

Immigrant Journeys Exhibition **FREE**

10–25 September, during opening hours, Te Ara Ātea

Discover the rich diversity of our most recent immigrants to Aotearoa, New Zealand. Through their skills, cultural backgrounds and experiences, they strengthen and add immense value to this country and help shape its future.

This exhibition is an original idea of the Lady Khadija Trust in collaboration with Telling Lives and Janneth Gil Photography. Drop-in.



Macedonia Display and Cultural Talk **FREE**

10–25 September, exhibition during open hours

Thursday 22 September, 6.30–8pm, talk, Lincoln Library

Macedonia is the oldest surviving country name from the European continent and still exists today as a modern democratic republic. Join Irinka as she discusses the last 2,700 years of her culture, addressing the changing boundaries during the years of conquests and being conquered, and treasured traditions that have been passed through her family.

Enjoy her static display featuring gorgeous textiles of hand woven rugs, crochet work, books, crafts, and costumes, as well as an important aspect of Macedonian hospitality – an ancient way of brewing coffee.

Talk suitable for teens and adults, bookings required.



Iranian Morning Tea **FREE** and Presentation

Saturday 10 September, 10.30–11am, Te Ara Ātea

Join Leila Dadian for a Persian morning tea as she shares a presentation about Iran, her home country. Surrounded by enormous mountains, lush forests and unique deserts, Iran is the home of saffron, polo, wine, the modern brick, the first recorded banking system, and even one of the world's oldest and most celebrated literatures.

Discover more about Selwyn's food cultures by visiting Te Ara Ātea's Ā mātou Kōrero kai, Our place in food exhibition cases.

Teens and adults, bookings required.



Intro to Lion Dance **FREE**

Sunday 11 September, 1–2pm, Te Ara Ātea

Join Qiao Yi Hong De Lion Dance Team Christchurch 紐西蘭基督城僑藝弘德醒獅團 for a hands-on lion dancing experience including a performance, training experience, and costumes!

Lion Dancing originated in ancient China and is an important element of Chinese traditions, symbolising courage, reverence, and diligence.

5+ years and teens, bookings required.



Faces of Selwyn on Air **FREE**

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays: 12–22 September, 5pm Plains FM 96.9

For our fourth annual Faces of Selwyn we're hitting the air waves with six new podcasts. Tune in to Plains FM to listen to the stories from our community of how people came to settle in Selwyn. Listen to their journey to Selwyn and learn about a range of different cultures across the globe, from Malaysia to Mexico.

Each person, each face has a unique and rich story that brings something new to the tapestry of who we are, whilst revealing common threads that cross boundaries and connect us.



Around the World Crafts **FREE**

Tuesday 13 September, 3.30–4.30pm, Lincoln Event Centre

Wednesday 14 September, 3.30–4.30pm, West Melton Community and Recreation Centre

Saturday 17 September, 2–3pm, Hororata Community Hall

Saturday 17 September, 6–7pm, Glentunnel Community Centre

Sunday 18 September, 6–7pm, Tawera Memorial Hall

Monday 19 September, 3.30–4.30pm, Prebbleton Cottage

Saturday 24 September, 6–7pm, Darfield Recreation and Community Centre

Head to your local community centre and create some exciting crafts from around the world! If you attend our Glentunnel, Tawera or Darfield craft sessions feel free to bring a plate of your favourite food and join us for Dinners of Selwyn on at the same time. Bookings required.



Women-only Night

Tuesday 13 September, 6.30–9pm, Selwyn Aquatic Centre

The Selwyn Aquatic Centre is celebrating CultureFest with a women-only night! There will be an Aqua Natal class, water safety sessions with our Learn to Swim staff and other fun activities. Drop-in. General pool admission applies.



Scottish Dance Taster **FREE**

Tuesdays, 13 and 20 September, 7.30–9pm Lincoln Event Centre

Keen to give Scottish Dancing a go or curious to know more? The Lincoln Scottish Country Dance Club warmly invite you to come and give it a go. Drop-in.



