

Information Sheet - Culture Galore!

Saturday 18 February 2023

Ray Blank Park, Maidstone Road 12pm to 4pm

What is Culture Galore?

Culture Galore is a multi-cultural festival that provides an opportunity for different ethnic groups in our community to showcase their culture. This is achieved through performing arts, ethnic food, crafts, demonstrations, sports, games and language. Culture Galore is a prime opportunity for the people of Christchurch to experience and celebrate the diversity of cultures that exists in our community.

Event organisation

Culture Galore is organised by Christchurch City Council Recreation staff and is funded by jointly by the Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood and Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Boards.

Event format

The event consists of groups performing on a main stage with performances timetabled in 10 minute slots from approximately 12.10pm to 4.00pm.

There are also opportunities for groups to promote their culture through displays, ethnic food stalls, craft stalls and interactive information stalls. There are also a range of children's entertainment including face painting, Fire NZ fire kitchen, police radar run, bouncy castles, soft archery, and other activities.

The event will be run subject to the Government's Covid-19 health guidelines.

Performance area

It is essential that performances are a maximum of 10 minutes, including getting on and off the stage.

The stage dimensions are; 9m wide x 7.2m deep and 1.2m high. A marquee is available for performers to use as a changing area, with a separate area for males and females.

If you are a performing group, please also provide a brief performance description when you register for the event. If you are unsure of what your performance will be, we will contact you at a later stage for MC notes.

*Please note that there is no guarantee that all groups will be able to perform on the day. We try to include a variety of performances and only have limited spaces.

Active information / Craft stalls

Please note that groups are to provide their own shade structure/gazebos/tables/chairs.

Following the positive feedback in 2021 Culture Galore is again adopting a more active format and encouraging more interactive activities at the event, rather than stationary information stalls. We will have very limited spots in this area and groups that register must provide a have-a-go activity, games, competitions or the selling of crafts that are especially related to cultural aspects of your country.

The provision of information on services that are relevant to the refugee and migrant community is also vital and we can display information resources in the CCC information tent if you wish these to be available at the event. Please note though this is not the forum for promoting political or religious views.

All groups need to supply their own gazebo. For the few groups that absolutely cannot access their own gazebo a few will be available and these will be allocated to those who apply first.

For health and safety reasons the activity and craft stalls are located away from food stalls which means groups operating both require people for each stall. There is no site fee for activity or craft stalls.

Food stalls – Please read carefully

Please note that groups are to provide their own shade structure/gazebos/tables/chairs.

Culture Galore is participating in the Council-led initiative called Composting Food Packaging at Events (CFPE). This means that all food packaging handed over to your customers must be from the CFPE approved manual (PDF attached), which is then hand-sorted at the event and sent to be composted. This also means there will be a clean recycling stream that will actually be recycled at this event.

You will all be required to attend a compulsory 60 minute training session around this. This is a one-off training and must be attended if you want to sell food at the event. If you have attended training before, you do not need to attend again, unless you would like to attend as a refresher. The date is as follows:

Thursday 19 January 2023: 6.00pm - 7.00pm. Fendalton Library and Service Centre - 4 Jeffreys Rd Fendalton.

Sam Holland will be your first hand contact for everything around CFPE so please contact her if you have any questions (9416889 / 027 7248834 / samantha.holland@ccc.govt.nz). Rachel Dunford from Council or Jaz Etherington from WasteCo will be auditing your packaging onsite before the event, so please remember to either have boxes or receipts with you.

Over the last few years the CFPE initiative has diverted over 100 tonnes of waste from landfill to recycling and compost instead, which is 75% of all waste generated from the participating events. At 2021 Culture Galore we diverted 77% of the event waste away from landfill. A great result.

The cost of a standard food stall is \$35 and food caravans will be charged \$60. Fees will be collected on the day and a receipt given. Each stall will be allocated an area of 5m x 4m, food stalls must provide their own shade structure/gazebo/chairs and tables as well as adhering to other health regulations as indicated on separate PDF. Please note groups are to supply their own tables.

Electricity is available and groups are asked to state their electricity requirements on the registration form if it is greater than a standard 10amp plug.

Due to electrical regulations, all groups using electrical implements must have these tested before the event and all appliances must show a current electrical test tag to ensure they are safe. We will be doing a full check on the day and if your appliances do not have these tags, the electricians on site will stop you from using them or you will be charged \$10 per appliance to have them tested. All caravans must also follow this process and also have an electrical warrant of fitness for the van. You can get your implements tested at Electro-Tech Services, 72 Mowbray St 374 3211 at a cost of \$5 per appliance or by any qualified electrician.

Please also note that stalls are to limit their power requirements to 10amps or 2400 watts. Check your appliance as it will indicate how much power it draws. If you have more than one appliance, simply add up the total watts and see if it totals more than 2400. If you require additional power or have a plug that differs from the standard 10amp, please let us know.

All food groups must acknowledge when they return their registration form that they have read and understand the food health regulations. If you are a moveable premises or a caravan, you must provide a copy of your registration certificate.

* Please note that commercial vendors are not eligible. If there are spaces available after registrations have been received from Community groups, commercial vendors might have an opportunity to be involved.

Registration of interest

If your cultural group is interested in participating, can you fill out the online 'Registration of Interest' form no later Friday 9 December 2022. We will be accepting registrations from community groups first.

Car parking

Parking will be available for participating groups and the public on Ray Blank Park. Entry to the park for groups involved in the event will be off Maidstone Rd or Gothic Place. Groups setting up stalls are asked not to arrive before 10.00am as electricity is still being connected at this time.

There will be an area roped off for performing groups on the day. You will be issued with two parking passes. We ask that once you perform though that you leave that car park as it is needed for groups after you.

Food and information stalls are asked to park behind your stall, or in the main carpark. Please note that there is no vehicle movement allowed from 11.30am – 4.15pm.

If you have any questions

Please contact

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Event location

Entrance to the park is off Maidstone Road or from Gothic Place at the back of the park. If you are a food group, enter from Maidstone Rd. If you are an information stall only, entry is best from Gothic Place.

Performing groups through the day should also enter from Gothic Place as well as the Maidstone Ave entrance can become congested.

