

Leadership through Inspired Action

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Why do we lead?

What is the *purpose* of leadership?



Make Change

Leadership is a catalyst - an enabler or facilitator
of contribution towards a cause



Disaster settings require
leaders to facilitate change



The many levels of leadership

- Top level leadership is mostly guaranteed
- Middle leadership – social and business leaders
- Base level – the next generation of leaders



My Action Plan

Working with 'The Concert' and the
University of Canterbury

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My Action Plan

As per my presentation earlier in the forum, I work for The Concert as Projects Director and co-founder. Part of this role includes creating new projects using available ideas, resources, and people. Sitting alongside this is some work at my former University, tutoring a leadership course. There is close correlation and considerable overlap within the two roles, something that has huge potential value, and needs to be explored pointedly to maximise the opportunities and potential impact.



My Action Plan

“Assist and inspire 200 aspiring young leaders to undertake self-directed service projects, providing hands-on experience at decision making under pressure, working in dynamic teams, and ultimately gaining valuable experience within leadership roles.”



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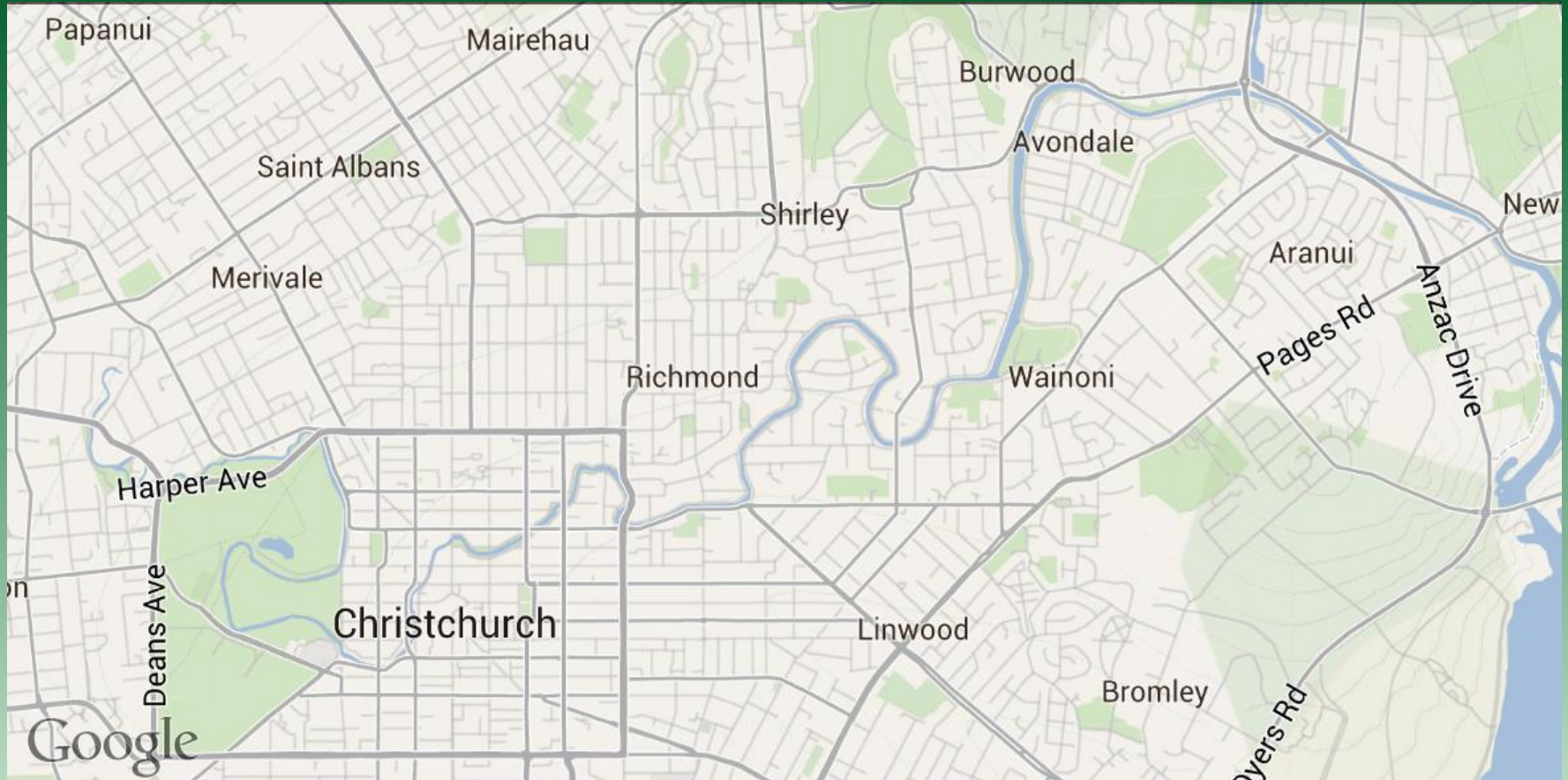
I have 150 students working on 34 projects in groups, the first of which finished a few minutes ago, in Christchurch. Their actions range from repainting schools, organizing charity quiz nights, to baking cupcakes to give away as random acts of kindness. All projects completed by October 7th, 2012



Why Service Projects?

Christchurch needs a lot of work done. 70% of the central city has been, or will be demolished. The rebuild is a 15-20 year process, leaving much vacant space and countless opportunities.





The city has a river running through the centre and out into the eastern suburbs. Along the river, 6,800 private homes are being demolished

Why Service Projects?

Our team from the Student Volunteer army has been embarrassingly well recognised and thanked for our leadership initiative through the 5 Christchurch Earthquake response periods. The amount we learned is indescribable, and we see value in pressing more people through through this experiential learning process.



Recap

- 200 young leaders lead service projects
- Generate valuable community contributions
- Learn decision making and leadership skills
- Build preparedness for tackling future difficulties or problems – such as disasters.



*connecting a diverse and
resilient community*



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