

# Canterbury Workers' Educational Association



The Canterbury Workers Educational Association  
Roopu Kaimahi Matauranga O Waitaha

## Volunteers are Vital.



Saying thank you to the Volunteers who support the CWEA in many different ways.

Some small tasks, some much larger tasks but all needing to be done by someone. This is what builds community and leads to a sense of connection with an organisation and the people in it and we learn from all the people participating.

Organisations like ours always need more people involved. The CWEA has membership as part of its core and we need to continue to build that. There are real benefits from being a member and they are not only the financial ones which are you receive a \$2 reduction from each course you attend, apart from those which are casual enrolments. You become part of the organisation and have a chance to be involved in decision making.

The CWEA relies on volunteers in various ways but we can always involve more.

We say thank you to those who are currently helping us.

**Building Maintenance** – a huge responsibility over the last few months as we went through a major building strengthening project.

**Andy Blaikie, Dave Evans and Ivan Hibbard** are regularly in the building keeping an eye on small and larger maintenance tasks.



**Gardening - Marilyn Coulthard and Caroline Maze.** Come in once a week after their Play reading session and keep the garden looking beautiful. They donned their high viz vests to keep on task during the building.



**IT support** – Dave Evans understands the intricacies of this area and is able to trouble shoot across a wide range of formats and hardware. With the introduction of the new website and Arlo system his advice is very valuable.

**Programme deliveries and Address labels.** Every term we introduce a new programme. It is put into envelopes and sorted by a group of about 8 regular volunteers.



**Portrait Models** –We have a range of people who act in this role but more are needed so that those attending the classes get a range of experiences.

**Administration support-** our office is busy and there is often more than enough for Christine to attend to so we value the support **Ginny Nelson** gives us in areas such as Data entry.

**Finances- Andy Blaikie is Treasurer for the CWEA Council.** That is at one level but he is also involved at a more everyday level in the administration of finances and management and is often in the office. He can also keep an eye on building issues while he is there.

**The CWEA COUNCIL** is made up of volunteers who oversee the Governance of the organisation. Many are long standing supporters of the CWEA and their knowledge and experience is valued but new thinking is also appreciated. This group meets monthly but some are involved in other committees in the organisation which meet at more regular intervals and the President is frequently in the building supporting the paid staff. The Current members are John Sullivan (President), Caroline Maze (Vice President), David Ivory (Immediate Past-President), Andy Blaikie (Treasurer) , Daniela Bagozzi, Rachael Boulton, Gertrud Cocks, Simon Courtney, Dave Evans, Ivan Hibberd, Tshering Lama, Pat Leech and Katherine Peet.

**Programme Deliverers** – our programmes are delivered to many places around the city but even with the new system we could spread the net wider. We value the current deliverers but if you are interested in helping in this way please call the office.

**Sales Table-** we love donations of good books and other things which are members and visitors are interested in buying. Many of our books come from **Grahame French** who acts as a conduit between us and some other organisations. The sales table often has fruit of veges on it and for these a donation is appreciated and if you have an excess in your garden this is a good way to send it to a good home.

**CWEA Housekeeping** – Boronia comes each week, takes our tea-towels and returns them cleaned. —

Volunteers do help the organisation run. Sometimes small things, sometimes huge things, but at every level the tasks and thinking are appreciated and valued.

We have set up a board in the foyer to highlight our current volunteer needs. Keep an eye on it. There may be something which is perfect for you, or if you see something in the building or organisation which needs attention and you could help with please let us know.

If you are interested in becoming involved at any level please talk to us. We are keen to have new members and volunteers and will find a place for you.

Shannon and Christine are at 59 Gloucester street each weekday from 9.30 -3 or you can phone on 03 3660285 or email [admin@cwera.org.nz](mailto:admin@cwera.org.nz).

March 2016.