

# Talking ethnic diversity and immigration in Tāmaki Makaurau



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The current debate around immigration and ethnic diversity is complex. Auckland has now reached superdiverse status, with 40 percent of its population overseas-born. The consequences of this phenomenon are evident as both immigrants and those born locally navigate a rapidly changing environment. The debate is also, at times, divisive.

On the one hand, immigration benefits the local economy and immigrants are embraced for their social and cultural contributions. On the other hand, immigrants are often blamed for the challenges facing Auckland: the city's inflated house prices and pressures on the city's natural resources and infrastructure, for example. With the backdrop of Trump and Brexit, ethnic diversity and immigration will be major issues in the upcoming 2017 election. This event will provide the opportunity for Aucklanders to ask some hard questions about the implications of ethnic diversity and immigration for the future of our city.

**Convenor:**

**Trudie Cain**, Massey University

**Facilitator:**

**Fezeela Raza**, Auckland Council

**Panellists:**

**Bev Cassidy-Mackenzie**

**Precious Clark**

**Jenny Lim**

**Paul Spoonley**

**Borni Te Rongopai Tukiwaho**

(more information on the panel overleaf)

**Please register your attendance by emailing:**

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**Date: Tuesday 6 June 2017**

**Venue: Upper NZI Rooms, Aotea Centre, Queen St**

**Time: 5.00 – 7.00 pm - Drinks and nibbles served from 5.00-5.30pm**

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## **Convenor:**

### **Trudie Cain**

Trudie is a Senior Lecturer in the School of People, Environment and Planning at Massey University. Her research interests include how migrants create a sense of home, identity and belonging in Aotearoa New Zealand.



## **Facilitator:**

### **Fezeela Raza**

Fezeela is Principal Advisor, Diversity and Inclusion at Auckland Council. Her career has focused on developing expertise in diversity and inclusion across many sectors including government, community, research, third sector and business.



## **Panellists:**

### **Bev Cassidy-Mackenzie**

Bev has been in the Chief Executive seat at Diversity Works New Zealand (formerly the Equal Employment Opportunities Trust) since 2012 following roles in marketing and relationship management across both private and public sector and a time running her own business.



### **Precious Clark**

Precious is of Ngāti Whātua, Waikato and Pākehā descent and was born and raised in Tāmaki Makaurau, Auckland. She is the Managing Director of Maurea Consulting Ltd, which provides culturally driven solutions and shares Māori culture globally so that it shapes and informs a modern world.



### **Jenny Lim**

Jenny is currently the Sport Capability Project Manager at Harbour Sport. In this role she leads the ActivAsian project which aims to increase sport participation in the Asian community.



### **Paul Spoonley**

Paul is Pro Vice-Chancellor of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Massey University. Paul has been a major contributor to research and public debate on cultural politics and identity in New Zealand and internationally.



### **Borni Te Rongopai Tukiwaho (Tūhoe/Te Arawa/Tūwharetoa)**

Borni is an Equity NZ board member and is a core whānau member at Te Pou Theatre. He has a strong focus on community empowerment through story telling, having built strong relationships with homeless, mental health and HIV support agencies.

