

## **ANNEX 1: LIST OF ORGANISATIONS**

### **Action for Children and Youth Aotearoa**

ACYA is a coalition of non-governmental organisations, families and individuals promoting the rights and wellbeing of our children and youth through education and advocacy based on evidence and Aotearoa New Zealand's human rights commitments. ACYA was founded in 1996. ACYA's principal work is the production and publication of Aotearoa New Zealand's Alternative NGO (non-governmental organization) Report to the UNCROC Committee on Aotearoa's implementation of UNCROC.

### **Change Makers Refugee Forum**

ChangeMakers is a rights-based, research, advocacy, and community development organisation that was set up and is governed by people from refugee backgrounds. The organisation represents over 14 refugee-background communities in Wellington. ChangeMakers is a non government organisation and a registered charity.

### **Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG)**

Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) is an independent charity working to eliminate child poverty in New Zealand through research, education and advocacy. In a country like New Zealand, with ample resources, child poverty could be eliminated completely. It's all about Choice. Everyone agrees children need the right conditions to grow into healthy adults. Children thrive when they have the basics: nutritious food; a warm, safe home; medical attention if they are sick and a good education. Sadly, too many children in New Zealand don't have the basics. CPAG speaks out on behalf of the 270,000 children in New Zealand whose meagre standard of living compromises their health, education and well-being. CPAG works to protect children from needless poverty, because a child's potential is a terrible thing to waste.

### **Environment and Conservation Organisations of NZ Inc (ECO)**

ECO is an umbrella for New Zealand organisations with a shared concern for the environment and conservation. ECO membership includes New Zealand branches of large international groups such as Greenpeace and Friends of the Earth, national groups including National Council of Women, as well as small local groups such as Kapiti Environmental Action and Save the Otago Peninsula, and issue oriented groups like the Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust.

For over forty years ECO has campaigned at domestic and international levels to protect habitats and species, including native forests, lakes and rivers and marine areas and other ecosystems. We have also championed sustainable energy policies and are active in opposition to climate damaging policies.

### **Human Rights Foundation (HRF)**

The HRF is a non-governmental organisation, established in December 2001, to promote and defend human rights through research-based education and advocacy. We have made submissions on new laws with human rights implications. We also monitor compliance and implementation of New Zealand's international obligations in accordance with the requirements of the international conventions New Zealand has signed, and have prepared parallel reports for relevant United Nations treaty bodies to be considered alongside official reports. Though the primary focus of the Foundation is on human rights in New Zealand, we recognise the universality of human rights and have an interest in human rights in the Pacific and beyond.

### **It's Our Future NZ**

It's Our Future is a network to promote critical education, information exchange and activism on the potential impact of the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement on a wide range of human rights, including public health and access to medicines, public services, culture, environment, the Treaty of Waitangi, workers rights and employment and democratic participation in decision making. It works with similar networks and organisations from the other eleven countries participation in the TPPA negotiations.

### **New Zealand Council of Trade Unions Te Kauae Kaimahi (CTU)**

The New Zealand Council of Trade Unions Te Kauae Kaimahi (CTU) is a member of the International Trade Union Confederation. The CTU represent 350,000 members in 37 affiliated unions and one of the largest democratic organisations in New Zealand. The objective of the CTU is to unite democratic trade unions to enable them to work together to ensure all workers enjoy employment rights and equal opportunity in workplaces, in trade unions, and in society at large. The CTU works to ensure the upholding of employment rights which are recognised in international declarations.

### **Peace Movement Aotearoa (PMA)**

PMA is the national networking peace organisation in Aotearoa New Zealand, an NGO registered as an Incorporated Society in 1982. As the realisation of human rights is integral to the creation and maintenance of peaceful societies, promoting respect for them is a key aspect of our work. We have provided NGO reports to: the Special Rapporteur on Indigenous Peoples' Rights in 2005; the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in 2007 and 2013; jointly with the Aotearoa Indigenous Rights Trust and others, to the Human Rights Council for New Zealand's Universal Periodic Review in 2008 and 2009; the Human Rights Committee in 2009 and 2010; the Committee on the Rights of the Child in 2010 and 2011; and the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in 2011 and 2012.

### **University of Canterbury UPR Submission Group**

This Group, comprising one academic and six students from the School of Law, was formed in December 2012 in order to coordinate a stakeholder submission for New Zealand's UPR focussing specifically on the human rights impacts of the earthquakes in Canterbury. It has worked with over 20 organisations in the greater Christchurch area to coordinate a joint submission focusing on the major human rights impacts of the 2010-2011 earthquakes.