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## OUR CEO AT NEW ZEALANDER OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2024

# TOP HIGHLIGHTS




## HIGHLIGHTING OF NEWTOWN FESTIVAL 2024!

Voice of Aroha participated by joining the Wellington Access Radio stall and conducting interviews. The festival featured fun, music, and food, along with activities such as arts, crafts, and fashion. Attendees enjoyed the food, music, and sunshine, making it a day filled with family, entertainment, and good vibes!

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## HIGHLIGHTS FROM AFRIKA BAZAAR LOWER HUTT!




The Voice of Aroha team enjoyed covering the Africa Bazaar in Lower Hutt, Wellington. The event was vibrant and showcased impressive culture, crafts, and food, bringing the community together.

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# TOP EVENTS




## KIWIBANK AWARDS: NEW ZEALANDER OF THE YEAR

Attending the Kiwibank New Zealander of the Year Awards was a truly memorable experience for our CEO, Kodrean Eashae. Representing our incredible Voice of Aroha team, we were honored to be one of the top 10 communities in Aotearoa New Zealand as semi-finalists in the Community of the Year category. This recognition on such a prestigious platform is a significant achievement for us, and we owe a huge thanks to our dedicated volunteers who have been part of the Aroha Whānau throughout the seasons. On behalf of VOA, we extend our congratulations to all the deserving semi-finalists, finalists, and award winners. Your contributions have made a positive impact on our communities, and we are grateful for your hard work. This event provided a wonderful opportunity to learn about the remarkable work and inspiring individuals who are making a difference in our surroundings. We express our gratitude to the organizers and sponsors, particularly kiwibanknz, for making this event possible.









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## ASSYRIAN SCHOOL: FATHER TOMA KAKKA PRESERVES ANCIENT LANGUAGE!

We had the pleasure of visiting the Assyrian School and meeting with Father Toma Kakka. It was very inspiring to see the teaching and learning of the Assyrian language at all ages in the community.

The importance of saving one of the oldest languages for traditions, cultures, and history is very important for the Assyrian community in Wellington, New Zealand. But that's not all: it keeps everyone grounded as an Assyrian and connected to their fellow Assyrians around the world.

It was a pleasure for the VOA team to meet members of this community, to be invited for such a cool initiative — we are always available to cover the important events of our communities.

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# VOA MESSAGES

The Aroha Messages Project runs for 100 days, sharing daily messages about love, peace, and inspiration to uplift your spirit and encourage positive action. This project has increased empathy and understanding, helping to counter hateful content and making online spaces more meaningful and effective for fostering a positive environment. Check them out!

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