

Settling In Dunedin



Newcomer Support Groups

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A: Newcomer Support

Citizens Advice Bureau Dunedin

We are a local community organisation that is here to help you. We provide free, confidential and independent information and advice.

We can help with a wide range of issues including consumer law, tenancy, immigration, employment issues and a Justice of the Peace.

Our specialist language service CAB Language Connect can help you in 24 languages. Call them at 0800 788 877

Contact: 03 471 6166 or 0800 367 222

Dunedin Community House 301 Moray Place Dunedin

Email: dunedin@cab.org.nz

Dunedin Newcomers Network

Web access only at present to offer great opportunities to meet and connect with others who are also new to Dunedin (and some who have been here for a while). This group is a great way to meet new people, find resources and discover some more about Dunedin's amazing community.

New people welcome.

Contact: Email: dunedin@newcomers.co.nz

Website: <http://www.newcomers.co.nz>

Space2B

A place to be quiet or have a conversation.

Monday - Friday noon - 2pm

Contact: Ph: 477 4848

Cnr St Andrew Street and Filleul Street

Dunedin Multi-Ethnic Council

The Dunedin Multi-Ethnic Council has regular social gatherings, family nights and potluck meals. It offers opportunities to develop links with the wider community as well as advocacy and support for newcomers. There is an annual Race Relations Day celebration.

Contact: email: secretary.dmec@gmail.com

Web: www.dmec.org.nz

B. Support Groups

Chai and Chat

An opportunity for women of all cultures to make friends and learn about life in Dunedin.

Friday 10.30 am – 12.30pm Dunedin Community House, 301 Moray Place.

Contact: chaichatdunedin@gmail.com

www.dmec.org.nz

Heart and Soil Garden Project

A joint project by Dunedin Multi-Ethnic Council and Musselburgh School.

A group for people who are new to New Zealand, to learn more about growing food in New Zealand conditions. For men and women, with a special welcome for senior citizens.

Every second Thursday 10.30am – 12.30pm at Musselburgh School, corner Culling and Auld Streets, Musselburgh.

Multicultural Women's Group

Women from many lands and cultures who meet for friendship, fun and good food. Children are welcome.

Friday 9.30am - 11.30am also Computer Skills Tuesday 9.30am - 11.30am

NEV Community Centre, 262 North Road Dunedin

Contact: Afife Harris Ph: 473 8944 Mobile: 027 419 3125

Email: afife.harris@gmail.com

Shakti Ethnic Women's Support Group

Provides a culturally appropriate and safe environment for ethnic women, children and youth who are victims of domestic and family violence. Provides advocacy and intervention services to assist ethnic women to become strong and self-sufficient.

Dunedin Community House, 301 Moray Place

Contact: 477 1351 Email: dunedin@shakti.org.nz

Crisis Line: 0800 742584

Community Preschool Play Group

Indoor and outdoor activities, morning tea and speakers. All welcome.

Reformed Church Hall 178 Forbury Road Dunedin

Wednesday 9.45am – 11.45am

Contact: Antje Storm Ph: 474 1450 Email: antje_storm@hotmail.com

Pacific Playgroup

Monday 9am - 1pm

Contact: Pacific Trust Otago

The Hub 158 Oxford Street Dunedin

Ph: 455 1722 Email: office@pto.nz

Dunedin Korean Play Group

A group for parents and children from the Korean community.

Monday 1.30pm – 4.30pm Friday 10.30-2.30pm

Contact: Email: dunedinkoreanplaygroup@gmail.com

Koru International Playgroup

A weekly playgroup focused on music and movement for young children and their parents.

Tuesday 10am - 11.30am

The Early Years Hub - 158 Oxford Street South Dunedin

Contact: Izumi Mobile: 021 1879810

Email: koruplaygroup@hotmail.com

C. English Language Groups

English Language Partners (ELP) – offers a range of different classes. All learners must be registered with English Language Partners to attend these classes.

Contact: English Language Partners Dunedin
First Floor, 110 Melbourne Street, Dunedin. Tel: 455 5266
Email: dunedin@englishlanguage.org.nz
Website: www.englishlanguage.org.nz

ESOL Home Tutoring

Free lessons in your home with a trained volunteer tutor. 1 – 2 hours each week.
Learn English for your daily life in New Zealand.

English for Employees

Free classes for people who have a job (full-time, part-time, casual/seasonal or self-employed). Improve your workplace English. Four hours per week at a time that suits your working life. Need to be a NZ resident.

Work Talk

Looking for work in NZ?

An Intensive, four week course (12 hours a week). Learn how to approach employers, learn to tailor your CV for specific job applications, prepare and practise for job interviews. English level-intermediate and above (confident users of English)

English Language Groups

Learn Kiwi English in a group for a few hours each week. Low cost. All English levels.

