



SUMMIT BRIEFING SHEET

Tūmanako Summit: Creating Opportunity for Resettled Communities in Aotearoa, 16 & 17 June, 2021, Auckland

Our vision for resettlement

- The Summit organising committee, the Auckland Resettlement Sector Steering Group (ARSSG), has a vision for a resettlement / settlement process in Aotearoa that enables all forced migrants/former refugees (Quota, Convention, Family Reunification and people who seek asylum) to have equitable access to culturally appropriate support and services in order for them to be self-sufficient and thrive in their new home.
- The ARSSG is committed to working together and with community members, tangata whenua, government, non-government organisations, and academia, to review and co-create a resettlement/settlement process that is meaningful and has community/lived experience at its core.

...A process that acknowledges and validates the lived experience and tremendous resilience of people from forced migrant/refugee backgrounds, amplifying their voices, hopes and wishes so they are active partners in their resettlement journey.

... A process where people from forced migrant/refugee backgrounds are #Heard, #Recognised, #Understood and #Resourced.

The Summit aims to support this vision by

- **Creating a space** for changemakers across community, government, non-government organisations, and academia to come together and explore system wide solutions and opportunities.
- **Amplifying the voices**, insights, and lived experiences of resettled community members, so that they shape and inform overarching strategy, policy and practice.
- **Supporting and growing stronger** cross-agency relationships, partnerships, and coordination to create positive systems change.
- **Encouraging discussion, exploration and commitment to four community-identified solutions:** #Heard, #Recognised, #Understood and #Resourced; and related 'asks'.

Four community-identified solutions for change

Drawing on the solutions outlined in the Aotearoa Resettled Community Coalition's (ARCC) Tūmanako Table of Hope model of practice¹, the following solutions and 'asks' frame the Tūmanako Summit.

#Heard

Forced migrant/former refugee community members at the decision-making table, feeling heard and understood, their voices heard on the issues that matter to them and affect their lives.

- **THE ASK:** People with lived experience are actively involved in the review of the New Zealand Refugee Resettlement Strategy, as co-design/re-design partners.
- **THE ASK:** That the review of the New Zealand Refugee Resettlement Strategy explores how Māori view their roles in leading, welcoming and integrating forced migrants/former refugees to Aotearoa, and identify new forms of relationship building and partnership.

¹ The Tūmanako Table of Hope was developed by ARCC following engagement and consultation with 166 community members, young people, women, elders and leaders across ARCC's 23 member organisations. Those consulted were hopeful that if resettled community members work together with others across the system towards these solutions, newcomers will be able to integrate and thrive in Aotearoa New Zealand.

#Recognised

There are fair and equitable policy responses for all forced migrant/former refugee community members that address the gaps in resources for people seeking asylum, convention refugees and family reunification.

- **THE ASK:** That the review of the New Zealand Refugee Resettlement Strategy recognises all forced migrants/former refugees (people seeking asylum, convention, family reunification and quota) as equals and that they receive long term, strength-based, resettlement services based on their needs, from culturally and linguistically appropriate agencies.

#Understood

Service providers, NGOs and government agencies are culturally competent and understand the culture, experiences and challenges of forced migrant/former refugee communities, and are equipped with the necessary tools and knowledge to work with – and not simply for – people from forced migrant/refugee backgrounds.

- **THE ASK:** That the specific standards, policies, practices and attitudes that are needed to increase cultural competency, quality of services and better outcomes, are prioritised in the review of the New Zealand Refugee Resettlement Strategy.

#Resourced

Resources are mobilised, with a focus on employment, health and wellbeing, social work, housing, education and English language; as well as increased resourcing of the NGO/community sector.

- **THE ASK:** That the New Zealand resettlement sector, who provide the core social infrastructure for families and communities, is sustainably resourced and funded to meet the needs of forced migrant/former refugee community members.

The Summit organising committee

The ARSSG is made up of Aotearoa Resettled Community Coalition, Asylum Seekers Support Trust, Belong Aotearoa (formerly ARMS), English Language Partners New Zealand, New Zealand Red Cross, Refugees as Survivors New Zealand and the Connected Communities Unit of Auckland Council.

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