

## Miss Sharleen Tongalea

<b>Physical address</b>	22C Kenderdine Road Papatoetoe Papatoetoe Manukau 2025 New Zealand		
<b>Legal status in NZ</b>	New Zealand citizenship	<b>Age</b>	38
<b>Gender</b>	Female	<b>Ethnicity</b>	Māori, Pacific Peoples
<b>Conflict of interest</b>	Yes		

### Conference/event information

<b>Name of conference:</b>	Core Leaders Development Programme 2018 - NZ delegation'
<b>Location:</b>	Japan
<b>Dates:</b>	13/02/2018
<b>Purpose of conference:</b>	<p>The programme is funded by the Japanese government</p> <p>Delegates will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be between 23 and 40 years (delegation lead can be 40+)</li> <li>• have more than 3 years of experience in promoting the social participation of older people, disabled people, or youth</li> <li>• manage, has managed or is considered future management and leadership potential in not for profit organisations (NGOs)</li> <li>• be a good representative of New Zealand</li> <li>• be willing to fully participate in all aspects of the programme, and be effective at working in groups</li> <li>• be able to talk about their work from a practical day-to-day perspective as well as able to present the wider context within which they work</li> <li>• provide a written report to the Japanese government on the issues which have been considered within the</li> </ul> <p>The length of stay in Japan will be Tuesday 13th February to Tuesday 27th February 2018.</p> <p>The Programme</p> <p>In Japan the delegates will join with similar delegations from Germany, Austria</p> <p>Costs</p> <p>The Cabinet Office of Japan will pay economy airfares to and from Japan, local travel and accommodation costs within Japan.</p> <p>The delegates are responsible for passport costs, personal expenses, medical insurance, travel within New Zealand.</p>

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## Contribution to awards objectives

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### Identified objective(s)

Increase local profile and image, Promote diverse participation in local government and civic life, Foster the development of a sustainable workforce for local industry

### How would this build leadership and contribute to identified objective(s)

The Exchange programme will not only give me an International perspective on how we in New Zealand can include our Disability community in all aspects of life, more accessible services, for elderly and more idea's on how to capture and bring about positive change for our Youth population.

I am a Leader in my Employment and I would like to extend this into my community. I am aware of activities that include Disabled people in our community like PHAB Pasifika and Programmes for Disabled Children at our GymCity.

I am also connected to the Local RSA as a member some years back and through this have met other Disabled members of my community who live locally in Papatoetoe also. I am a strong Advocate for inclusion and believe it's possible.

I also support our Local St George Cubs group Leaders as my son takes part in this group.

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I have participated in some council hui before through a organisation called Te Roopu Waiora trust, I have stood in public hui and said that I challenge all Local Leaders to consider that Disabled people have an enormous skillset to contribute. I have always kept an eye on my local community activities and the happenings in it. I want my son to grow up in a place where Disabled people, Elderly and Youth are not demonised - but are a part of our social fabric, they too can be people who work in Council, be in Christmas parades etc. .

I want all children to be accepting of all Elderly, Disabled and Young people, that these roles are just as important as Mayor, or Teachers, or Local Library staff.

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## Applicant achievements

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Activity/achievement	How this shows leadership skills or community contribution	Date
Bachelor Degree in Applied Social Work	IMy School results were not good and I have vision impairment so School was a struggle	2010 Graduated
Part time job Auckland Disability	Before Degree I struggled to find a job	2012 - 2014
Full time job CCS Disability Action	Securing full time work for a Disabled person was an achievement	2014 -2017
Senior Cordnator at CCSDA	Secure a Senior management role	2017 till now
Attended Disability Confrère in Brisbane	My first International work related trip	2016

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## Financial information

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**Amount requested: \$800.00**

**Costs that will be covered:**

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For further information please contact Brian Coffey, Director Office for Disability Issues, email [brian.coffey005@msd.govt.nz](mailto:brian.coffey005@msd.govt.nz)

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## Funding history

Application ID	Project title Round - Stage	Decision Allocation
CEU1801POE	Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board Pursuit of Excellence Awards - Submitted	<b>Undecided</b> \$0.00
<i>No funding history available for this applicant</i>		
<i>Applications prior to the 2014/2015 financial year have all been accounted for and omitted from this summary</i>		