Dunedin North Community English Class (Lower intermediate English speakers)

Monday 1.00 - 3.00pm

Tuesday Conversation Class (Intermediate to advanced English speakers)

Tuesday 10am – 12noon South Dunedin

Advanced English Class (Evening)

Monday evening 6.00 – 8.00pm

Beginner English Class

Monday 1.00 – 2.30pm

South Dunedin Community English Class (elementary level upwards)

Monday and Wednesday morning 9.00am – 11.00am

South Dunedin

English for Mothers of Babies and Toddlers (for immigrant mothers and preschoolers)

You are welcome to attend the group and bring your child if you have a baby / pre-school child or are pregnant and your second language is English. Fortnightly on a Wednesday morning 10am-12.30pm South Dunedin

English for Migrants

For adults who paid for English Language tuition through the New Zealand Immigration Service. Lessons with a qualified English teacher.

The English Corner, English Conversation Group

“Come along and practise your English conversation skills with topic based discussions. Meet new people in the community and have a lot of fun! Open to all ages and levels of English.

The English Corner is free of charge but please note that an entrance fee to the garden applies (\$20/\$15 for a 1 year pass, \$9/\$6 for a day ticket).

Dunedin Chinese Garden, Tower room

Wednesday morning: 11am – 12.00 noon.

Contact: 477 3248 or email: chinesegarden@dcc.govt.nz

English for Elders

Free classes for migrants over the age of 65 who would like to improve their English language skills and meet others.

Age Concern Otago, 9 The Octagon

Contact: 477 1040

Email: agecon@ageconcernotago.co.nz

D. Ethnic Communities

Dunedin Chinese School

The school is organised by the Dunedin Chinese Language and Culture Trust, a non-profit organisation. It runs classes on Sunday afternoons in Mandarin, Cantonese, dance and Chinese culture.

Held at Kavanagh College

Contact: Ph: 474 5988, Email: dunedinchineseschool@gmail.com

Dunedin Senior Chinese Association

Social events and celebrations, weekly swimming group and English language class. Promotes Chinese culture, language, care of elderly.

Contact: Naili Lin Email: naililin@gmail.com

Otago and Southland Chinese Association

Organises festivals, cultural and sporting activities and supports the Dunedin Chinese School.

279 King Edward Street, South Dunedin

Contact: Linus Chin Email: oschinese@osca.org.nz

German Community

Contact: Ika Peuckert Email: ikap662@gmail.com

Indonesian Community

Komunitas Indonesia

Helps fellow Indonesians settle in Dunedin.

Works with the Indonesian Embassy to provide passport services to Indonesians.

Contact: Sally Van Aalst

Cell: 021 1738624

Email: bartos1@ihug.co.nz

Indian Community**Natyaloka School of Indian Classical Dance**

Offers classes in Bharathanatyam and Mohiniyattam Indian dance.

Contact: Swaroopa Unni

Room 113, King Edward Court, 261 – 291 Upper Stuart Street

Mobile: 021 02438737

Email: natyalokanz@gmail.com

Dunedin Khmer Buddhist Association

Organises Cambodian cultural festivals and ceremonies.

Contacts: Ratanak Be Ph: 473 7372 Sokrith Wells Ph: 467 2327

Email: sokrithmawells@hotmail.com

Dunedin Tibetan Community

Keeping the spirit of Tibet alive. Language and traditions of Tibetan culture.

Dhargyey Buddhist Centre 22 Royal Terrace Dunedin

Contact: 487 6513

Dunedin Korean Society

Organises activities to help develop good relationships between the Korean community and local communities.

Contact: Email: e.park123@hotmail.com

Kodomo Kai

Japanese group offering a preschool playgroup, weekly Japanese language class for children and a cultural group.

Contact: Kanako Lokman Ph: 467 9777 Izumi Uchida Ph: 472 8598

Email: kanakomark@xtra.co.nz

Pacific Trust Otago

Community support and education for Pacific people in Otago.

155 Hillside Road Dunedin

Contact: Ph: 455 1722

Email: office@pto.org.nz

Pacific Islands Women (Pacifica Women)

Monthly gatherings and community support.

Contact: Catherine Cocker, Dunedin Branch President

Email: catherine.cocker@gmail.com

Dunedin Philippine Club

Organises cultural celebrations, a variety of group activities, Philippine folk dancing and mobile passport services in conjunction with the Philippine Embassy.

Contact: Rose Coles

Spanish Community

Grupo Hispano

Offers activities for children, monthly family potluck meals and monthly activities for adults.

Activities held at Saint Francis Xavier School, 27 Benhar Street.

