



TO: The CEO, Community Leaders, Elders, Managers, Teachers, Lecturers, Youth and Community Workers.

To whom it may concern

## **ASPIRING LEADERS FORUM NOMINATIONS**

Since 2006, the Dunedin City Council, along with the Otago Community Trust, have sponsored young people to attend the Aspiring Leaders Forum. We are currently seeking nominations for a young person or young people to attend the 2023 Aspiring Leaders Forum in Wellington from 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

Nominees must be aged 18 to 26 years and MUST BE available to be interviewed in May, in Dunedin. Nominees must also be available to attend all days (4 in total) of the Aspiring Leaders Forum in Wellington in June and July.

The Aspiring Leaders Forum on faith and values attempts to bridge the growing divide between our nation's young people and its leaders as they come together in Wellington to debate and discuss the ideas and philosophies of leadership. While Members of Parliament will host the Forum, the focus is not purely politics; it is about encouraging young people to be better leaders in the areas of society they are engaged in, be it the arts, business, politics, or sport.

## THE VISION OF THE ASPIRING LEADERS FORUM:

- To challenge and inspire young leaders to think proactively about leadership;
- To encourage aspiring leaders to examine the faith and values that inform their approach to leadership;
- To invest in aspiring leaders by offering them life-changing experiences and mentoring;
- To equip aspiring people to reach their potential and live for a purpose beyond themselves;
- To establish relationships between New Zealand's current and future leaders.

## THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE ASPIRING LEADERS FORUM:

At the forum, the young people who attend will consider subjects such as:

- Why faith and values are important foundations for effective leadership;
- The importance of developing inner strength and personal character;
- The key character foundations of a 'servant leader';
- Young people will be able to talk at length with each other about their personal beliefs and the influences that have shaped them;
- While we discuss the significance of faith and values at the Forum, we do not intend for it to be overly religious or sectarian. Attendees of overseas forums have come from many backgrounds - Catholic, Jewish, Buddhist and Muslim, and a large number with no religious background at all - and have found the diversity enriches the overall Forum experience.

If you know of a young person who would benefit from such an experience, please forward a letter of support and a copy of their Curriculum Vitae to:

**Becks New** 

becks.new@dcc.govt.nz

Events and Community Development Team Dunedin City Council PO Box 5045 Dunedin 9058

NOMINATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023 AT 6:00PM.
PLEASE NOTE THAT NOMINATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE AND TIME WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above, please make direct contact with Becks New on <a href="mailto:becks.new@dcc.govt.nz">becks.new@dcc.govt.nz</a> or 021 907 931

**Kind Regards** 

Jules Radich

**MAYOR OF DUNEDIN**