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VOICE OF AROHA 6TH ANNIVERSARY GALA FUNDRAISER 2025



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

As we come to the end of the year, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has truly been an incredible year for Voice of Aroha.

It has been a great honour to celebrate our 6th anniversary with our Gala Fundraiser event. This special milestone brought together over 170 people, and the incredible support from our community made the night truly memorable. We are deeply grateful to everyone who attended and contributed your generosity and support mean so much to us.

A huge thank you goes to our volunteers and the organising committee for their incredible mahi. Your dedication, passion, and commitment made this event, and so much of our work this year, possible.

As we close one year and welcome a new one, I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has been part of the Voice of Aroha whānau. Your continued support and encouragement have made this year special. Together, we have amplified many voices, celebrated important occasions, and brought people together to build stronger community cohesion.

This year has been filled with many achievements, and our social media speaks volumes about the impact of our work. None of this would have been possible without the strength of our young people, our communities, and the generosity of our funders, who continue to stand behind our mahi. Thank you for believing in our mission.

Like many organisations, this year also came with its challenges, including funding cuts and other pressures. However, through resilience, strength, and belief in our purpose, our people gave their best to every episode, every event, and every programme. For that, I am incredibly proud and thankful.

As we move into the new year, I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and a joyful summer break filled with special moments with your loved ones.

Thank you once again for being part of our journey.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Kodrean Eashae
CEO, Voice of Aroha

Please note that we will be closing our activities from **Monday 22 December and returning on 5 January**. During this time, our channels will continue to share stories from the wonderful guests we have met through our podcast.

We look forward to **Season 7**, and our volunteer applications are now open, **APPLY NOW.**

VOICE OF AROHA 6TH ANNIVERSARY GALA FUNDRAISER 2025



On 1 November, we came together for a truly special evening to celebrate six incredible years of Voice of Aroha at our Gala Fundraiser.

Words can't fully express our joy, gratitude, and appreciation for everyone who joined us and supported the event. Your kindness and generosity made both our celebration and fundraising efforts a true success—thank you from the heart.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who purchased tickets or made donations, even if you were unable to attend on the night. Your generosity and support mean so much and continue to strengthen our mahi.

The evening was filled with achievements, laughter, music, delicious food, and a powerful sense of togetherness. It was a beautiful reflection of this year's theme, "The Power of Community," showing what is possible when we come together to uplift one another.

A huge thank you to our incredible volunteers, performers, speakers, sponsors, and youth organisers whose dedication and hard work made this Gala possible. And to everyone who came to share the aroha—thank you for being part of such a meaningful night.

Special thanks to Vik Singh from The Mortgage Company for the generous donation.

Below are some beautiful moments captured from the night—memories we will cherish as we continue our journey together.

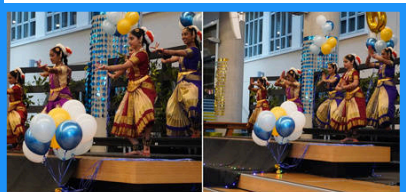


















FAREWELL TO SAHAR



In November, we marked the end of a meaningful chapter as we farewelled our valued team member, Sahar, whose journey with Voice of Aroha has been nothing short of inspiring. Sahar has been an integral part of our VOA whānau, bringing her unique energy, dedication, and heart into everything she did. Over the past year, she has grown alongside the organisation, building confidence, and lasting connections while contributing to mahi that has made a real difference for our rangatahi and community.

We are deeply grateful for the passion, and commitment Sahar has shown, and for the way she uplifted those around her. Her presence has helped shape a team culture grounded in support, and purpose.

On behalf of the entire Voice of Aroha family, we thank Sahar for her contributions and the positive impact she has made. While her journey with us comes to an end, the memories and legacy she leaves behind will always remain part of VOA. We wish her every success and blessing in her next chapter.

Written by Ayaan Chand

VOICE OF AROHA'S FINAL WELLBEING SESSION: "LET'S MOVE"



On Saturday, 6th of December, Voice of Aroha wrapped up Season 6 and the year with our final wellbeing session for rangatahi, themed "Let's Move" The day was filled with energy, and laughter as young people came together to enjoy bowling, laser tag, and quality time with one another.

This session celebrated more than just movement. It reflected the growth, and positive moments that have shaped an impactful year for our rangatahi. The atmosphere was uplifting and joyful, highlighting the importance of wellbeing, and community.

