

BREAK BREAD

Our lovely volunteer, Vivienne Teo, had a fantastic idea after working with REAF students - BreakBread, a new pop-up dining series bringing together top chefs and refugee communities within Auckland to celebrate cultural understanding and acceptance.

Many of us from REAF attended the first function held at Hopetoun Alpha. Koasorn Tun our advocate and former REAF student spoke alongside Mike McRoberts, Jacinda Ardern MP and Linda Chhim where they all delivered "A letter to my eleven-year-old self". These people shared their stories of growing up as a minority group in New Zealand. The Mon people are a minority group from Myanmar. We shared pickled green tea salad made by REAF students from Selwyn College and Naign Min who worked at Orphans Kitchen as a lunchtime chef with the support of Tom Hishon, chef and co-owner. Nai Loot, Mi Chan and many others of the Mon community helped out too.

What a wonderful evening we all had and we are all looking forward to the next one.

