



Pearl of the Islands Foundation



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Prof Scott Alexander Talk

Titled, Dealing with Difference: Peril or Promise? Scott Alexander spoke of the importance of dialogue and education in fostering relations between groups.

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PIF Advisory Board member, Ms Pauline Cornwell mentioned the Hizmet movement inspired by the now exiled Fetullah Gulen. She expressed how Hizmet seeks to build bridges and relationships with all of the humanity, "we are here tonight as living proof of the openness of the movement and the advocates of this movements determination to share."

The Keynote speaker of the night was Professor Edwina Pio, AUT Director of Diversity. She spoke wonderfully of the historic and contemporary significance of Islam and how different religions should work together to achieve peace within a society. Professor Pio quoted Fetullah Gulen, "the Quran crystallises in the heart, illumines the spirit, and exhibits truths from beginning to end." To add colour to the night, Turkish musician Gazi Erkisi performed for the guests with a traditional 'Ney' instrument and also voiced a few songs.

Floor reflections were also taken on the night. Members of Parliament Kanwaljit Bakshi, Barry Coates, Jacinda Ardern, and Michael Wood all took to the stage and expressed appreciation to PIF's efforts of engaging in and building bridges with diverse groups within New Zealand. Dr Zain Ali, University of Auckland, and Auckland District Commander of Police shared similar thoughts. Following dessert and tea services, the event came to an end. We thank all our guests and supporters for a successful event.





Home Ramadan Iftar Dinners

Alongside the various Iftars we held at our offices and institutions, PIF members and staff also host dinners at home to share the generosity of Ramadan. These Iftar dinners are a great opportunity for individuals to engage in first-hand cultural exchange and consequent dialogue arising from the many commonalities. Our aim is to foster the growth and development of a harmonious and inclusive community, accepting the beautiful diversity within New Zealand and beyond.



Ramadan Food Parcels Campaign 2017

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Holiday School Programme

Several students attended our school programme over the school holidays. There were various activities on offer for the children including rock climbing, cinemas, origami, and role-playing. The holiday school was over a week and included educational components.

English for Adults: Course for Migrant/Refugee Women

Overview: Most of the migrants/refugees are coming to New Zealand particularly from countries where English is not spoken as a first language. Especially female migrants/refugee in New Zealand find it hard to integrate to its society, mainly due to the language problems. English for Adults course, supported by PIF Women Platform, will enable women to have additional access to the language education, helping them settle into communities and work.

Target Student Group: Migrant women, who need support with English and are willing to study the language. Enrolment will be made on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Course Description: English for Adults Pre-Intermediate course in English intended to provide students with the fundamentals of the language and a foundation for advancing through the four required levels of English proficiency. It is a 12-week module with 6 hours of instruction each week.

Course Prerequisite: Basic level of English which corresponds to an elementary proficiency level.

Venue and Registration: Pearl of the Islands Foundation, 404-412, Khyber Pass Road, Newmarket.

For registration and more information, please email: women@pif.org.nz



New Tuition Centre! Prestige Education

We have established a tuition centre that will operate and offer a variety of educational services in our Newmarket office.

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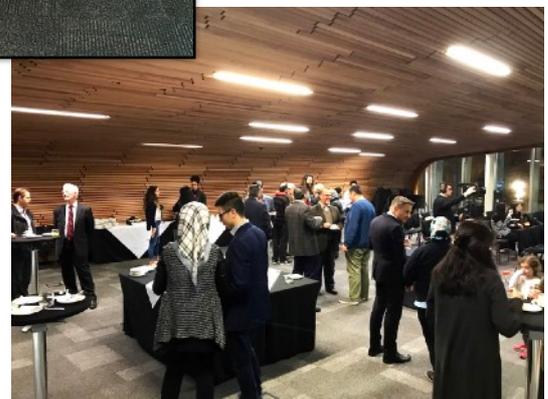
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Professor Scott Alexander Visit

Dealing with Difference: Peril or Promise? How many times have you heard the words: “After all, we’re more the same than we are different”? They are words that generally make us smile, but are they as true as we might like them to be? What do they imply about the nature and value of difference? Harvard Graduate Prof. Scott Alexander (Catholic Theological Union, Chicago USA) spoke of this topic in Auckland in an event organised by PIF at AUT. We had an engaged audience who was willing to hear what Scott Alexander had to say about interfaith dialogue and activities. In his view, the best methods to tackle bias and prejudice are to commit to more dialogue and be more educated.

Scott was also invited to and joined by Professor Edwina Pio, Professor of Diversity at AUT, and Dr Andrew Codling, Head of Vice Chancellor’s Office at AUT, at a Round Table discussion at our Newmarket based office. The conversation was fruitful and welcomed by PIF representatives.



Share the Happiness

We will be sponsoring meat via for individuals and families during this special time of year with our counterpart organisations in Philippines and Sri Lanka.

Qurban Appeal 2017

\$140

Donations
to
Philippines & Sri Lanka



We have begun a project to celebrate the Eid festival of Qurban to "Share The Happiness" with the communities in need.

With your support, we will provide individuals and families meat during this period. Donations can be directly credited to our account with a clear reference of your name and the type of Qurban.

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PIF is a non-profit organisation and your donation is tax deductible (33.3%).

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Little Pearls Educare Centre

Our Lorraine Avenue centre has gone through an extension to its current building over the past year and we are pleased to say that it is finally complete! The new extension will feature a new staff room, bathroom for children and a new playing area. The capacity is set to increase from 40 to 65.

MORE EXCITING NEWS!

Our second centre is now under construction in Mount Roskill. We aim to begin services by early 2018!

Please have a look through www.littlepearls.org.nz and get in touch to reserve your spot from now.



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