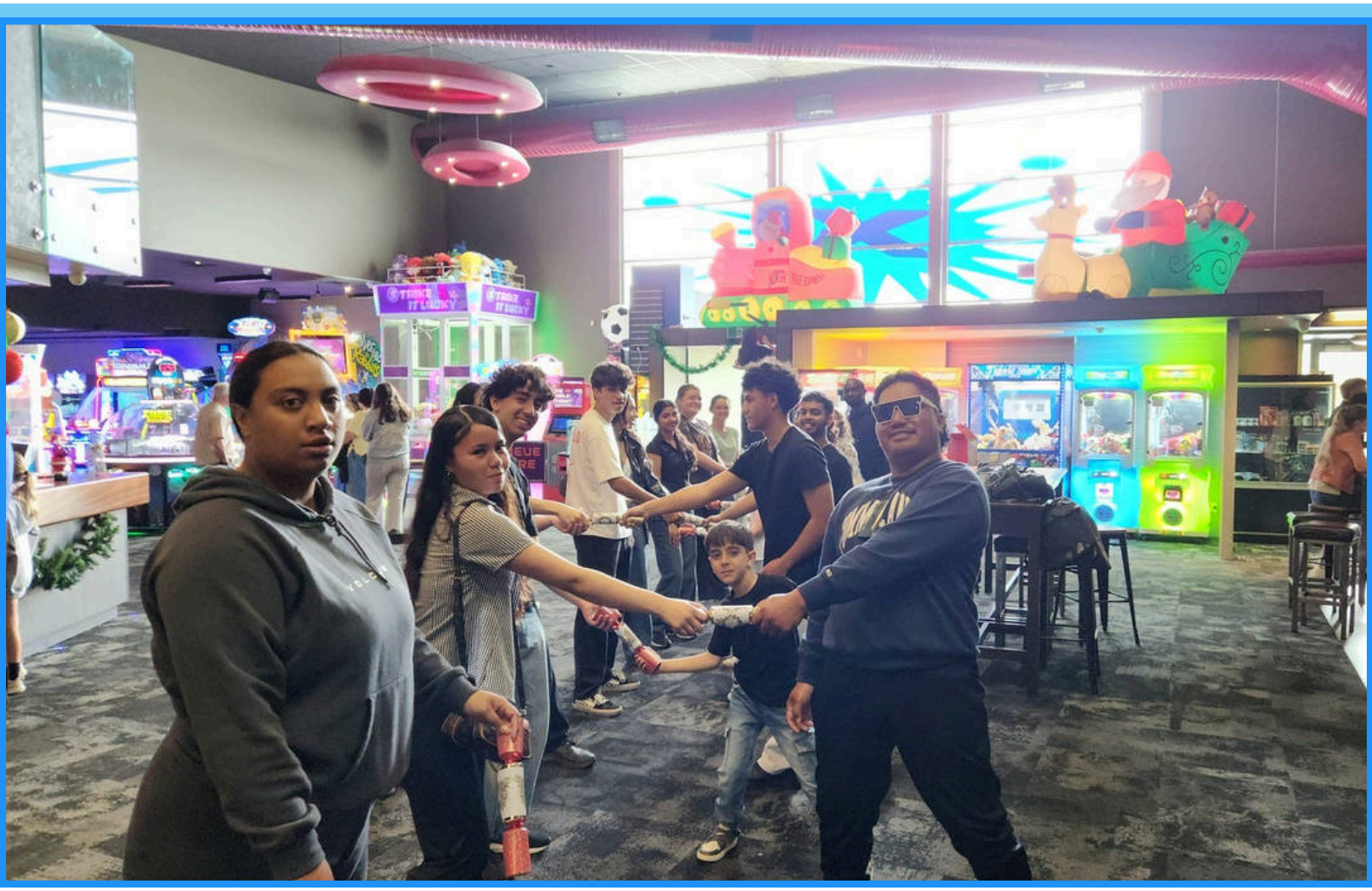
We extend our heartfelt thanks to our volunteers, youth leaders, participants, and everyone who contributed their time and support to make this year truly special. Your dedication continues to make a meaningful difference.

A special thank you to Nuku Ora for supporting this session, and to all our funders, partners, guests, and communities whose encouragement and collaboration have strengthened our mahi throughout the year.

