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Te Āhuru Mōwai The Māngere Refugee Reception Centre

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Who is a refugee?

A person who, ...

.. “owing to a well founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the country of his or her nationality and is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail him or herself of the protection of that country”

The United Nations Convention 1951



Refugee camps



Prior experiences

- After a long journey of suffering, after experiencing discrimination and the killing of our fellow citizens, we have fear in our souls
- I waited five years in a country where I was treated like a criminal – yet I had committed no crime
- I left a country at war. The war slowly destroyed our homes, our country, our lives
- We are so tired of war
- We had two choices: to face death or to flee

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- We have suffered hugely
 - I had to run for my life. I lived seven years in (a neighbouring country) – waiting and waiting, hoping
 - We have all experienced difficult lives, now at last we can have hope for a safe and peaceful future
 - We will obey the laws and do our best in every way to contribute to this country
 - We thank the New Zealand government and the Māori people for accepting us into this beautiful country

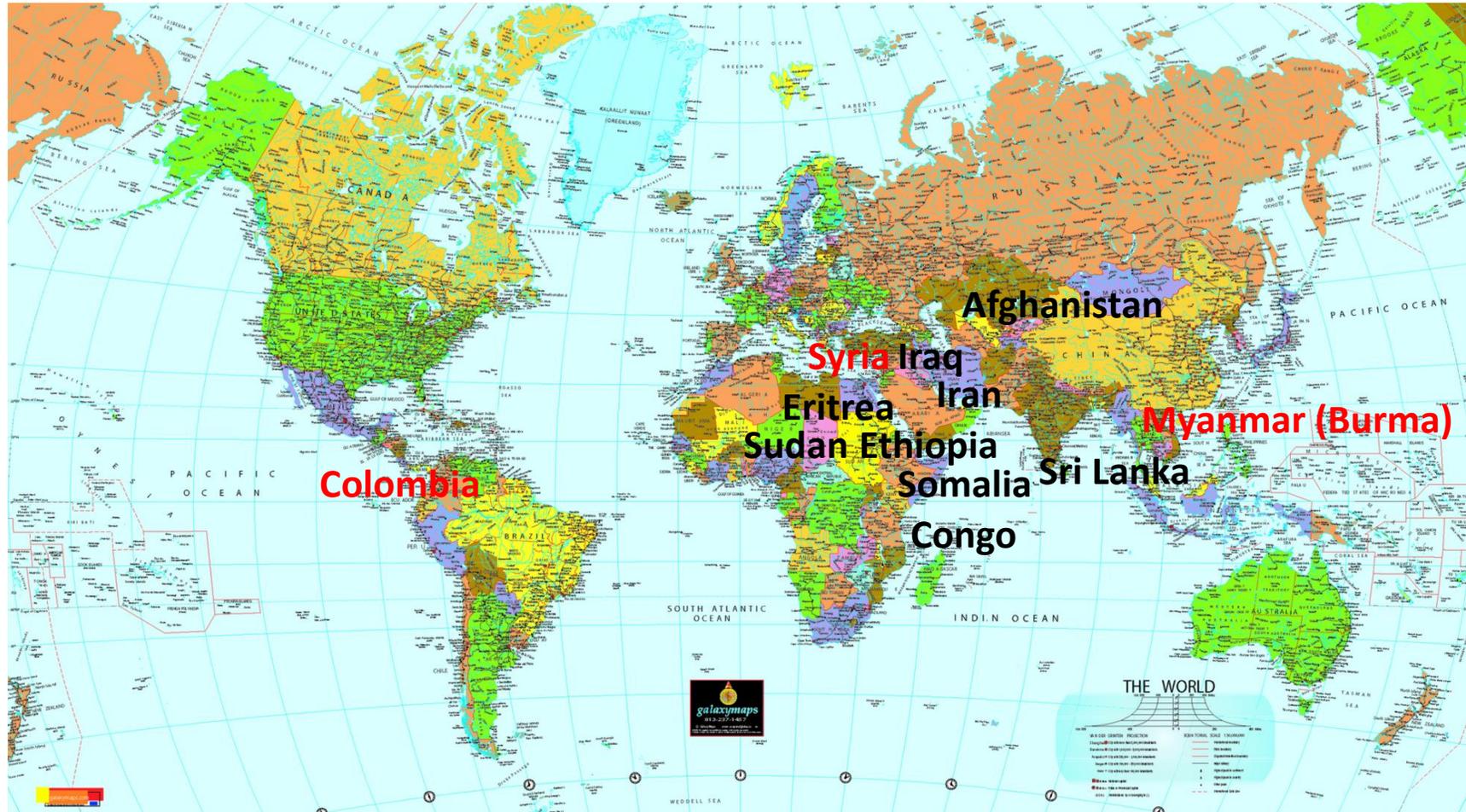


Hostels



People like you and me

Recent countries of origin of former refugees coming to NZ





Before arrival

- All quota refugees assessed under UN Convention (1951), and security screened
- Many lived in camps up to 23 years (average: 11years)
- Only health cases that Te Whatu Ora can manage
- NZ reception agencies receive dossier notes
- Resettlement areas mapped out in advance
- Resettlement areas must be able to provide: housing, employment and ESOL, healthcare, settlement support



**Refugees are just like us – normal human beings –
but with extraordinary journeys**

Resettlement Communities

North Island	South Island)
Auckland	Nelson
Hamilton	Blenheim
Wellington	Dunedin
Levin	Christchurch
Whanganui	Timaru
Masterton	Ashburton
Palmerston North	Invercargill

People just like you
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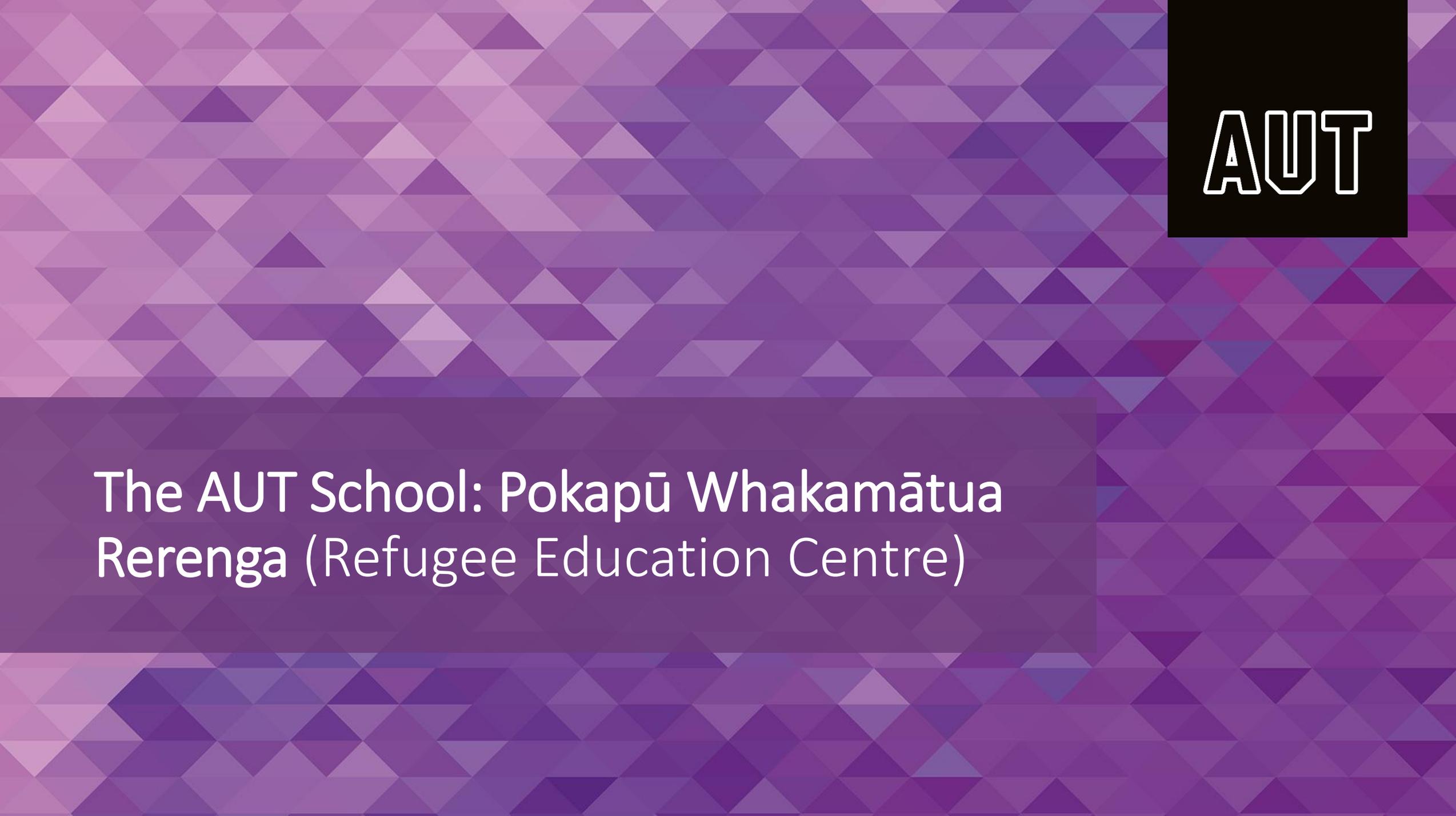


