



# Our Community Plan Submission Form

## Instructions

### Please read before completing your submission

It will help us process your submission if you clearly state the issue you want the Council to consider, what specific action you think the Council should take, and why that should be done.

If you wish, you can present your submission at a hearing. (If that is the case, please tick the box). The hearings will be held between Thursday 25 May and Wednesday 7 June 2006. Generally, 10 minutes are allocated for hearing each submission, including time for questions.

It will help us if your submission also refers to the page of either the full version or the summary version.

Please note: We are legally required to make all written or electronic submissions available to Councillors and to the public. This includes the name and address of the submitter. All submissions will be published on the Council's website from 10 May 2006.

No anonymous submissions will be accepted.

You may send us your submission...

### By mail

Please mail your submission (no stamp is required) to:

Freepost 178  
Our Community Plan  
Christchurch City Council  
PO Box 237  
Christchurch 8003

### By email

Please email your submission to  
ccc-plan@ccc.govt.nz  
Please make sure that your full name and address is included with your submission

### On the internet

You may enter your submission using the form provided on the Council's web site at  
<http://www.ccc.govt.nz>  
Please follow all the instructions on the web site.

Please remember to indicate if you wish to present your submission in person at one of the hearings.

Please ensure your submission arrives no later than Friday 5 May 2006.

## Your submission

You may use this form for your submission on our draft Community Plan if you wish. Whether you use this form or not, please include your name, address and contact telephone number with your submission.

Tick one  I do NOT wish to present my submission at the hearing, and ask that this written submission be considered OR  I wish to talk to the main points in my written submission at the hearings to be held between Thursday 25 May and Wednesday 7 June 2006

Are you completing this submission:  For yourself  On behalf of a group or organisation

If you are representing a group or organisation, how many people do you represent? 14 staff (503 clients in 2004/05 year as per annual report)

My submission refers to:  Full version  Page No.  Summary version (10/11)

Do you also want to respond to:  Development Contributions  Aquatic Facilities  Other

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Signature Felicite Jardine Date 3 May 2006

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Please be as specific as possible to help us understand your views

## Questions

See list of major projects in the summary document

① Do you have any comments on the major projects in our draft Community Plan? page number

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② Do you have any comments on groups of activities (The activities and services that Council provides)? page number

• Please read attached submission.

① financially support the work of local community groups like Christchurch Resettlement Services

② co-ordinate the provision of an enlarged Migrant Resource Centre, involving professional service organisations + facilities for community groups.

to contribute to achieving community outcomes on page 6/7 of summary draft plan.

③ Do you have any other comments or suggestions you want to make? page number

• Please read attached submission.

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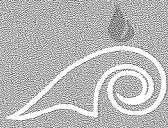
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You may add more pages if you wish. Thank you for your submission.



# Christchurch Resettlement Services

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## Refugee Resettlement Support

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### Christchurch City Council Community Plan Submission.

**Christchurch Resettlement Services Inc. [formerly Refugee Resettlement Support]** is a local not-for-profit organization providing professional specialized resettlement services to refugees, new migrants and asylum seekers in Christchurch. The agency has been in operation for over twelve years, and was initially set up to enable 'local response to local needs' resettlement support.

Firstly I want to recognize the significant role that Christchurch City Council has played over the last 10 years in funding this agency, and in assisting local resettlement in general. Without this input the current levels of professional assistance to local resettling people would not be available.

There are two components to this submission:

1. One of the realities of working in the NGO sector is that national Government funding contracts generally target national priorities – not always local needs. This regularly leaves local community groups – like CRS - under funded to meet the needs of people in the local situation. At the same time, national Government contracts do not include the extra costs of providing multi-cultural services – these have to be fund raised for at a local level.

To this end, we would like the Christchurch City Council to continue supporting the work of community service organizations by way of funding assistance, so that agencies like CRS can provide services in Christchurch that meet the needs of people living here. We also request that this funding be provided on a three year funding cycle as is presently in place under the Annual Grants process, to enable strategic financial planning.

We believe there is a role for the Christchurch City Council to fund local resettlement work undertaken by CRS to ensure that the outcomes identified in the draft of the Community Plan 2006 are met in a professional and sustainable way for/with refugees and migrants resettling in the city.

The work undertaken by CRS builds the ability of individual resettling people and the capacity of local resettling communities to contribute to the community outcomes identified as inherently valuable to our city (page 6/7 of draft plan).

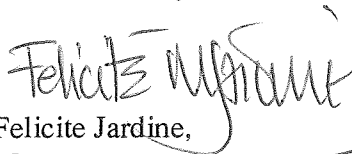
Some examples of the work undertaken by CRS in the last 3 years with CCC funding support:

- Work with refugee adolescents to ensure that they are able to access the same Christchurch services that mainstream youth access, and are able to make a positive contribution to their new community.
- Provision of professional support to adolescent refugees and their families when resettlement or family difficulties arise and assisting the young people with practical resettlement support (housing/education/employment).
- Maintaining access for non-English speaking pre-literate refugee women to appropriate ESOL/literacy/on-going orientation classes. This underpins improved settlement outcomes for the entire refugee family in relation to education and positive citizenship.
- Contributing to the provision of home to kindy/school transition support for refugee pre-school children to ensure that they have the best possible start at age 5 years.
- Supporting the provision of parenting programmes for local refugee communities to ensure that they have access to professional parenting education and understand New Zealand family law.

**We believe it is important that Christchurch City Council continue its financial support of local community service provision groups. We would like to see this component retained in the Council's Community Plan.**

2. We also urge **Christchurch City Council to become an active funding stakeholder in the proposed new Christchurch Migrant Centre.** This to house the current Refugee and Migrant Centre services together with other local refugee and migrant organizations (government and non-government). Such a centre would enable service providers and all resettling migrants to work collaboratively towards enhancing resettlement outcomes in Christchurch.

Yours sincerely,



Felicite Jardine,  
Manager.  
3 May 2006.