

# Pearl of the Islands Foundation



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## Welcome to our Quarterly Newsletter!

Over the past several months, we have continued our events with a number of digital initiatives with the goal of fostering understanding and acceptance in Aotearoa. These include Eid Hampers (pictured above), Ramadan Messages, Talks by Farid Ahmed and Douglas Pratt and many more. We would like to thank everyone who has continued to support us, especially during this period.

Yalcin Solak,  
Executive Director

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### EID HAMPERS

We delivered Eid Hampers to express gratitude to individuals who have helped grow PIF over the year.

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### EVENTS

10 intercultural events were organised in the prior 3 months with at least 550 people attending online.

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### RAMADAN MESSAGES

26 Ramadan Message videos were submitted from people who have previously attended our Iftar dinners.



## Separate but Together

New Zealanders from different walks of life hosted an Iftar in their own bubble.



## Healing After 15 March

Peace Advocate Farid Ahmed spoke on healing and forgiveness.



## Christian-Muslim Relations

Esteemed Professor Douglas Pratt delivered this 3 -part series.



## 'Ramadan Conversations' Panel

Ramadan Conversations was jointly organised with our friends from Affinity Intercultural Foundation and Australian Intercultural Society and focused on the current impact of COVID-19 and Ramadan.

PIF was part of the planning for two evenings: 13 May and 21 May.

George Donikian and Tayyaba Khan hosted the 13 May event which included Prof Paul Spoonley, Michael Wood, and Farid Ahmed as guest speakers.

On the 21st, John Cleary and Yasir Demirbas were the hosts and they were joined by Meng Foon, Dr Parmjeet Parmar, Dr Chris Galloway, and Paula Tesoriero.

## 'Ramadan Message' videos

PIF is well-known for the number of Ramadan Iftar dinners it organises each year, collaborating with a variety of organisations to foster understanding and acceptance within Aotearoa New Zealand.

This Ramadan, as we were unable to host any physical Iftars, we asked attendees of our previous events to produce a video about their thoughts on Ramadan, what they miss about our Iftars, and if they had any messages.

You can watch all 26 videos submissions here: <https://pif.org.nz/piframadanmessages/>



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**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.