Written by Ayaan Chand







WELLBEING DAY
LETS MOVE WITH VOA



NEW EPISODES

This month has been full of inspiring kōrero on the Voice of Aroha Podcast.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES | JOIN OUR TEAM

Are you passionate about creating positive change?

We're looking for dedicated volunteers to join our team for SEASON 7 (2026) and work on meaningful projects that amplify the voices of diverse communities in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Do you want to share your skills, learn new ones, and contribute to a community-driven initiative?

This is your chance to:
• Make a difference.
• Build valuable skills.
• Be part of something impactful.

Together, we can uplift, inspire, and transform narratives for a better future.

Join us today and help drive positive change!

This is your chance APPLY NOW Click here
Application Close by January 5th 2026

Check the poster for more info



JOIN OUR TEAM FOR 2026

WHY VOLUNTEERING WITH US?

Voice of Aroha every season get opportunity to welcome dedicated individuals to join us in our mission to make a positive impact in communities.

- *Make a Difference*
- *Host podcasts and amplify your voice*
- *Gain valuable work experience in a dynamic environment*
- *Build confidence and strengthen your public speaking skills*
- *Connect and network with like-minded people*
- *Learn from incredible guests and leaders*
- *Create meaningful impact by elevating the voices of marginalised communities in Aotearoa New Zealand*
- *And much more — all while having fun and being part of something special ✨*
- *Be part of Aroha Movement*



Applications are OPEN until January 5th, 2026

Please fill out the form using the link below or scan the QR code.

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VOLUNTEER ROLE
STORYTELLER/WRITER

Responsibilities:
- Write engaging and informative blog posts, stories, and news articles based on interviews and events.
- Work closely with the team to identify key themes and messages for written content.
- Research and gather relevant background information to enhance storytelling.

Skills Needed: (Training Available)
- Writing and storytelling skills with the ability to adapt tone and style for different platforms.
- Knowledge on social media platforms.

Expected Commitment:
- Regular contribution to blog posts and stories, with 2–3 hours of writing/editing per piece.



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VOLUNTEER ROLE
EVENT VOLUNTEER

Responsibilities:
- Assist in organizing and setting up events, including registration and venue preparation.
- Greet and assist attendees, ensuring they have a positive experience.
- Help with clean-up and post-event tasks.

Skills Needed: (Training Available)
- Organizational skills and attention to detail.
- Good verbal communication and a friendly, approachable demeanor.
- Ability to multitask and stay calm under pressure.
- Comfortable working with diverse groups and assisting event attendees.

Expected Commitment:
- Availability for pre-event setup and post-event breakdown (typically 1–3 hours before and after the event).
- Active participation during the event, which can last from 3–6 hours depending on the event's schedule.



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VOLUNTEER ROLE
MARKETING/PROMOTION

Responsibilities:
- Assist in promoting events, projects, or initiatives through social media and other channels.
- Help create engaging content (posts, graphics, etc.) for online platforms.
- Support with email campaigns and outreach efforts.
- Track and report on the effectiveness of marketing activities.

Skills Needed: (Training Available)
- Creative thinking and strong written communication skills.
- Basic knowledge of social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.).
- Experience with design tools (Canva, Photoshop) is a plus.

Expected Commitment:
- 2 hours per week.
- Flexibility to help with events or campaigns as they arise.



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VOLUNTEER ROLE
HOST/CO-HOST

Responsibilities:
- Lead discussions during episodes and engage with guests.
- Prepare for episodes by reviewing scripts or notes ahead of time.
- Maintain energy and keep the conversation flowing.
- Encourage audience interaction through calls to action (e.g., social media, email).
- Ensure the episode stays on topic and within time limits.

Skills Needed: (Training Available)
- Strong verbal communication and public speaking skills.
- Comfortable with improvisation and handling unscripted moments.
- Basic knowledge of podcast formats and audience engagement.

Expected Commitment:
- Participate in recording sessions, usually 1–2 hours per episode.
- Prepare for interviews and discussions ahead of time



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VOLUNTEER ROLE
VIDEOGRAPHER/ PHOTOGRAPHER

Responsibilities:
- Help with photo taking and video recording if required.
- Taking behind sense videos and create nice reels.

Skills Needed: (Training Available)
- Good understanding of video production and post-production techniques.
- Creative approach to making photos/videos engaging.

Expected Commitment:
- 2–4 hours per week depend on sessions and need.
- Support Production Team



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