

Church Engagement Manager (Christchurch based, Full-time)

The Organisation

Tearfund (<https://www.tearfund.org.nz>) is one of New Zealand's leading NGO's with development partnerships and programmes throughout the developing world. It is a highly respected charity that inspires people to give, learn, advocate and stand up against injustice.

Over 15,000 donors raise over \$12 million a year to support around 23 partners in 24 countries.

Tearfund's priority sectors are:

- Modern Slavery: Addressing the root causes of trafficking and exploitation through an integrated and structural approach.
- Disasters & Conflict: Safeguarding human dignity by enabling disaster affected people to rebuild thriving and cohesive communities.
- Farming & Enterprise: Increased household resilience through participation in sustainable commercial markets.
- Child Development: Children reach their full potential through meeting their development needs

Over 40 highly competent and experienced staff work to support the growth and effectiveness of these programmes.

Our key fundraising campaigns and activities include our successful child sponsorship programme, gift for life, emergency appeals and Christmas campaigns.

The role

The Church Engagement Manager is an important role working directly with churches and other Christian organisations. Based in Christchurch, the role works predominantly in the Christchurch region but will require regular travel to South Island Churches outside of Christchurch as well as travel to Auckland where the rest of the team are based.

The focus of our Church team is to secure church partnerships, speaking opportunities, face-to-face meetings and general relationship management with Churches. The role will also involve supporting the growth of Tearfund's advocate network who represent the causes we work for in the church communities. Occasional weekend or evening work is required.

You'll possess the presence, drive and speaking ability to engage with churches and develop mutually beneficial relationships with Tearfund. This will involve listening, thinking creatively about how partnerships can be strengthened, promoting Tearfund's products and encouraging people and churches to become financial supporters of Tearfund justice and poverty initiatives. Given this role works remotely you'll need to be comfortable working independently, proactively driving new and existing initiatives in your region.

What we seek in candidates

Candidates will ideally:

- be able to build strong relationships with Christian leaders and volunteers
- have held a church leadership role or have had success connecting with church leaders in the past
- have existing networks among churches in the South Island, and in particular in the Christchurch region
- strong organisational, communication and people skills
- sales or account management experience would be a distinct advantage
- have had experience working remotely

Tearfund's Mission Statement is: "Motivated by Jesus, we encourage Kiwis to act for justice to relieve poverty among the world's most vulnerable people". The ability to authentically engage with others around our mission is essential.

This is an opportunity to join a great team supporting life changing programmes.

To apply please send a cover letter and CV to work@tearfund.org.nz