



Ko Waihopai toku kainga noho

Ko Leon Hartnett tōku ingoa

I humbly make myself available to support the mahi of Volunteering New Zealand.

I was born and raised in Dublin, Ireland and have lived in many places around the world but Invercargill has been my family's home for the last twelve years.

I work for IHC NZ in volunteer management and I am passionate about making volunteering a wonderful opportunity for growth. I consider it paramount that volunteers and those who work in the sector are supported and recognised for their work. I understand the challenges that NFP organisations face and believe that organisations such as VNZ have a key role in empowering our sector with resources and expertise.

I have professional qualifications in accountancy and tax law and have worked as an accountant and tax advisor both in NZ and overseas for 20 years. Along with this I have experience in management of commercial businesses and hence I have substantial business skills to contribute in areas such as HR and legal.

Furthermore, I have over 20 years' experience in governance specifically in the NFP sector. I pride myself on my ability to get along with people, to listen and work towards the best strategic outcomes to achieve an organisation's purpose and vision.

Alongside this I have extensive community experience and as well as being a trustee of Community Trust South and the treasurer of Invercargill Public Art Gallery, I am the Chair of Greenlight Innovations, a Southland based community connections charity. For Community Trust South I am a member of our investment and our risk management committees.

Finally, as a migrant I understand the challenges that migrants face to settle in a new place and this along with a personal journey to understand Te ao Māori means I am a keen supporter of diversity and empowerment of all people.

Thank You.