Become recognised as a Welcoming Community!

Welcoming Communities
TE WAHAROA KI NGĀ HAPORI

Welcoming Communities – Te Waharoa ki ngā Hapori supports local government councils and their communities to create welcoming and inclusive environments for newcomers – recent migrants, former refugees and international students.

There are lots of benefits of being an accredited welcoming community and the application process has been designed to be easy to support reflection, sharing impact stories and accountability. Renewing and progressing keeps you focussed and your community and future newcomers will thank you for it!

"It's a beautiful way of evaluating our programmes to make sure we are doing something meaningful for the community."

Benefits of accreditation

1. **Recognition** and exposure at a regional, national and international level.
2. **Reputation** as a welcoming community to attract and retain newcomers.
3. A **strategy** and framework for progression and accountability.
4. Additional opportunities for **shared learning** with others.
5. The creation of **collateral** you can use to tell your community's story.
6. Increasing the **impact** of council initiatives for the whole community.

Contact us!

Have a chat to our friendly team if you are interested in accreditation by contacting:

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