

Help lead the Future of RASNZ – Chair of the Board of Trustees

Are you a visionary leader with a passion for making a difference? Do you have the skills to guide a well established and growing NGO in its mission to create lasting social impact? **Refugees as Survivors New Zealand (RASNZ)** is seeking an **exceptional Chairperson** to lead our Board of Trustees, based in Auckland, and drive our strategic direction forward.

About RASNZ

RASNZ is the primary mental health and wellbeing service provider for refugee-background communities in Aotearoa/New Zealand and a leading non-governmental organisation in the field. It is governed by a diverse and highly skilled Board and supported by a strong leadership team. Our clinical services are funded by Te Whatu Ora, while our community services rely on philanthropic support. We work to empower individuals and families through culturally responsive support, advocacy, and collaboration with key partners.

The Role

As Chair of the Board, you will:

- ◆ Provide strategic leadership and governance to ensure RASNZ continues to thrive, while fostering a collaborative and values-driven board culture guiding a diverse Board of Trustees in its decision-making.
- ◆ Support the CEO and leadership team to continue delivering quality, high-impact programmes.
- ◆ Strengthen partnerships with funders, stakeholders, and the wider community.

- ◆ Champion the needs of refugee-background communities at a national level.

Who We're Looking For

We are seeking an experienced leader who:

- ◆ Has prior governance or board leadership experience (preferably in the NGO, social services, or health sectors).
- ◆ Is deeply committed to refugee wellbeing, human rights, and social justice.
- ◆ Has strong strategic thinking, networking, and relationship-building skills.
- ◆ Can effectively advocate for RASNZ's mission.
- ◆ Expertise in refugee mental health is not essential, but would be valuable.
- ◆ Has a strong understanding of the refugee resettlement sector and the challenges faced by refugee-background communities in Aotearoa.
- ◆ Lived experience as a former refugee, while not essential, would be extremely valuable.

Time Commitment & Term

- ✓ This is a voluntary governance role with an expected time commitment of approximately 5 hours per month, including Board meetings and strategic engagement activities.
- ✓ A minimum commitment of three years is expected to ensure continuity and effective leadership.



How to Apply

If you are inspired to lead a purpose-driven organisation and make a meaningful impact, we would love to hear from you! Please send your **CV and a cover letter** outlining your motivation and relevant experience to **admin@rasnz.co.nz** by 5pm, 18th April 2025.

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