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11 April 2013

Dear Jeremy

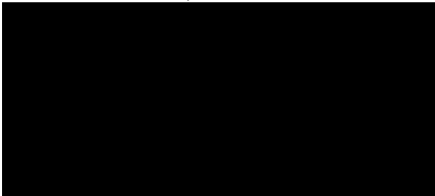
Application for Partnership Schools I Kura Hourua

As you know I have been an enthusiastic supporter of the 180 Degrees Trust since its inception in 2007. Together with my company WEFT KNITTING I have provided advice and also financial backing on a regular basis. There is a proven gap in education for young people in Christchurch who are excluded from mainstream education and often self-exclude from the MOE's Alternative Education programme as well. Their family circumstances are a precursor to violent behaviour which leads to habitual truancy.

This is an exciting opportunity for 180 to pick up young people, including those you may already be mentoring through one of your programmes, and nurture them in a caring and exciting education programme. Your staff have a great reputation in Education and outdoor pursuits so the scene is set for a leading niche school.

If you are successful in your application I will be available to discuss funding to augment your government contract.

Yours sincerely



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Te Puni Kōkiri
REALISING MĀORI POTENTIAL

11 April 2013
Jeremy Nurse

File Ref: 180 Degrees Trust

180 Degrees Trust
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Tena koe Jeremy

Letter of Support

Please find below a file note dated 25 March 2008 written during my time as a Te Puni Kōkiri Te Kaiwhakārite/Relationship Manager:

"Purpose: to meet and engage with a provider that takes youth referrals from schools of hard to manage youth/rangatahi, and take them through a three stage process, meeting whanau etc, two weeks in Mountains then a five day coast to coast trip, combined with a year follow up. They have completed one course and having it evaluated before approaching funders. The first course was funded by donations including \$7000 from Shirley Papanui Ward.

They are still in the process of formalising their legal identity and I highlighted the need for a non-profit structure to exist, or an umbrella organisation be identified, if they wished to seek TPK funding.

Discussions also centred on MSD and a meeting with Pete Vink and will be organised by them. Eve Nissen from Canterbury Trust was also identified as key fund manager."

From these beginnings 180 Degrees Trust has grown into a highly valued provider of services for youth, both locally and nationally. Jeremy has taken on all advice received and the organisation provides a service that is culturally safe for all participants. Jeremy's leadership will always ensure that 180 Degrees Trust is a safe environment for all youth.

I am certain that they are more than capable of providing an education service for all cultures.

Nga mihi





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Dear Jeremy

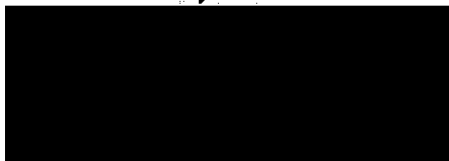
Partnership Schools

You have recently discussed with us your forthcoming application to have a 20 student Partnership School / Kura Hourua.

We have made our shearers' quarters, huts and property available to you over the last few years and have watched the challenges you have with the young people you bring up here on outdoor courses.

Our 18 000 acres lends itself to a variety of activities and we have been impressed with your professionalism and safety procedures. We are pleased to continue this association and know that your new venture will be operated with the same enthusiasm and expertise as your present programmes.

Yours sincerely



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10 April 2013

Dear Sir or Madam,

I'm delighted to have the opportunity to register our support for the 180 Trust in reference to its interest in applying to participate in the Government's Partnership Schools | Kura Hourua project.

I was introduced to Jeremy Nurse by a mutual friend not long after my company was fortunate to have completed the acquisition of Glenthorne Station.

I think that anyone encountering Jeremy and the 180 Trust can only be struck by the sheer challenge that they have set themselves in seeking to help not just to a deserving part of the community, but also one that on its face is as much likely to bite the hand offered in its direction as anything else. The fact that both Jeremy and the 180 Trust so often succeed in positively altering even the most troubled of some young people's lives in our community is testament to the enormous patience, perseverance and complete professionalism which all at the Trust bring to their chosen goal. They truly make a difference.

It is a considerable achievement and one that we have been happy to support. The Trust began holding its treks over Glenthorne in March 2010. In the course of what has now been nine treks, 45 young people have challenged themselves in our quite rugged part of the high country. The relationship has by no means been a one-way street. When vandals applied themselves to one of Glenthorne's older buildings, the Trust got word of this and offered their assistance, with a number of young people making a very positive difference in terms of a clean-up. There have been other examples of similar work experience efforts benefitting us.

With the perspective that my own almost thirty years commercial and other experience has brought me, I am happy in short, to commend the work of Jeremy and his remarkable colleagues at the 180 Trust to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I am able to be of any further assistance.