Futsal Skills Sessions

Wednesday 14 September, 6–8pm Selwyn Sports Centre

Come along to a Futsal Skills Session at the Selwyn Sports Centre and learn the basics of the great game of Futsal.

\$3 per child, 8–12 years, bookings required.



Intro to K-pop Dance **FREE**

Thursday 15 September, 6.30–8pm, Te Ara Ātea

Join Annie from Christchurch K-pop Dance Classes as she teaches this exciting introductory session featuring famous choreography from your favourite K-pop idols. K-pop (Korean popular music) is a wildly popular fusion of style and music originating in South Korea. Begin your trainee journey this CultureFest! Teens and adults, bookings required.



Italian for Beginners **FREE**

Thursdays: 15 September to 20 October (6 weeks) 6.30–8pm, Lincoln Library

Impariamo insieme (let's learn together) the basics of *la bella lingua*. Over the six sessions of this Italian taster course, we'll break down simple conversations to build familiarity with vocabulary and grammar, and learn once and for all the correct pronunciation of bruschetta, ciabatta, prosciutto and calzone! Teens and adults, bookings required.



Rangoli Art **FREE**

Saturday 17 September, 1–3pm Darfield Library (Children and Teens)

Sunday 18 September, 10.30am–12.30pm Lincoln Library (Teens and Adults)

Learn an ancient Hindu art form from India in this have-a-go session. Archana Tandon will demonstrate and teach several styles of Rangoli art using chalks, dyed rice, rice paste, coloured powder and flowers. The children's session will include special colouring activities.

Derived from the Sanskrit word 'Rangavalli', Rangoli means 'rows of colours'. The patterns created represent positivity, strength, generosity and good luck during special celebrations.

Discover more about Selwyn's stories of passions by visiting Te Ara Ātea's To tātou nei aroha, Love in the district exhibition cases. Bookings required.



Lippin Art **FREE**

Saturday 17 September, 1–2.30pm, Leeston Library

Saturday 24 September, 1–2.30pm, Darfield Library

This beautiful mural craft comes from Gujarat India and features repetitive geometric motifs featuring clay and mirrors. Lippin art traditionally keeps the interior of a home calm, peaceful and cool. Join Nishi and create your own small masterpiece. Teens and adults, bookings required.



Dinners of Selwyn **FREE**

Saturday 17 September, 5–7pm, Glentunnel Community Centre

Saturday 17 September, 5.30–8pm, Sheffield Community Centre

Sunday 18 September, 5–7pm, Tawera Community Centre

Saturday 24 September, 5–7pm, Darfield Recreation and Community Centre

Are you new to living in Selwyn? Do you want to meet new people? Do you love to try new foods and experience other cultures?

Dinners of Selwyn is about bringing our wonderful community together to celebrate the diversity of our district while enjoying great food and making new friends through the language of sharing a delicious meal together.

Create a plate of your favourite dish to share and try something new. This is an alcohol-free event and families are welcome. All ages, bookings required.



Afro Dance Class **FREE**

Saturday 17 September, 6.30–8.30pm Rolleston Community Centre

Evolving from different traditional African dance styles, Afro dance originates from Sub-Saharan Africa. Learn about African culture in this powerful, fun, and uplifting dance class! Drop-in.



Austrian Sauerkraut and Bratwurst Workshop **FREE**

Sunday 18 September, 10am–12pm, Te Ara Ātea

Enjoy a cultural cooking workshop with Austrian Chef Christian Bochsichler of Otahuna Lodge as he shares how to create homemade fermented cabbage (sauerkraut) and homemade Austrian sausages (bratwurst). Participants will get to sample the creations and take some home!

Teens and adults, bookings required.



