

VOLUNTEERING IN CHRISTCHURCH: NEW IDEAS – NEW POSSIBILITIES

As a generous volunteer of the Christchurch Community Partnership's numerous projects or as a member of a local organisation that engages with and works with volunteers, I am delighted to invite you to come and share your experiences at an event being organised for **Saturday 18 Feb 12 (1000 – 1400) at the Christchurch Baptist Church, Bargates**; there will be a sandwich lunch and tea/coffee available throughout.

Titled '**Volunteering in Christchurch: New Ideas – New Possibilities**' the aim of the event is to provide a forum for a frank two-way exchange of views on how the volunteer sector supports the local Christchurch community and how this may be developed and improved for the benefit of everyone.

Although a detailed agenda will be distributed nearer the time the intention is to communicate the Partnership's volunteering successes, recognising the excellent contribution being made by its many volunteers, briefly outline its current vision and importantly to facilitate group discussions on how by working together, Christchurch's immensely valuable resource of volunteers may be developed and inter-organisation communication improved. It is fully intended that constructive feedback will be used to shape the future activities of the Christchurch Community Partnership and its engagement with other organisations that work with volunteers. If, as we anticipate, the event is successful it will become an annual occurrence.

If you would like to attend or send a representative please RSVP to Rob Griffith (r.griffith@christchurch.gov.uk) by 3 Feb 12, giving your full name and the role you play in either the Partnership or the local organisation you represent.

I look forward to meeting you on the day,

Reverend Sandra Prudom – Chair of Christchurch Community Partnership