Yours faithfully,



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For and on behalf of
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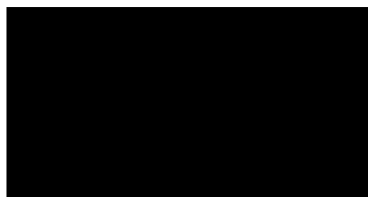
You have asked for a letter of support for your application for a 20 student Partnership School/Kura Hourua, which we are pleased to give.

We have worked with you and your staff since 180 Degree's inception in 2008. We appreciate your work with Youth Justice in Christchurch and believe the formula of outdoor adventure activities mixed with education will work well for our joint clients.

We deal with many young people who fall through the gaps, particularly in relation to education, as they don't fit well into mainstream schools. Many of these young people need someone to persist with and stand alongside them. We believe that the type of programme you are planning will engage with youth at risk of offending and positively benefit them, reducing the risk of offending, as well as improving their life prospects.

If we can be of any assistance, please let us know.

Yours faithfully



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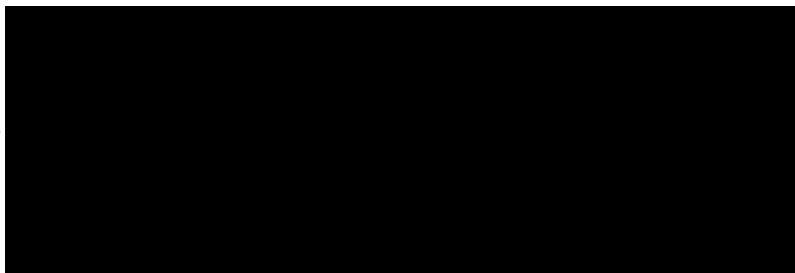
Dear Fiona

On behalf of Agribusiness Training, I would like to express my pleasure that we were able to help you with the RFETS programme. The structure and style seemed to create a positive learning environment as was evident in the outcomes.

This kind of targeted approach reached a group of young adult who had had a difficult history where traditional education did not. The entire group had a positive outcome and a couple of student looked like having a positive future.

We are happy to support any future programme of this type in any small way we are able.

Yours Sincerely



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Monday 8th April 2013

The Authorisation Board
Partnership Schools | Kura Hourua Working Group
Catherine Isaac
CHAIR
The Selection Committee

A letter from the 180 Degrees Trustees

180 Degrees Trustees are unanimous in their wish to establish a Partnership School | Kura Hourua for 20 students. Our trust was established with education, outdoor experience, challenge and support as the focus for turning around the lives of self-excluding marginalised teenagers missing out on schooling. Our success with using the Canterbury high country as an environment to engage with and motivate our young people has proven highly successful. We have expanded this to include farm and rural industry training as a vocation available to our young people. We wish to remain niche, innovative and to make our dollars work efficiently for the betterment of youth in Canterbury.

Signed:

Chairman,

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Signed:

Trustee

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8 April 2013

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Jeremy Nurse
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Dear Jeremy

Partnership Schools

You recently discussed with me your intention to apply to have a 20 student Partnership School: I Kura Hourua. I am delighted to support this application as in my opinion your program is working and working well, which is most unusual in the treatment of young offenders anywhere. I have appended my qualifications to this letter, to demonstrate that this is not a superficial comment but one based on years of experience, teaching and scholarship in this field.

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I can tell you now that the delegates were very impressed by the 180 Degrees' program as like me, they believe that these programs seldom work, or if they first do, they do not sustain their initial impetus and success. I am overwhelmed with the ongoing queries about the program that I have received following this conference and I have been asked to expand my research findings into a paper for an international peer-reviewed journal.

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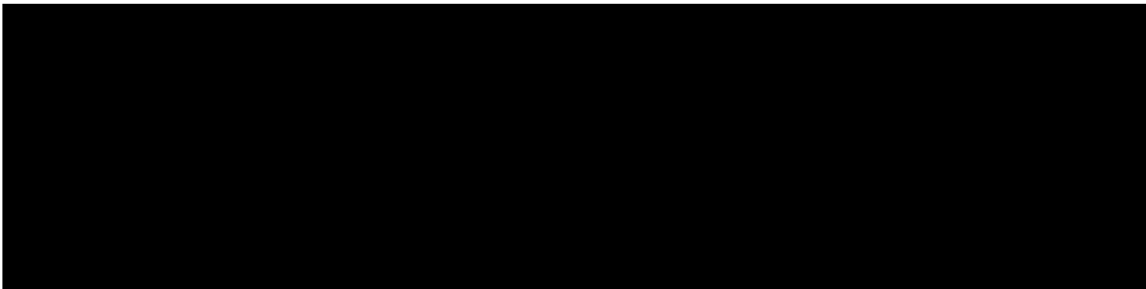
I have been impressed by the 180 Degrees' youth both at their Christchurch base and out in the North Canterbury high country. These young people are fundamentally children of the inner city, with all the contradictions of this population: at once street-wise yet personally extremely vulnerable. In almost every case my research shows that traditional schooling has failed them yet 180 Degrees is working for them. Why is this? From what they have intimated, it appears that schools cannot provide the qualities which they need. What works for them is that they are subject to a highly reduced staff-student ratio at 180 Degrees, often amounting in fact to one-on-one interaction. The 180 Degrees' staff is highly competent in behavioral strategies seeking out and emphasising positive actions, rather than dwelling on negative ones. There is an educative approach, rather than a punitive one, building relationships of trust that challenge the 'inner best' in the young person.

