

Pearl of the Islands Foundation



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COVID-19 Statement

As the Pearl of the Islands Foundation (PIF), we want to minimize the spread of the coronavirus within Aotearoa. We will be engaging in and encouraging social distancing for as long as we need to, following closely the advice by Ministry of Health and government officials.

Unfortunately, because of the risk and the rapid advancement of the spread of the virus, we will be postponing or cancelling PIF events until further notice or as advised by the relevant authorities.

A majority of our meetings will also either be suspended or conducted online.

This has not been a decision that has been made lightly, given the fact that Ramadan is approaching, but a necessary action given the seriousness of the situation.

We wish everyone to stay healthy during this challenging period. Keep safe, take care, and be kind to one another.

If you would like to get in touch, please email info@pif.org.nz.

For more information, official government advice and to unite against Covid-19, please visit <https://covid19.govt.nz/>.

Noho ora mai (stay safe),
Team at PIF



TALK

In collaboration with Belong Aotearoa, we held a talk on social cohesion.



Christmas Lunch

PIF welcomed the HTC congregation to celebrate religious diversity and unity.



PANEL

Our inaugural Abrahamic Interfaith Panel was held in November.

35

MEETINGS

We had 35 meetings to discuss how we can foster understanding and acceptance.

3

EVENTS

3 events were organised in February & March with a total of 162 people attending.

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VOUCHERS

\$1000 in PaknSave vouchers were distributed to families in Christchurch.

Post Christchurch: Hate speech, political discourse and religious diversity. What lies ahead?



Pearl of the Islands Foundation (PIF), with support from Auckland University of Technology (AUT), Khadija Leadership Network (KLN), and Religious Diversity

Centre (RDC), organised a panel discussion on 'Post Christchurch: Hate speech, political discourse, and religious diversity. What lies ahead?' on the 18th of March.

Along with a keynote speech by Paul Spoonley, Former Pro-Vice Chancellor Massey Uni, an insightful panel discussion took place with a line-up of distinguished speakers including Edwina Pio, Professor of Diversity AUT, Douglas Pratt, Honorary Professor UoA, Peter Lineham, Professor Emeritus Massey Uni, and Anjum Rahman, Project Lead Inclusive Aotearoa Collective Tahono, which was moderated by Tayyaba Khan, Founder and CEO KLN. Farid Ahmed, peace advocate, also provided his thoughts on the evening about forgiveness and love.

“Fill your hearts with dreams, embrace multi-dimensional perspectives, act with rational compassion, put back into the basket of life the privilege of living, and for the miracle of each day in our journey on this beloved earth.”

- Professor Edwina Pio, Panellist

Link to the full article:

<https://pif.org.nz/post-christchurch-hate-speech-political-discourse-and-religious-diversity-what-lies-ahead/>

Pearl of the Islands Foundation is a registered Incorporated Society (1861117) and a charitable entity under the Charities Act (CC44418).

Mission: To foster understanding and acceptance between people of diverse communities through meaningful engagement and intercultural events.

Vision: A harmonious, enlightened, and socially cohesive Aotearoa New Zealand.