

## **Church Engagement Manager – Lower North Island (Part time: 3 days/week)**

Empower the church to put their faith in action to stand for justice and relieve poverty for the world's most vulnerable people

- Cultivate effective relationships with churches at all levels
- Be available two weekends /month (with flexibility), deepening Tearfund's presence
- Attract and coach volunteer leaders who mobilise others

### **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 20,000 donors and 1,000 churches nationwide provide most of the funding needed for Tearfund's development programmes.

Tearfund has a challenging and diverse body of work, including child sponsorship, anti-trafficking and exploitation, disaster risk reduction, relief and recovery, and community development via enterprise, water, health and education.

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

### **The role**

The Church Engagement Manager is an important role working directly with churches and other Christian organisations in the lower-North Island. The focus is twofold, securing speaking and relational face-to-face opportunities in Churches, and building up a strong network of volunteers who represent the causes we work for in their church communities.

This is a permanent part-time role and involves 3 days a week with two weekends a month taken up speaking on behalf of Tearfund in churches and at church conferences.

A key responsibility is to grow and develop volunteer leaders who champion and mobilise others to act against poverty and injustice. It's nothing less than helping create a people movement around Tearfund's five responses of prayer, learning, giving, advocating change and making lifestyle changes, so making a difference in the lives of vulnerable people.

Inspiring others to support our causes to **nourish** communities with life's essentials, **protect** the vulnerable from exploitation, **restore** hope and peace when disaster and conflict strikes, **sponsoring** children in need, and **empowering** people to help themselves.

The person will 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 as appropriate and encouraging people and churches to become financial supporters of Tearfund justice and poverty initiatives.

### What we seek in candidates

Candidates will have:

- held church leadership roles and be able to build strong relationships with Christian leaders and volunteers
- have existing networks among churches in the lower North Island
- strong organisational, communication and people skills
- sales or account management experience would be a distinct advantage

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 discuss this opportunity in confidence please call Kerrie Palma on 021 905 712 or send a cover letter and CV to [work@tearfund.org.nz](mailto:work@tearfund.org.nz)