Contact: Lina Lastra: Email: grupohispanootago@yahoo.co.nz

Mobile: 027 7680788

Facebook: Grupo Hispano Otago

University of Otago

Pacific Islands Centre

Offers a range of cultural and pastoral support and links to community networks.

Web: www.otago.ac.nz/pacific

Cultural and Ethnic Clubs and Societies

These include African, Fijian, Indian, Indonesian, Korean, Malaysian, Muslim, Omani, Pakistani, Samoan, Saudi, Singaporean, Sri Lankan, Vietnamese and many others.

Web: www.ousa.org.nz/events-and-recreation/clubs-and-courses/clubs-list/

E: Religious Groups

African Church

Forward in Faith Ministries

449 George Street Dunedin (Knox Church complex)

Contact: Pastors: Alice and Desmond Kuzamba

Ph: 456 1901 Mobile: 022 1903125

Al Huda Mosque/Dunedin Islamic Centre

21 Clyde Street

PO Box 6288, Dunedin

Ph: 477 1838

Contact: Steve Johnston Mobile: 027 7053980

Email: shura.otago@gmail.com

Web: www.otagomuslims.org/

Baha'i Community

P O Box 755 Dunedin Mail Centre

Contact: Mobile: 027 4773217

Email: dunedinbahais@bahai.org.nz

Buddhist – Dhargvey Buddhist Centre

Gatherings: Sunday 10am Monday & Thursday 7.30pm

22 Royal Terrace Dunedin

Contact: Peter Small Ph: 477 8374 Mobile: 022 464764

Buddhist – Soka Gakkai International (SGINZ)

Dunedin Activity Centre

43 Manor Place Dunedin Ph: 477 0688

Dunedin Zen Group

The Dunedin Zen Group is part of the Diamond Sangha and is led by an authorised Zen teacher Glenn Wallis. The Diamond Sangha derives from the Sanbo Kyodan Zen lineage which combined the Soto and Rinzai schools of Japanese Zen. With this heritage we are able to offer both Shikantaza and Koan study Zen here in Dunedin but people also come from other Buddhist streams to sit and practice the Buddha Dharma together.

Meets downstairs at St Martins Anglican Church , 194 North Rd Dunedin on Wednesday evenings at 7pm.

Contact person: Jim Hegarty (h)03 473 8359 Mobile: 0274 266 710

Email: dunedinzen@gmail.com

Website: <https://dunedinzen.wordpress.com>

Christian Science Church

30 York Place Dunedin

Web: www.christiansciencenz.org

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

14 Fenton Crescent Dunedin

Meetings: 9am and 1pm Sunday

Ph: 0800 453724

Web: www.ldschurch.org.nz

Coptic Orthodox Church

Church services and social activities

64 Melville Street Dunedin

Contact: Father Felimoun-Baramoussy

Ph: 479 0906 Mobile: 027 4456208

Cornerstone Christian Bretheren Chapel

“We are a family oriented church with an international flavour. We also provide a home for the Japanese Christian Fellowship.” (same location, 5:00 pm Sundays)

786 Cumberland Street Dunedin- All Saints Church Hall.

Meetings: 9:30 am Sunday

Contact: Lois and Lance Woodfield ph: 453 6042

Web: www.cornerstonecity.org.nz

Dunedin Chinese Presbyterian Church

Sunday service at 10:30 am (in Mandarin, English and Cantonese) with Sunday school. University student bible study groups every Friday at 7:30pm. High school group 2pm Saturday.

23 Howe Street Dunedin

Contact: 473 9287 Email: liu712@xtra.co.nz

Dunedin Chinese Methodist Church

500 Great King Street

Paster Huang Mobile: 021 1725480

Email: huangda1@hotmail.com

Dunedin City Baptist Church

19 Main South Road Dunedin

Ph: 488 4222

Dunedin Seventh-Day Adventist Church

58 Stafford Street Dunedin

Web: <https://dunedin-adventist.org.nz.adventistconnect.org>

Elim Christian Centre

Social evening for international students, migrants and families, Friday 7.00pm

Family services, Sunday 10am Evening service, Sunday 7.00 pm

Weekly study groups and interest groups.

67 Harrow Street, Dunedin

Contact: Senior Pastor Adam Dodds Ph: 477 5533

Email: reception@dunedin.elim.org.nz

Evergreen (Korean)

Stewart Hall (Knox Church complex)

Contact: Kyoung Kim (Kevin) Mobile: 021 512930

Email: bearsfc2@gmail.com

Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga

Contact: Rev Tevita Langi

Mobile: 022 0536037

Hare Krishna Community

133 London Street Dunedin ph: 471 7149

Contact: JMa Mobile: 027 4901369 Email: jambavati85@hotmail.com

Hindu

Contact: J Valli Ragupathy

Ph: 466 7083 (home), 03 477 7412 (work)

Email: valliragupathy2371@gmail.com

Interfaith Groups

Both groups aim to build trust, respect and understanding between faith communities and to shape ideas with the wider community.

