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Dear Madam,

I facilitate a course titled Socio-cultural context of health care to first year nursing students in the first semester. During this course we examine the various factors that influence the makeup and functioning of our society and lead on to the development of the healthcare system as we have it in New Zealand now.

To add a perspective to this I try to give a contrast by examining health care systems of other cultures and countries. Some time ago a group of persons from the Multi Ethnic Council came to WITT and gave such a presentation which was very well received as the students had presentations from immigrants and refugees from Russia, Sri Lanka, and other countries. I am hoping that a group of your members might be willing to come to WITT and give a similar talk on their experiences back in their home countries and how they found the contrast to the New Zealand health system.

I have scheduled the panel to occur on **Monday, 30 May 2011 at 10:30am** for an hour and a half. Our classroom is located on the top floor of A Block, Room A306, and is equipped with twin data projectors, document projector, computer assisted VHS and DVD players, and a white board. I would envisage say 5 speakers presenting followed by a question and answer session.

I look forward to hearing from you as to whether your Council can oblige us at your convenience. I may be contacted at the School of Nursing, or by email as stated below.

Yours sincerely,

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