

MA PANGO MA WHERO KA TUITUI TATO

# Raeburn House

CONNECTING PEOPLE – BUILDING COMMUNITIES



# Volunteering in Aotearoa / New Zealand

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Te Tari Taiwhenua

## About The Community Volunteer Centre (CVC)

The Community Volunteer Centre (CVC) is a service of Raeburn House that aims to strengthen communities through volunteering in the North Auckland area.

CVC believes that volunteering is a great way to make a positive difference in our community and we are a referral service for anyone wishing to volunteer.

## What is volunteering?

Volunteering is any activity or service that involves spending time, unpaid, doing something that benefits someone else, the local community or the environment. People who do these activities are called volunteers.

New Zealand is the leading nation for volunteering. More than 1 million Kiwis volunteer each year and make up 67% of the not-for-profit workforce. There are no visa requirements to volunteer, everyone can get involved.

## Where do people volunteer?

There are many not-for-profit organisations that offer volunteering opportunities. Depending on how you would like to help them you can be based in the office or out and about in your local community.



## What type of volunteer roles are available?

There are various volunteer roles depending on which organisation you are involved in.

### Example of volunteer roles include:

IT Support, Website Design, Mentoring, Teaching, Translation, Reception, Customer Service, Administration, Gardening & Nursery Work, Supporting People with Disabilities, Supporting Older Adults, Retail & Display Roles, Event Assistant and much more.

## How much time do people need to give?

This very much depends on your role and your availability. Some roles will require a weekly commitment on certain days, but others may be a little more flexible. You can volunteer as little or as much as you wish.

## What skills do people need to volunteer?

Anyone can volunteer! It does not matter what experience you have or whether you have many qualifications or very few.

Sometimes, volunteers bring a very specific set of skills that they wish to share with the community, while others are happy to try their hand at any task. Either way, there is a volunteer role for everyone.



## What are the benefits of volunteering?

Volunteering is enormously rewarding in many different ways. Through doing voluntary work in your community, you can improve your skills and experience which can provide a pathway to paid work. Volunteering can also increase your sense of community belonging and give you an opportunity to make diverse friends and social connections.

Some people also find that volunteering is a great way to improve their English language skills.

## Volunteer Success Stories

"I came from Korea five months ago to study social work in New Zealand. I was looking to volunteer to gain some experience in this field. Community Volunteer Centre introduced me to Spectrum Care to help support a Korean person with an intellectual disability. This volunteer opportunity helped me to gain some practical social work experience. Being Korean myself, I was able to support him culturally as well. I am really enjoying this and we have become good friends now." **(Phil Kim)**

"I really like music. I was looking for voluntary work to use my interest and time. I was offered to translate for the Korean people attending the 'Good Vibrations' music group at Albany House through the Community Volunteer Centre. I love doing this because it makes me feel good and I can help other people at the same time. Thank you so much to CVC for giving me this wonderful volunteer opportunity!" **(Myung Shin)**

## Ready to volunteer? We are here to help!

If you feel ready to volunteer in your local community, contact the Community Volunteer Centre! We will be happy to listen to your volunteer needs and support you into meaningful volunteer work in your community.

### **Step 1 - Volunteer Application**

Register with the Community Volunteer Centre by completing a Volunteer Application Form. You can find this on the Raeburn House website or you can contact us and we will send/email a form to you.

[Click here to download Volunteer Application Form.](#)