Dunedin Abrahamic Interfaith Group

(Judaism, Christianity and Islam)

Contacts: Greg Hughson Ph: 479 8497, Email: Greg.Hughson@otago.ac.nz

Secretary: Ken Barker Email: Kenneth.baker@gmail.com

Web:www.dunedininterfaith.net.nz

Dunedin Interfaith Council

(All faiths)

Contacts: Geoff Mitchell Mobile: 027 4431994

Email: dunedininterfaith@gmail.com

Japanese Christian Fellowship

Weekly church service Sundays 5pm, followed by a shared meal and English lesson. Weekly Bible study.

All Saints Church Hall

786 Cumberland Street Dunedin

Contact: Lance Woodfield Ph: 453 6042

Ph: Grace and Gideon (Ministers) 488 2118 Mobile: 021 1564690

Web: www.cornerstonecity.org.nz

Jewish Community

Dunedin Jewish Congregation (DJC)

Cnr George and Dundas Street Dunedin

Contact: Andrew Spiegel via txt 021 2167413

Email: dunedinjewish@gmail.com

Dunedin Korean Catholic Community

Sunday Mass 7pm Holy Name Church

420 Great King Street Dunedin

Contact: Father Mark Chamberlain Ph: 479 0066 Mobile: 027 2207685

Email: machamberlain@hotmail.com

Nations Church

Nations Church , a multicultural church with people from many nationalities.

Sunday Services: 10am and 6pm. Youth Group Friday 6.30pm

Office open Tuesday-Friday 9am-2pm

334 King Edward St South Dunedin

Contact: Senior Pastor Peter Tate Ph: 455 1888, Email: admin@nations.co.nz

St Michaels Orthodox Church

72 Fingall Street South Dunedin

Contact: Father Carl Somers-Edgar Ph: 487 9877

Web: www.orthodoxotago.org.nz

Pacific Islands Community/Churches**Church of Tonga**

Contact: Sione Pule Mobile: 021 1187861

Email: sione.pule@justice.govt.nz

Congregational Christian Church of Samoa (EFKS)

41 Macandrew Rd, South Dunedin

Contact: Rev Posala & Philippa Tioa Ph: 456 1030

Fijian Community

Contact: Mr Peni Qauqau

Ph: 479 5485 (work) Mobile: 027 7718900

Dunedin Methodist Parish

Contact: Rev Siosifa Pole ph: 466 4600

Web: www.dunedinmethoist.org.nz

First Church of Otago

415 Moray Place, City Centre, Dunedin

Contact: Rev Dr Tokerau Joseph and Mrs Tangi Joseph

Ph: 477 7118 Email: firstchurch@xtra.co.nz

Web: <http://www.firstchurchotago.org.nz>

Kiribati Community

Contact: Maria Lucas

Ph: 488 2631 Cell: 027 255 9907 txt Email: maria.lucas@xtra.co.nz

Pacific Islands Presbyterian Church

162 North Road Dunedin

Combined English service 11am, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday

Cook Island Service 9.30am 4th, 5th Sunday Samoan Service 11.30am, 4th, 5th Sunday

Contact: Keni Moera Session Clerk Mobile: 027 2559903

Email:kenimoeroa@xtra.co.nz

Polish Church Services

Broad Bay

Services: 3rd Sunday 11am

Contact: Cecylia Mobile:027 7266645 (Polish and English)

Samoan Catholic Church

Mercy Parish 32 Macandrew Road Dunedin

Ph: 455 1173 or 455 8933

Email: mercy.parish@xtra.co.nz

Web: www.mercyparish.nz

Samoan Methodist Church

Contact: Rev Talofa Tualogi

Mobile: 021 330104

Salvation Army

Corps-Dunedin City 575 Princes Street

Contact: 477 8180

Tokelauan Community

Contact: Koleti Ikahihifo Ph: 487 8021

Tongan Catholic Church

Contact: Finau Taungapeau

Email: finau@pto.co.nz

Tongan Community

Contact: Palanite Taungapeau

Ph: 456 3144 Mobile: 021 0540179

Email: p.taungapeau@gmail.com

Tongan Methodist Church

St Kilda Tongan Methodist Church

Service: Sunday 1pm Queens Drive St Kilda

Contact: Siosifa Pole

Ph: 466 4600

Email: siosifap@mmsouth.org.nz

F: Sports Groups

Website: Sport Otago: <http://www.sportotago.co.nz>

Ph: 03 474 6350 0800 776 786

Please note this information has been gathered from many sources.

We welcome additions, updates and corrections.

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301 Moray Place
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