Learners, Tutors, Families, Friends all welcome  
Please bring food to share*

## **'Grow Your Own' – the review**

*Those of you who came along to our movie night in August had an enjoyable evening – lovely movie, tasty wine and charming company. What more could you wish for?*

*For those who couldn't be there, our Film Critic, Hieu Lam, who is an ESOL Learner with Home Tutor Lois Moreland, has written the following review:*

This time Lois and I went to the movie without Albie, unusual, as every other movie, we went together. This time maybe it was just for home tutors and learners, I'm not sure but when I got there I saw a lot of people there. The majority were home tutors and some work at ESOL. I saw Doug selling tickets like a cashier in the cinema and Mar Mar originally from Burma is on the National ESOL Committee. ESOL provided drinks and Brian, the ESOL local chairperson was helping there and a lot of home tutors I had met at the ESOL AGM.

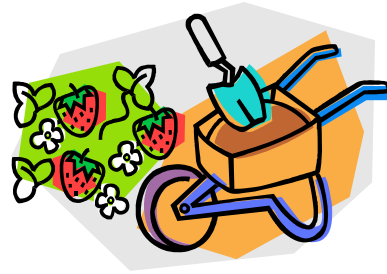
Then the movie started. The movie was 'Grow Your Own', it was set on an allotment in the UK. Everyone got a small parcel of land which they rented from the council to grow things from their own seed. They grew veges and fruit. Some people came from another country and some of the people were refugees. A social worker had an idea that giving refugees an allotment might help them settle in their new country.

The man from China with two children - his wife died on the way to the UK in a container on a ship - so he was very quiet and he didn't want to do anything with his garden but then he grew his own seed that he brought from his country, but his land was battered down by a mobile phone company because they wanted to put their mast on his allotment, but he was not dispirited and he grew his garden again on a disused allotment that previously belonged to the Indian family who had been sent back to their country. One man was so funny with his Hawaiian shirt and he always showed it to the African lady because he liked her. The chairman didn't like refugee people and

he got out the constitution and said 'no ball games', 'no BBQ', 'no music' and 'all sheds must be regulation red' but Kenny always wanted to paint his shed a different colour to everybody else, so he kept his blue.

Then the veges and fruit harvest and they brought their own veges and fruit to show everybody and some people got prizes. This movie was very good for everybody. It didn't just explain about growing veges and fruit, I think it explained about growing in their own life. Now me, when I've been to a new film, I hope to 'grow my own' things in my life.

Hieu Lam



## **Refugee Services Aotearoa New Zealand**

ESOL Home Tutors has always worked closely with Refugee Services in Nelson. You will remember Denise Hutterd coming along to our tutor-training courses and talking about refugees. Well, we are talking about taking this relationship even further and doing some joint advertising and recruitment. If you see our joint ads around the place – great – if you don't, then we always welcome suggestions about useful places where we can spread the word!

An increasing number of our Home Tutors are also Support Workers for Refugee Services – the two roles seem to complement each other quite nicely. Would you be interested in training to be Refugee Services Support Worker? If you are, you could phone Dawn on 539 4509 and talk about what the work involves. Their training starts on 16 October.

## Words from Our Chair



Hello ESOL Home Tutors and Learners,

It seems a long time since our very successful Nelson conference last May. In spite of the hard work, anxious times and sleepless nights, and viewed from a distance of three months, it was a very enjoyable conference. Thanks to the hard work of Louise Pemberton and the support team, we had a lot of favourable comments. Almost without exception, comments were positive - “well organised” “good venue” “interesting programme” “good food” “great entertainment” “brilliant weather”. Well done, Nelson! With all the recent miserable weather it is easy to forget what brilliant weather we had during that Conference week.

Following the Conference we were sorry to have to accept the resignation of Fay Lewis. Thank you Fay for the contribution you made to our Committee. To keep our Committee up to strength we welcome back Sharon Boyle.

Doug has canvassed support for the formation of a Social Committee to help organise two or three social events each year. If you are even slightly interested please talk to Doug. Three or four people doing this part of the ESOL work would greatly ease the burden on the Committee, without having to be involved with “boring committee work”!! Any of you who attended the very enjoyable film “Grow Your Own” will surely agree that this was a great way to enjoy another aspect of ESOL Home Tutoring.

Sometimes just saying ‘thank you’ does not convey the full appreciation of the phrase but I do want to express my sincere thanks to all tutors for the commitment of time and energy which you give to ESOL Home Tutoring. I like to think that this spirit of volunteering and helping others is the embodiment of our Kiwi culture.

On September 12<sup>th</sup> we are celebrating Adult Learners Week with a pot luck meal and dance evening. Several ethnic dances will be demonstrated with an opportunity for all to learn and participate. We invite you all to come with your learners and families.

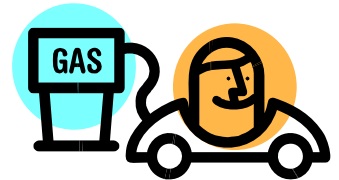
Regards and best wishes,

Brian Wilke  
Chair

## Social Committee member?

How would you like to help us organise our social functions? We usually hold 2 or 3 social functions each year and it would be great to have a team of 5 or 6 people who could help us organise these events (and perhaps come up with novel ideas for exciting events!). Would you be interested in helping with this? Not a huge amount of work but it would be enjoyable and valued work. See Doug if you are interested.

## Reimbursement of Travel Costs



I appreciate that some tutors travel a fair distance to home tutor and with the high price of petrol, the cost can add up. We do have funds, generously granted to us by the Community Organisation Grants Scheme (COGS), that we can use to reimburse volunteers for their travel costs. So if you would like to be reimbursed for some of your travel, let me know the distance you travel and I can repay you for as long as our funds last!



## Tutor Lunchtime Sessions

Don't forget that our monthly tutor lunchtime sessions are now held on the last **Wednesday** of each month from 12 to 1pm. See you there. And Mary, our Resources Coordinator, is now in the Resources Library every Wednesday, not on Thursdays.

## Adult Learners' Week

Those of you who have been around for a while, will remember (of course!) that the first full week in September each year is Adult Learners' Week. This year it is 8 – 14 September. This is when organisations around the country celebrate all the learning that is done by adults in a whole

page 1 selects. You, our learners and tutors, are part of this – hopefully we all learn from what we do! So give yourself a big pat on the back and thanks you for all your efforts. I hope you can join us, with your family, on 12 September, so we can all celebrate this learning together.



**Successful Adult Learners – Our Literacy Class members spend 10 hours every week learning the difficult English language!**