

11th February 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

This year The Christchurch Foundation is launching a new programme to help grow the capability of young leaders with a particular passion for the not-for-profit sector. It is called Generation Give, and the honourable Lianne Dalziel, mayor of Christchurch is the patron of the initiative.

This programme teaches key skills to students from year 9 – 13 about Philanthropy and the not-for-profit/ purpose-lead sector. It is free to participate, is afterschool and has a twenty-week curriculum. Sessions would begin in March.

It has been successfully run in Queenstown for the last two years, and we are the first city to launch it outside of the Wakatipu area.

Generation Give was founded by Youth Philanthropy NZ (YPNZ) in the belief that young people should have a chance to make a difference in their community. They do this by forming a “board” and are taught governance, marketing, PR, etc over the course of around 20 weeks. The students are exposed to CEO’s / Philanthropists and other business leaders who come as guest speakers during most of the sessions. YPNZ has partnered with The Christchurch Foundation to deliver the Otautahi Christchurch programme.

Twenty students from year 9 – year 13 will be selected to participate, by the Mayor and The Christchurch Foundation.

Students can indicate their interest by making a short application. Details will be provided to you should you wish your school to be involved. We will also be sharing the information through social media platforms.

The project goals are:

- To promote positive youth development by engaging young people in meaningful activities that build their skills and capacity
- Help communities view young people in a positive light
- Develop soft skills for the young people such as public speaking, critical thinking and decision-making
- Foster interest in supporting non-profits in the future; generates a philanthropic nature
- Builds student confidence – knowing they have the ability to make an impact

A particular highlight of the programme is that students actively fundraise, volunteer and provide guidance to charities. Their education then culminates when – as a board – they will determine which charities will receive the funds. This decision is made after learning exactly how proper governance should operate.

If you would like to participate and need details to share with your students please contact Julia Rose: julia@christchurchfoundation.org.nz by the 20th of February 2020.

Many thanks,



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Hon. Lianne Dalziel

Mayor of Christchurch

Patron of Generation Give