Japanese Storytime **FREE**

Sunday 18 September, 10.30–11am, Te Ara Ātea

Join Early Childhood Educator Mio as she shares yomikikase (story telling) and songs representing Japanese culture. Tamariki can copy and learn some simple words and phrases in this special CultureFest Storytime session, such as 'konnichiwa' (hello) and 'Nihon' (Japan). We ohanashi daisuki (love story time) and isshoni tanoshimou (have fun together)! Preschoolers, bookings required.



Newcomers Join In Expo **FREE**

Sunday 18 September, 2–4pm, Te Ara Ātea

Find and connect with key organisations that you can join to connect with the Selwyn community. In partnership with Volunteering Canterbury. Drop-in, all ages.



InCommon Discovery Time **FREE**

Monday 19 September, 3.30–4.30pm, Lincoln Library

Tuesday 20 September, 3.30–4.30pm, Leeston Library

Wednesday 21 September, 3.30–4.30pm, Darfield Library

InCommon Adults Quiz **FREE**

Saturday 24 September, 1–2pm, Te Ara Ātea

Join InCommon for an interactive quiz that encourages you to reach out across cultures and faiths to make Aotearoa a place where everyone feels they belong. InCommon playfully nudges people to examine the thoughts and beliefs we have about others and start to understand more about those who may seem different to us. We don't know what you'll find in common, but we do know that increased connectedness helps communities thrive.

He ira tangata. He ira rongomaiwhiti tāu. Our differences make us unique, and we all have things in common. Bookings required.



Budo Skills Session **FREE**

Wednesday 21 September, 6.30–7.30pm Selwyn Sports Centre

Come along to a Budo Skills Session at the Selwyn Sports Centre and learn some traditional Japanese Martial Arts.

8+ years, bookings required.



Asia After Five **FREE**

Thursday 22 September, 6.30–7.30pm, Te Ara Ātea

How much do New Zealanders know about Asia? The Asia New Zealand Foundation Te Whitau Tūhono has been tracking New Zealanders' perceptions of Asia since 1997 as part of its mission to help New Zealanders build their knowledge, skills and confidence to thrive in Asia. Now in its 25th year, the annual Perceptions of Asia survey offers comprehensive insights into New Zealanders' awareness, knowledge, and interest about Asia. Join representatives from the Foundation for an engaging presentation as they share their latest highlights and findings. Teens and adults, bookings required.



Putting Down Your Roots **FREE**

Saturday 24 September, 10am–12pm, Lincoln Wetlands

Join our volunteer planting event, meet new people and grow your connection to the community, especially for newcomers and locals in Selwyn.

The Selwyn District Council Biodiversity Team will share the important connections that the Lincoln Wetlands have to the ecosystem of Selwyn and the waters of Te Waihora. Native plants will be provided as part of the restoration initiative, spades and gloves will be available, but if you have your own please bring them along. Bring a picnic for afterwards or take a stroll along the walking tracks. Drop-in, all ages.



Sow a Lyttel Seed **FREE**

Saturday 24 September, 2–4pm, Te Ara Ātea

Join this meaningful workshop with the Sow a Lyttel Seed team in a Giving Seeds of Love workshop. You will make seeded hearts full of wildflower seeds to take home and grow, the seeds represent the beauty of diversity. Participants will make a paper pulp from recycled paper which is added to pulp from tributes after the 15 March tragedy in Christchurch. All ages, bookings required.



Intro to Bollywood Dancing **FREE**

Saturday 25 September, 3.30–4.30pm Rolleston Community Centre

India's Bollywood Dancing merges the movements of body language and facial expressions into a beautiful art form. This dance fusion was created in the 1950's and can include moves from classical Indian steps, folk, bhangra, western-style, jazz and hip-hop among many others.

Learn the signature moves with BollyFeet as they share choreography suitable for beginners to advanced dancers of all ages. Bookings required.



Meet Your Street **FREE**

CultureFest is the perfect time to bring your neighbours together. Gather to korero, share kai and get to know your neighbours.

The Meet Your Street fund supports neighbourhood gatherings and is open year-round. Apply prior to your hui, via the website selwyn.govt.nz/meetyourstreet

