## **QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER**

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# PEARL OF THE ISLANDS

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**Pearl of the Islands Foundation** 



## Welcome to our Quarterly Newsletter!

Since our last newsletter, we have returned to our traditional method of organising our intercultural events and continuing our work in community outreach. We've concentrated on putting together panel discussions on pertinent social issues, hosting some very impressive speakers. Our 'Helping Hands' initiative came to an end. Read the press release on Scoop.

I would like to thank everyone who continues to support us. Here are some additional recent developments at PIF.

Yalcin Solak, **Executive Director** 

**500** 

**FOLLOWERS** 

We've reached 500 followers on our Facebook page.



Four events were organised in the prior 3 months with at least 422 people attending.



## MEETINGS

We conducted 32 meetings to strengthen relationships with organisations we collaborate with.



Morning Tea We met with our

acknowledge their help during the lockdown.



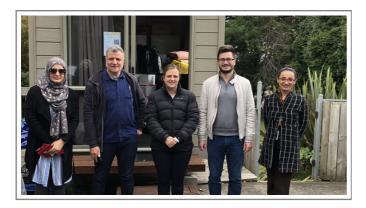
**PANEL: Racial Discrimination & Related Intolerance** A discussion on Human Rights took place in light of the coronavirus and the BLM movement.



## Subscribe to our Youtube channel

Many our of talks and panel discussions are available to watch on our Youtube channel. We also

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## **Collection Drive delivered to ASST**

We were absolutely thrilled to have delivered 2 carloads of items to Asylum Seekers Support Trust as part of our 'Helping Hands' collection drive.

We gathered heaps of items across Auckland (and Thames!). These included clothing, duvets, pillows, small appliances, furniture, and more. We thank all that have donated and help make our campaign a success.

'Helping Hands' is an initiative that was formed by <u>Pearl of the Islands</u> <u>Foundation</u>, <u>Who is Hussain? - Auckland</u>, & <u>Khadija Leadership Network</u> to assist our communities in need during the lockdown and beyond.

# **Women Leading in Politics**

Pearl of the Islands Foundation put together a panel discussion on 'Women in Politics: Ways to promote cohesion in Aotearoa' in light of the general elections that were held in October.

We invited representatives from the three major parties to make it a bipartisan panel. By providing them with a platform to speak, important social issues such as cohesion, unity, and diversity were discussed. This was significant, given the outbreak of the coronavirus.

The event was live-streamed on Youtube (link below) and approximately 50 people physically attended on the <u>evening</u>. <u>https://youtu.be/G83WHAimPsM</u>



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.