



# Latinos for New Zealand

## About us

Latinos for New Zealand Charitable Trust was established in 2022 in Queenstown to support, empower, and advocate for Latin individuals and families in Aotearoa New Zealand. Our mission is to provide access to trusted resources, foster cultural connections and promote integration within the wider community. We act as a catalyst for positive social change, inspiring belonging, resilience and leadership within our migrant communities. We embrace the journey towards an inclusive, culturally rich, and united Aotearoa New Zealand, where diversity is celebrated, and every voice is valued.

## Our events and activities

- » **Free immigration clinics** are offered monthly, online and open to all Latinos in New Zealand. They provide general information, guidance, and free advice from registered Spanish-speaking immigration professionals.
- » **Women Circle New Zealand** are transformative series of workshops focused on empowerment, healing, and cultural roots. These workshops offer women a platform to connect, reflect, and grow.
- » **Latin Kiwi Integration Festival** is an annual multicultural event celebrating Latin American culture through music, dance, food, and community. The festival provides a platform for cultural exchange and strengthens intercultural bonds in Queenstown and beyond. Our first festival was held in 2023 laying the foundation for a more inclusive celebration in the years to come.

## Our Queenstown Lakes community

We represent over 1,000 members from diverse Spanish-speaking Latin American countries, including Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Peru, Mexico and Uruguay. Most reside in Queenstown and are on temporary or residence visas. Members gain access to a wide range of services, from legal and financial assistance to health and wellness, settlement navigation and community events.

- » **Mental health services** are offered at no cost via online or in-person sessions with Spanish-speaking trained professionals. In 2024, we partnered with Shama Ethnic Women's Trust to deliver a prevention workshop on sexual violence in ethnic communities.
- » **Aotearoa Spanish Language Week** is celebrated in May and provides an opportunity to introduce Spanish language and culture to the wider community through games, activities, and language-learning tools. It celebrates the linguistic diversity of over 500 million Spanish speakers worldwide.
- » **Settlement and integration workshops** are delivered in Spanish and aim at helping migrants understand and navigate New Zealand systems. Topics include financial literacy, business startup support, employment rights, banking, and community engagement.



## Keep connected

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