

# National Church Engagement Manager

Work with senior NZ church leaders developing mutually beneficial relationships to address justice, spiritual formation, advocacy and poverty issues

- Cultivate effective relationships with church leaders nationally
- Speak/add creative value to how people can respond to world needs
- Lead and coach a team to deliver excellent fundraising outcomes

## 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 25,000 donors and 1,600 churches nationwide provide a network for the majority of 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. They have over 50 specialist staff who work out of their Mt Roskill, Auckland office to support the growth and effectiveness of these programmes.

Examples of Tearfund programmes well supported by New Zealanders are the Justice Conference first held in Auckland in 2016 and returning in November this year. This is part of what has become the largest group of biblical and social justice conferences that are held annually in different countries. Other examples of programmes include the Tearfund Ethical Fashion Guide and the "Living Lent" initiative.

The impact of Covid 19 globally is putting greater pressure on people on the brink of economic poverty and this is predicted to get worse. The need to address this issue places even greater importance on Tearfund and the role of the National Engagement Manager. Is this the role and the time for you to respond?

## The role

The National Engagement Manager is a key strategic role to work directly with key senior decision makers in churches across New Zealand. The person will possess the presence, drive and ability to regularly speak at and engage with churches at all levels to develop mutually beneficial relationships with Tearfund. This will also 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.

The person appointed will also lead a team of three who are located around the country.

Pivotal to the role is the ability to offer empowering leadership, carry the vision of Tearfund and provide clear direction alongside a proven ability to deliver fundraising results.

### **What we seek in candidates**

Candidates will have:

- held significant church leadership roles and have the mana to build relationships across major churches nationally
- demonstrated strategic abilities to create, assess, measure and respond to new opportunities
- at some stage been in a sales or fundraising team leadership role in a commercial enterprise or NGO and have proven abilities in delivering results

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". Personal alignment with this mission will be critical for the candidate who is appointed to this role.

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

To discuss this opportunity in confidence please contact Gordon Duncan on 09 9159141 or press the APPLY NOW button.