

## Driver Licence Project for Refugee Background Women

### Driving Practice Volunteers



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**Be part of their journey.**

**Support a refugee background woman to get  
a full driver licence.**

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We are looking for some remarkable women willing to volunteer their time to take refugee-background women for driving practice after they've learnt the basics with a driving school.

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#### **The project: Women's Driver Licence**

We are running a programme for refugee-background women across the region. The pilot involves:

1. Compulsory information sessions for all learner drivers on a range of topics.
  2. Sponsored professional lessons with a driving school to the point that the instructor considers the driver is ready to go out with a trained driving practice volunteer (that's you!) for practice.
  3. Driving practice with the trained volunteer.
  4. A few more professional lessons.
  5. Sit and pass their Restricted Licence and 6 months later their Full Licence.
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#### **Benefits for volunteer**

In this role you will:

- make a positive difference in the life of a woman from a refugee background
- receive training in new skills and have ongoing support
- increase your understanding of another culture
- contribute to improving driver safety on the road
- be offered a contribution for out-of-pocket expenses.

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**Volunteer role description** (see separate document for details)

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### **The Drivers**

Drivers will:

- be women aged 25 years and over who are fully motivated to get their licence
  - be committed to regular attendance and punctuality
  - have access to a car for driving practice that has a current WOF and registration, and third party insurance
  - probably not be fluent English speakers
  - respect the contribution of their volunteer and the volunteer's rights, including the right to be safe.
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### **Background**

ChangeMakers Refugee Forum is a rights-based, community development, research and advocacy organisation governed by former refugees. The organisation represents over 15 communities in the Wellington Region.

The ChangeMakers' women's steering groups in Wellington, Porirua and Hutt Valley identified the need to obtain a licence as the No 1 priority for women to 'feel connected and reach their potential'.

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