

**10. APPLICATION TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM 2012/13 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – TAMARA MCELWAIN**

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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Community Board approval for an application for funding from the 2012/13 Riccarton/Wigram Youth Development Scheme.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. The applicant, Tamara McElwain is a 16 year old Templeton resident and Hornby High School student, seeking Community Board support to participate in a Christchurch Secondary Schools' exchange tour to Europe for Year 12 students as a part of the Global Leadership Programme. The programme, initiated by the England Sister City Committee, is founded on the strong relationships the city has developed with Christchurch in the United Kingdom and will further strengthen the European links associated with the United Kingdom. The programme is based on the key concepts of the new education curriculum with "Managing Self" being the main focus. Key development areas include; Leadership, Communication Skills, Global Knowledge and Cultural Awareness. The trip will take place 6 – 21 January 2013 during the December/January school holidays.
3. Tamara McElwain has been accepted as one of thirty secondary school students from different secondary schools within Christchurch to participate in this exchange programme. Six of the students selected for the trip attend Hornby High School.
4. Tamara is one of two students applying for Youth Development Fund assistance from the Riccarton/Wigram ward. Applications have been made to other wards. Recommendations for funding other applicants are \$300 in the Fendalton/Waimairi and Shirley/Papanui wards and \$400 in the Burwood Pegasus ward. The trip's organiser does not expect there to be any further applications from other students.
5. They will spend time in classes with students at Twynham School in Christchurch. Other destinations in England include visits to Stonehenge, London's National History Museum, New Zealand war memorial, Eton College and Buckingham and Windsor Castles. Europe highlights include visits to France and Germany. World War I and II sites such as Omaha Beach, Beaumont-Hamel battlefield and Vimy Ridge are also on the itinerary.
6. The trip has been endorsed by the Council's International Relations Sister Cities team. For the duration of their stay in England, the students will be home hosted which gives them an excellent opportunity to interact with and experience a different culture. Students were selected by the Sister City Committee who viewed them capable of being worthy ambassadors of our city and our country.
7. Tamara has an interest in travel and tourism and intends to progress to a career in travel and tourism. She views this experience as an excellent opportunity to widen those horizons. She also is looking forward to the opportunity for learning about new places and share her experiences on her return. Tamara has a holiday and after school job working with CASPA's holiday and after school programmes.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

8. The following outlines budgetary requirements for Tamara's trip.

<b>Tamara McElwain</b>	
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>6,800</b>
<b>Funds raised to date</b>	1,500
<b>Amount Requested from Community Board</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>

9. This is the first time the applicant has applied for funding from the Community Board.

**Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?**

10. Yes, see page 172, regarding the Board funding.

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

11. There are no legal issues to be considered.

**Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?**

12. Yes.

**ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

13. Yes.

**Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?**

14. Yes, see page 172, regarding the Board funding.

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

15. Yes, in alignment with the Strengthening Communities Strategy.

**Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?**

16. Yes, application aligns with Council Youth Strategy and local Community Board objectives.

**CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

17. All appropriate consultation has been undertaken.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Community Board support the application and allocate \$500 to Tamara McElwain as a contribution towards her expenses for her exchange trip to Europe from the Riccarton/Wigram 2012/13 Youth Development Scheme.