



# Youth Leadership Project 2010



# WHO IS CHANGEMAKERS REFUGEE FORUM?

- ChangeMakers Refugee Forum is a human rights organisation supporting refugee-background communities in New Zealand.
- Founded and governed by former refugees
- We are a non-government (NGO) umbrella organisation for 13 communities in the Wellington Region - Afghan, Assyrian, Burmese, Cambodian, Eritrean, Ethiopian, Iraqi, Oromo, Somali, Rwandan, Sudanese, Ugandan and Zimbabwean.
- Based in Wellington city, with an Upper Hutt office and covering Hutt, Porirua and Wellington city



# WHO ARE THE YOUNG PEOPLE WE WORK WITH?

- Aged 13 to 29
- Have been resettled here for varying times
- Variety of complex issues such as language, education, mental health, intergenerational issues, cultural transition, housing, employment, alcohol
- Great strengths in ability to adapt to different situations, motivated to take up opportunities, multilingual and have a great sense of social justice and need to help others



# WHY DO WE NEED THIS YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROJECT?

- Many young people look to others in their community for support and connection
- Young leaders already exist in the communities
- We want to support them to up-skill and to stay in leadership position for longer



# WHAT DOES THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROJECT LOOK LIKE?

- For motivated, committed young leaders from refugee-background communities
- Aged 16 and 24
- Young leaders will design and manageable youth project for their communities, for example:
  - a women's sewing group
  - a football team
  - a fundraiser for ongoing youth activities
- They will be leading a small group of young people to complete the project
- They will be encouraged to work with adults in the community





*Other young people in refugee background communities*

*Youth Project*

*Young Leader*

*Youth Development Mentor*



*Peer supervision*



*Community Mentor*



*Workshops*