In a nutshell...

- Quota Refugee Programme: 1,500 refugees annually
- All stay at Te Āhuru Mōwai for 5 weeks
- Te Āhuru Mōwai is managed by MBIE
- 5 agencies: Health, Education, Immigration, Mental Health, Accommodation & Catering services
- Approx 215 individuals per intake
- After 5 weeks, individuals and families move to homes in one of 14 centres around the motu

Visitors





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The AUT School: Pokapū Whakamātua Rerenga (Refugee Education Centre)



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Pokapū Whakamātau Rerenga

REFUGEE EDUCATION



- 1 Whare Pono
- 2 Whare Mārie
- 3 Whare Aroha
- 4 Whare Tika

← Whare Manākitanga







The classrooms



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Refugees are survivors



Individuals are resilient and can recover in safe, caring environments



Education Programme

- Early Childhood Centre
- Primary and Secondary school classes
- Adult classes:
 - English language
 - Settlement classes
- After-school programme





Developing a sense of security, safety and trust



National Anthem
Milly Mally
School Bag
Lunch Boxes
Certificates
Songs

Monday

Classroom Rules

Search for
Corn
Search for
Search for
Search for
Search for

PACIFIC

Where do you
come from?

I come from

Map of the World

Colombia

Nepal













What did you think of the pōwhiri?

- I felt so **close to the people**, the land and culture.
- I think it was a nice way to greet us, to become **equally** with people of the land.
- We appreciate that New Zealand people keep practicing some **old traditions** like the pōwhiri ceremony.
- I feel happy and blessed. I never got **that much importance** in my life, how Tangata Whenua given us.

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- When they welcome, we feel like in **our home**. Before we were not in our home. We feel like we are very **important** to them.
 - I did not have any idea what is going to happen on the Pōwhiri. Once I entered the **atmosphere was really energetic**. Everyone was so **happy to see us**.
 - When different cultures mix and sing, it was awesome feeling
 - We have been here for two weeks but after pōwhiri it started to **feel like home**.

Tutira mai nga iwi



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- I really loved the **songs** and everything which was in **Māori language**.
 - I like the **hongi** – we share the air, the land and we hold each other, then we share food.
 - I **cried** today.
 - I really like the man who was addressing us in **Māori**.
 - You don't need to translate the words of the Māori man, because we can understand him from the feeling.

Hariru & Hongi





**A poem by Parbati
from Bhutan,
who has spent 23 years as
a refugee in Nepal**





Those words of welcome

Welcoming us all, summoning us to the hall.

So many years we spent in the cold

So many years we were not told,

Not told where we belonged.

This powhiri has welcomed us all,

And welcomed us home!

Now I know where I belong,

Now I know New Zealand is our home!

Stories were shared by all,

Stories of the journey while on life's boat

That we've all walked through the same
rough road!

We've all walked through the same rough
road!!

We sang the songs of praise.

Songs honouring our countries left
behind!

Songs of welcome they sang,

And they sang a song of thanks!





A beautiful message from the tangata whenua,
Was warmly passed on to us,
We're taken in as one of them,
Now we're taken in as one of them!

A hongi will tell
That the warmest welcome we felt!
That guided is to the grand feast!!
This powhiri had a message,
**A message of Respect, of Love
And of Peace!!!**