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NZ Relay service newsletter



a time of celebration

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and safe travels in all you do this festive season. We are sure you will enjoy using the NZ Relay to phone your family and loved ones to wish them season's greetings too.

What a time of celebration it is, we have just had our 1st birthday in November and received wonderful gifts in the form of four Outreach Contractor staff. Warmest welcome to Patrick, Josje, Yatika and Maureen, I know everyone will be seeing a lot more of them in the future.



NZ Relay outreach team

NZ Relay now has the service of four Outreach Contractors. The contractors will be available to continue promoting the NZ Relay service nationally. If you know of any groups or organisations that you believe would benefit from a presentation please let Chris Blum know using the contact details on the back page.

The Outreach contractors are also available for one to one support and training for "users".



PATRICK- Kia ora everyone, my name is Patrick Thompson, I am Maori and profoundly Deaf. I was raised in the small town of Tokoroa. My life experience was that of both Maori and Deaf communities. I worked at KDEC for a number of years as a Residential Social Worker, followed by several years at the Deaf Association developing services and a framework to support the Maori Deaf community.

More recently I have been involved in projects to identify the needs of Maori Deaf and was a key organiser for the Maori Deaf Hui. I have a keen interest in supporting and promoting the NZ Relay service ensuring telecommunication access for all peoples of Aotearoa.

YATIKA- Hi, my name is Yatika Keshav, NZ Relay Outreach Contractor. I was born in the beautiful islands of Fiji and have been living in New Zealand now for over 15 years. I attended Kelston schools during my childhood years and carried on to attain my Diploma at the Auckland University of Technology.



I took on the challenge to be part of NZ Relay as it is a personally fulfilling role which allows me to make a difference in the community. Driven by my passion for computers & technology and my natural ability to communicate with people, this role has also given me the opportunity to network with people and be part of a great course. My vision is to see NZ Relay services continue to grow and become a recognized part of community. Please feel free to contact us at any time with comments or feedback on our services as it will only allow us to grow. We are here to help you!

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MAUREEN- My name is Maureen Tompson and I have been involved with the Deaf community in Wellington for 25 years. I work teaching night classes in New Zealand Sign Language and part-time as secretary for the Wellington Deaf Society. I am passionate about the relay service and look forward to the challenge of bringing the relay service to the New Zealand public.



My role is in assisting individuals applying for TTY, setting up their equipment and presenting to various community groups about the Relay Service over the lower half of the North Island. I have also completed a Certificate in Deaf Studies from Victoria University. In my spare time I enjoy going to cafes and watching sub-titled movies. I look forward to meeting and working with you all soon!

JOJSE- My name is Josje Lelijveld. I feel privileged to have been selected as one of the 4 Outreach Contractors. I enjoy educating and speaking to people about the Relay Service. Encouraging Deaf, deaf-blind, hearing impaired and speech impaired people to use a telecommunication service that will allow them to access literally anyone. It offers them the opportunity to be more independent and less reliant on others.



I have worked in the sport, welfare and education sector for along time and working alongside people has always been a primary focus.

I continue consulting with a variety of organisations and people, and will now add marketing to my repertoire of skills.

So South Island people if I can be of any assistance I am raring to go and looking forward to meeting you.

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Details of NZ Relay will soon be found in your local Telecom "White Pages" telephone directory on page 14. same page for all phone books throughout NZ.

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