

# MAG NEWSLETTER

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## >>> LATEST UPDATES

MELAA Advisory Group (MAG) is excited to share with you the latest achievements to end this year and celebrate our growth and moving forward into 2024. Ngā mihi nui, our thanks to all who have supported and collaborated with us this year. MAG attended the Our voices: The journey to Healthy Futures Conference 2023 in May, another opportunity to participate in shaping the voices of consumers using health services saw people from across New Zealand attend the Healthy Futures conference 2023 in Christchurch. Dame Valerie Adams delighted the audience with Q and A Session. Also, to remember the success of our 2023 Engagement survey review and the NZ Women in Medicine Wāhine connect event. The great strides our Co founders have Ngozi Penson and Dr Carolyn Providence have taken to engage with key leaders in the Government Health sectors. Tino pai to Mahi!

## >>> WHAT'S NEW

Ngozi held a New Zealand Job Search Information Evening for New Migrants event in November. A community event to connect with the wider MELAA communities



## IMI WOMEN'S WING SESSIONS: ZAINAB GLOBAL HEALTH CONFERENCE NZ

## >>> IMAMIA MEDICS INTERNATIONAL (IMI)

WW Lead Dr. Anmar Taufeeek worked tirelessly to make innovative and vibrant sessions designed to empower women's career and professional development and networking opportunities. Our Co founder Dr Carolyn Providence spoke in support more opportunities for MELAA communities.

## >>> ACHIEVEMENTS



**IMI Women's Wing Sessions**  
Zainab Global Health Conference - New Zealand

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# WHANAUGATANGA

STRENGTHEN CONNECTIONS



## TIME TO BE SOCIAL!

### MAG TEAM MEMBERS MEET UP

November

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Connections are important for growth. It was time for for us to all be in one room. Although our online committee meetings are engaging and strengthen the whanaugatanga of our team. The challenges of distance during the Pandemic has meant that our Governance team meet up was long overdue. It was a great opportunity to deepen connections and celebrate the achievements of the year!

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### READ MORE

Laura V. Moreno-Durán our Wellington based Project and Events team member was unable to attend our meetup in Auckland. Keeping MAG connections strong, our Co founder Ngozi Penson made it possible that no one should be left behind, meeting with Laura during her visit to Wellington last month. With Inclusion, Engagement, Participation and Representation as our core focus for MELAA communities,, kotahitanga (Unity) is essential to enabling positive change and expanding our connections. As we look forward to next year's goals, our motivation is to actively connect and collaborate with others on social events to continue our growth and support the wider MELAA communities in Aotearoa for a brighter future.



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**Ngā mihi o te wa!**

By Sara Richards