



CHRISTCHURCH MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL Inc. **(a member of NZ Federation of Multicultural Councils Inc.)** **(Estd. 1989)**

Christchurch Multicultural Council (Incorporated) (CMC) is a voluntary organisation working, and providing advocacy, for ethnic communities for the last 34 years. Christchurch boasts an incredibly diverse community, with over 180 ethnicities represented in our city!

What is CMC and what do we do?

CMC promotes the awareness and acceptance of a multicultural society, cooperating with central and local government agencies and a number of NGOs working for the ethnic and wider sectors. CMC encourages the development and strengthening of ethnic groups that promote the unique social and cultural life that exists within their community towards greater social cohesion. We help to create greater pride within our culturally diverse New Zealand society.

Our Values

Unity in Diversity (We are One. **Ko Tātou Tātou**), Social Cohesion, Civic Participation, Empowerment. Greater Ethnic Representation. Well-Being. Te-Tiriti-based Multiculturalism (Huarahi Hou).

Like CMC, there are 24 other regional multicultural councils located all over New Zealand, from North Shore to Wellington, Nelson to Southland and Taranaki to Tauranga. These regional multicultural councils, together with Youth, Women and Senior Citizens Councils, work under an umbrella organisation called New Zealand Federation of Multicultural Councils (NZFMC), also called Multicultural New Zealand. You can visit their websites www.nzfmc.org.nz and www.multiculturalnz.org.nz to learn more about them.

CMC has formal strategic partnership with a number of government ministries/offices/agencies such as:

- Ministry of Social Development
- Ministry of Ethnic Communities
- Department of Internal Affairs
- Immigration New Zealand
- New Zealand Police
- NZ Human Rights Commission and Race Relations Office
- NZ Newcomers' Network.

We also work closely with the Christchurch City Council (CCC), Selwyn District Council and Waimakariri District Council, government agencies and NGOs working for the CALD (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse) Communities. We are pleased to have made a significant contribution to the establishment of a Multicultural Strategy by the CCC. CMC organises and supports local ethnic, social, cultural and sports events, including regular ethnic forums and workshops for youth, women and senior citizens. In addition, we facilitate the effective settlement and integration of migrants and provide advocacy on their health and well-being.

We generally meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the evenings at a venue to be advised with the agenda prior to the meeting. Please let us know if you would like to join CMC and attend our meetings.

We look forward to your participation in our activities for the ethnic communities and supporting each other.

Ngā mihi nui

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