

# Treaty of Waitangi Workshop Report

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## Introduction

This workshop was organised to educate refugees, asylum seekers, and migrants about the Treaty of Waitangi, the founding document of Aotearoa New Zealand. The event aimed to build understanding of New Zealand's history, Maori Culture and the Treaty's continuing relevance to newcomers as they integrate into Kiwi society.

## Objectives

- Introduce the history and significance of the Treaty of Waitangi.
- Explain how the Treaty shapes relationships between Tangata Whenua (Maori) and newcomers.
- Foster belonging and cultural awareness among refugees and migrants.
- Encourage dialogue on how the Treaty connects to settlement journeys.



## Activities

1. Karakia & Welcome	2. Interactive Presentation
3. Group Learning Activities	4. Reflections & Sharing
5. Closing & Certificates	



Participants included refugees, asylum seekers, and migrants from Pakistan, China, India, Afghanistan, and South Sudan.

## Outcomes

- ✓ Increased awareness of the Treaty of Waitangi and its significance.
- ✓ First introduction to Maori Culture for many participants.
- ✓ Promoted social inclusion and intercultural dialogue.
- ✓ Strengthened confidence in understanding Aotearoa's bicultural foundations.



## Feedback

"This helped me understand how important Maori are to New Zealand's history and future."

"Now I see how the Treaty relates to me as a migrant and the values of respect and partnership."

"The activities made the learning fun and easy to understand."



## Conclusion

The Treaty of Waitangi Workshop fostered belonging, cultural awareness, and mutual respect among diverse communities. It highlighted the importance of recognising Maori as Tangata Whenua while embracing newcomers as part of the Aotearoa Whanau. HOPE Worldwide-Pakistan will continue to deliver such workshops as part of its commitment to Kotahitanga (unity), cultural education, and social inclusion.



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