



## CHRISTCHURCH MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL (Inc.)

(a member of the NZ Federation of Multicultural Councils - Multicultural New Zealand Inc.)

### Women Council Annual Report 2022-2023

#### 1. MNZ Women Well-being Framework Programme

The priority has been Capacity Building and Empowerment for women from diverse cultures. Structural and systemic safety for women and promoting an inclusive society and community. Personal Safety Education. Skills for Safety (S4S).



#### 2. Skills for Safety

With aim to empower women with the knowledge, attitudes, skills and strategies of defending themselves through personal safety education programmes. Skills for safety - self-defense courses for ethnic women were conducted on 20 August 2022 and 10 June 2023.

#### 3. "Parents as Protectors"

Project for the prevention of sexual harm in children, funded by Shama Ethnic Women's Trust has been completed. The posters displaying succinct messages for the prevention of sexual harm in children have been distributed to Christchurch City Council libraries and to our networks.

Key themes that we focussed on and highlighted were: Pornography, Safe adults, Culture, Support, Communication, and Trust. Attended and presented the project at the National Hui on Prevention of Sexual Harm organised by Shama Ethnic Women's Trust. Our project presentation was well received.

#### 4. Cross-Cultural Parenting workshops

With continued support from Shama Ethnic Women's Trust I attended the facilitator training in Hamilton from 12-14 April 2023 and conducted Cross Cultural Positive Parenting workshop on 29<sup>th</sup> April at Te Ara Atea, Rolleston.

#### 5. "Let's talk Kids"

This workshop on the prevention of sexual violence in children was held on 6 June at Halswell Centre. Everyone across the community was invited to get involved and promote focus on children.

#### 6. Cultural Events

- Organised Selwyn Culture Fest with Selwyn District Council on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022 including weeklong Cultural displays and workshops at various Selwyn district Libraries.
- Supported Christchurch Diwali on 22 October 2022 in Hagley Park and Selwyn Diwali on 13

November 2022 in Lincoln.

- Celebrated International Mother's Day on 13 May.
- Many Voices – We Are One. Christchurch Multicultural Festival on 26 August 2023 at La Vida Centre.

## 7. Attendance and Participation in Meetings and Events

- Attended MNZ AGM and Women Council meeting on 24 & 25 September 2022.
- Attended 'Golden Ribbon' Multicultural Youth Music Festival Gala Concert at Town Hall.
- Attended White Ribbon Ambassador meeting on 29 August 2022.
- Participated in Culture Galore on 18 February 2023 at Ray Blank Park. Promoted messages as White Ribbon Ambassador. Supporting women experiencing domestic violence.
- Attended Women in Public Service summit on 14 March 2023 at Te Pae Christchurch Convention Centre
- Attended Multicultural Nowruz Celebrations on 19 March at Halswell Centre
- Attended "Human Rights Hui Christchurch – NZ's 4<sup>th</sup> Universal Periodic Review" on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023.
- Collaboration with Ministry of Ethnic Communities on Women-to-Women (W2W) well-being project.
- Promoted and encouraged Covid-19 vaccinations and boosters. Distribution of Covid-19 RAT kits and masks.
- Attended MNZ Immigration Hui on 6 & 7 May 2023
- Continued support to mosque attack victims by mentoring and advice to women.

My sincere gratitude to all women from diverse communities for their participation and continued support.

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