

16. INSPIRING VOLUNTEERING CONFERENCE

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Inspiring Volunteering Whakamana te Kaupapa Aroha ki te Takata a Rohe is the 2002 National Conference on Volunteering. The Conference is being held in Christchurch from 21-23 March. The host of the Conference is Volunteering New Zealand, and Volunteering Christchurch has had a major role in planning the Conference. The themes of the Conference are:

- Setting the scene for the future of Volunteering in Aotearoa New Zealand,
- Building on the legacy of International Year of Volunteers (IYV) 2001,
- Supporting the vitality of volunteering in all areas of life in this country.

The Conference has identified the importance of having amongst the delegates, policy makers who impact on volunteers. The Christchurch City Council has a good relationship with Volunteering Canterbury and is represented by Councillor Chrissie Williams on the Volunteering Canterbury Board. Cr Williams has asked to attend the conference on behalf of the Council. It seems appropriate for the Christchurch City Council to also be represented by a member of the Community and Leisure Committee. The cost of attendance is fairly low (\$150 per person) as the Conference is a local one.

Recommendation: That the Committee nominate Councillor Chrissie Williams and one member of the Community and Leisure Committee to attend the Inspiring Volunteering Conference to be held in Christchurch from 21-23 March.