Opportunity in diversity

**We need to prepare for an ageing population.**

There are more than 200 ethnic groups in New Zealand. Collectively, we speak 160 different languages. Not only is our population getting proportionately older, we are becoming increasingly diverse.
New Zealand is becoming more diverse

By 2038:

- Our Pacific population aged 65+ will increase 238% to 54,000 people
- Our Māori population aged 65+ will increase 250% to 126,000 people
- The population of Asian New Zealanders aged 65+ will increase 534% to 203,000 people

By 2038 18% of New Zealanders will identify with more than one ethnic group.

What can we learn from these cultures as we prepare for an ageing population?

Have your say

Between 29 June and 24 August we’re asking New Zealanders of all ages what they want for the future. Have your say. Find out about community workshops near you – or set up one of your own.

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