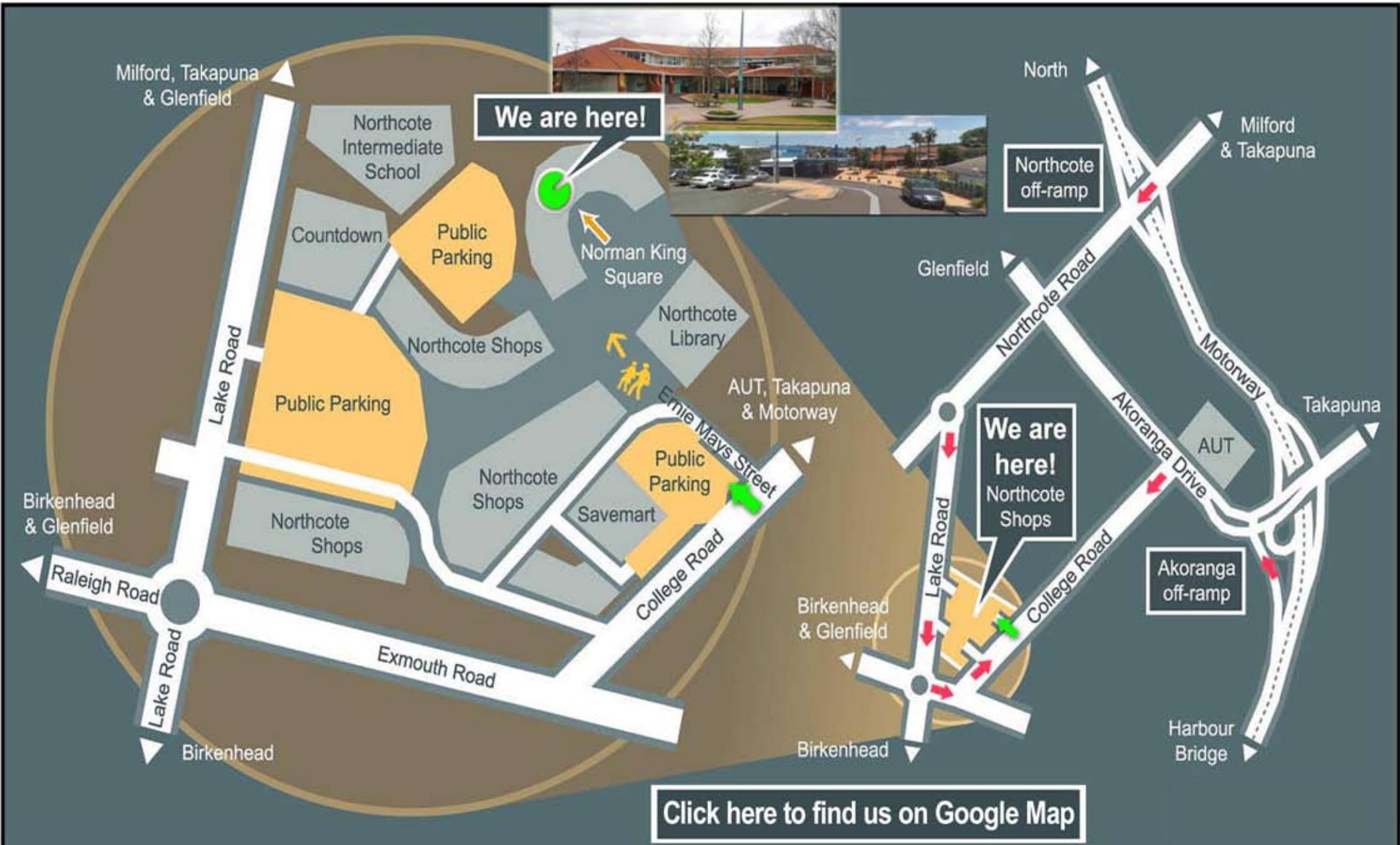
Send your form to [cvc@raeburnhouse.org.nz](mailto:cvc@raeburnhouse.org.nz)

### **Step 2 - Volunteer Consultation**

After we receive your application form, we will contact you to arrange a suitable time for consultation. This is your opportunity to meet with a Volunteer Advisor to discuss your personal volunteer needs. We match your interest, skills and availability with a suitable host organisation. This is a free service and is arranged by appointment.

### **Step 3 - Volunteer Placement**

Once you have been shortlisted for a voluntary role, the organisation will interview you to discuss the position on offer. If a successful match has been made, the organisation hosting you will provide orientation, training, support and supervision to ensure that you are able to carry out your voluntary role successfully.



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