

Greetings to you all

May is here and full of opportunity. April saw three wonderful Living Wage events. NZEI out west held a Living Wage hui, Faith groups held a workshop entitled 'Are Labourers Worthy of Their Hire' and a Living Wage Breakfast was held in Henderson. These types of events are great for building connection and deepening our understanding of how the concept of a Living Wage resonates with people. Usually good food is involved and always a new friend is made. If you have an idea for an event I would love to help you make it happen!

The Coalition of Selwyn Supporters were in full flight for the Selwyn Foundation AGM - all attendees were handed a pay packet full of stories and info about the Living Wage and outside workers and supporters got to play "wheel of fortune".

The Living Wage choir had its first performance and were very well received - remember it is an open group for anyone to join every second Wednesday 5.30 - 6.30pm at E tū 35 George Street. Next session Wednesday May 4th.

We are also starting to really focus some energy into fundraising. A regular donation system is being developed, some Living Wage Bags being designed and made by Earth Action Trust and a new run of Living Wage tee shirts is under way.

Meetings for May

West Network

Come to the ever growing network of Westies. This month we are meeting at the Ranui Community House 3.30pm on May 23rd. Feel free to bring kids. We will be discussing a new coordinator or co-coordinators for the West network and doing some more planning around the West candidate meeting.

Wider Auckland Network

Time for members and supporters to come together again and hear back from small groups that have been developing the "asks". We want commitment from candidates in the Local Government Elections to a cluster of "asks" from the Living Wage Movement. Groups right now are working on transport, poverty, housing and employment. We will have time for general updates and other discussion about our strategies. All energy and input gratefully received.

Wednesday 25 May 1-3pm Auckland Women's Centre 4 Warnock Street Grey Lynn.

Living Wage Volunteer hui – we are in the final stages of shaping a series of hui across Auckland over the weekend of 28/29 May. This is an opportunity for supporters and members to come together and help shape a LIVING WAGE WEEK planned for August this year.

Dates for the diary

The Living Wage will be holding candidate meetings as we approach the Local Government Elections.

WEST meeting – August 18th early evening

ST Matthew in the City - August 31st (note change from September 1st)

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