

## Finding a volunteer role with us

### What is volunteering

- Volunteering means giving your time to help others without being paid.
- In New Zealand, many community groups, charities, and sports clubs rely on volunteers to provide their services.

### Just arrived in New Zealand?

- If you're new to NZ, take some time to settle in before applying to volunteer.
- Get to know your local area, your schedule, and how to get around (bus routes, walking distance etc) first.

### Think about transport

- If you don't have a car, choose roles close to where you live and can get to easily.
- If you live in Hamilton, try to choose roles in Hamilton. Roles in other areas will be harder to get to.

### Understand the time commitment

- Choose a role that suits your free time and you can do regularly, e.g. weekly.
- Volunteering at one-off roles such as events is a great place to start (tip: Search Events in the Category filter)
- Most organisations want you to volunteer regularly for at least 3-6 months before they can give you a reference.

### Read the role carefully

- Each role will tell you what kind of work you will do and what skills are needed. Make sure it's something you can do and want to do before you apply.

### Choose roles that interest you

- Don't apply for too many roles. It's better to start with 1-3 that you really like.
- Choose roles that match what you like, what you can do, and when you are free.

*Applying for a role doesn't mean you will get it. Like a job, the organisation will choose the person who best fits the role.*

### Check the English level needed

- Some roles need good English, especially for safety or talking with others.
- Read the role description carefully to see what's expected.

### Good communication

- Make sure you reply quickly to any messages from the organisation.

### Tips



- Use the location filter to find roles near you. (e.g. Hamilton)  
*If you are unsure of a location check a map before applying*
- Use the Availability filter to find roles that suit your schedule (e.g. Evenings/ Weekends).