

Ngā Hau e Whā

Dunedin Race Relations Week

Celebrating Inclusive Diversity
20-28 March 2021



The Dunedin Multi-Ethnic Council (DMEC), with the support of Dunedin City Council, Otago Access Radio and Araiteuru Marae celebrates Race Relations Week 2021 from 20 March to 28 March. You are invited to join in activities to celebrate the colours, cultures and connections in Dunedin during Race Relations Week.

The DMEC is grateful to our partners for making Dunedin Race Relations Week possible.

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SATURDAY 20 MARCH

Race Relations Week Opening - Araiteuru Marae Manaakitanga Community Engagement Powhiri

Race Relations Week 2021 starts with an opening powhiri at Araiteuru Marae. We invite everyone from all ethnicities, cultures and countries to gather together under one roof, to celebrate inclusive diversity in Dunedin. (Note: must arrive by 10.30am)

10:30 am – 2:30 pm | Araiteuru Marae, 24 Sheltand St



SUNDAY 21 MARCH

Dunedin Race Relations Day at Peace Pole

Manaakitanga. Drumming the heart of kiwi culture, singing the spirit of the kiwi soul. All are welcome to the peace pole event hosted by DMEC. It will be an inclusive cultural event marking the importance of Dunedin Race Relations Week.

10:00 am – 11:30 pm | Peace pole, Museum Reserve

Race Relations Week at Dunedin Botanic Garden



To celebrate International Race Relations Day, DMEC and Dunedin City Council will cohost the Botanic Garden cultural festival. Take the opportunity to enjoy the diverse range of talent in Dunedin, and a variety of cross-cultural performances and beautiful costumes.

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm | Dunedin Botanic Garden

MONDAY 22 MARCH

DMEC Youth Council Presents - Rangatahi Race Unity Evening with Youth Speeches

The Race Unity Evening is an inaugural event hosted by the DMEC Youth Council. During the event, youth from different backgrounds, ethnicities and cultures, will come together and share their understanding of race unity. The aim of the event is to provide different insights into race relations and Manaakitanga.

5.00 pm – 7.00 pm | Otago Polytechnic Hub

TUESDAY 23 MARCH

Chai & Chat

This is a women's only event celebrating diversity. Come along to our shared potluck lunch and bring a plate of your own ethnic or cultural dishes to share with the group.

10:30 am – 12:30 pm | Alexander McMillan Room, Community House, 301 Moray Place

DMEC On Air

Celebration of Race Relations Week on air with DMEC.
6:00 pm – 6:30 pm | Otago Access Radio 105.4FM



THURSDAY 25 MARCH

DMEC / Musselburgh School Community Garden

A Celebration of Herbs. You are invited to join us at the Heart and Soil Community Garden to share our knowledge of the universal use of herbs. We will be rejuvenating the herb garden through soil work, new planting, and sharing our ideas on the many uses of herbs.

9.30am - 10.30am | Musselburgh School, 34 Marlow Street, Musselburgh

Dunedin Race Relations Week Forum

DMEC is privileged to have Meng Foon – NZ Race



Relations Commissioner; Anusha Guler – Executive Director, Office of Ethnic Communities; Tania Williams – Dunedin Araiteuru Marae leader; and Professor Sara Kindon – Victoria University of Wellington, to be our speakers at this forum. Come and join us to hear their insights on race relations in Aotearoa

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm | Araiteuru Marae, 24 Sheltand St

FRIDAY 26 MARCH

OUSA Event - Diversity in Unity

Otago University Students' Association celebrates Race Relations Week 2021 with a powerful and thoughtful theme "Diversity in Unity", that shows the beauty, power and strength of unity. OUSA invites you to the celebration of Race Unity with Dunedin's multi-ethnic and multicultural people.

12.00 pm - 2.00 pm | Main Common Room (MCR), University Union Building (opposite the cafeteria).

SATURDAY 27 MARCH

South Dunedin Street Festival

The Festival is to celebrate all things South Dunedin and our vibrant and very diverse community. Get out for a fun day and enjoy our community in performance, entertainment, fun activities, tempting food treats and varied market stalls.

10:00 am – 3:00 pm | King Edward Street, South Dunedin



SUNDAY 28 MARCH

Football Tournament

Let's join together to cheer the exciting football tournament hosted by Football South, DMEC, Southern Police and the Red Cross.

9:00 am | Logan Park - Football Turf

Red Cross Event & Lunch

You are cordially invited to attend a gathering, hosted by Red Cross & Dunedin Multi-Ethnic Council to celebrate five years of former refugee resettlement in Dunedin.

12.00 pm – 2.00 pm | Logan Park Football grounds, 20 Logan Park Drive

Race Relations Week Closing Celebrations with Kotahitaka

Join Kotahitaka and DMEC at Toitū Otago Settlers Museum for the presentation of "We Are Ōtepoti/ Dunedin", a book celebrating our diversity. This will mark the close of Dunedin's Race Relations Week.

3.30 pm – 4.30 pm | Toitū Otago Settlers Museum, 31 Queens Gardens