180 Degrees' skilled staff working within a caring ethos are giving these young people what they need, and I believe that a Partnership School that can support an enrolment of 20 needy students in Christchurch will not only enhance the lives of these young people, but will also enhance the introduction of Partnership Schools in New Zealand as educational settings that can provide a considered and sensitive pedagogy for the more marginalised of our youth..

Finally, the young people's responses to my research questions illustrate that 180 Degrees has given them hope and optimism for their future. Let me share one such response from a young girl on the

program. When asked when she would complete her 180 Degrees program, she replied "At the end of 2013 providing I get into the 180 school. I will still come to see Fi anyway, though." (Fi is the 180 Degrees' senior youth co-ordinator.)

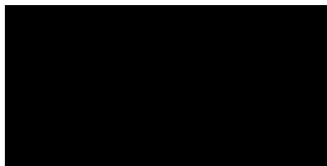
Here is a girl for whom successive schools and a plethora of alternative programs had failed, now eager to find a place in the 180 Degrees' school which was fully enrolled, and moreover, coming in to the base on her own volition because she had established a trusting relationship with the staff and Fi in particular. When I asked her how she wanted to see herself at the completion of the 180 degrees course, she replied:



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Finally, it is my belief that as these students are all recidivists, they need purpose-designed educational support to achieve their goals to become useful members of society and not scarred individuals they were previously on the path towards becoming. For this reason I totally endorse 180 Degrees' application to gain Partnership School status.

Sincerely



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Researcher and Writer

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Dear Jeremy, we were very impressed with the work the 180 Degree Trust did with the rangatahi of the south. As the makers of *Hoiho* for the Maori Television service we travel the country and witness the good work that families and organisations do with horses and kids and I can say without hesitation that the work of the 180 Degree Trust is valuable to all involved.

The work you have done with the young Maori is both practical and effective. Getting the kids into employment and or back into school will go a long way to making whanau strong and whole.

Kapu Ti Productions was attracted to the 180 Degree story initially by the horse trekking and the chance to film in the high country. But to see the work that the trust has done with the kids has brought a new dimension to the story that will screen on Maori TV later this year.

Mauri ora



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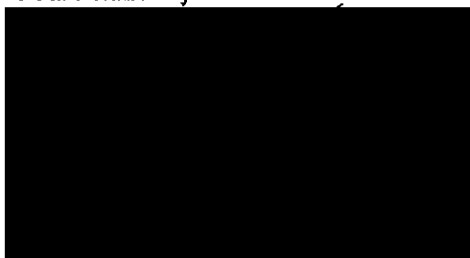
Partnership School Application

I am providing this information in support of your Partnership School Application.

180 Degree Partnership Trust provide a highly professional and effective service to many of our vulnerable young people. Child Youth and Family has worked closely with 180 Degrees over several years and we have been impressed with the dedication and commitment shown to the young people they work with. Personally I have observed this first hand having participated in one of their outdoor adventures into the high country. They are used to dealing with young people who fall through the gaps and who are often disconnected from family/whanau, school and community. Through their work they have been able to inspire young people to turn the corner and rebuild their confidence and self esteem.

They are very well governed and have excellent management and staff capability.

Yours faithfully



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Dear Jeremy,

Re Partnership Schools

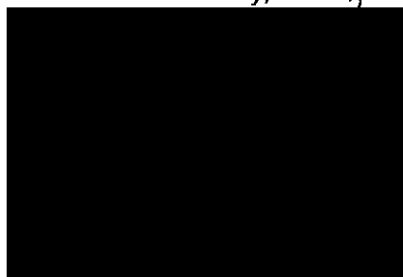
I am pleased to write in support of your application to the Partnership Schools programme.

I have joined the Trust as a volunteer on the 180 Degree Trust horse treks to several high country stations, in particular Lake Taylor, Glenthorne and Esk Head stations. I have also joined the Trust on other field trips including rafting expeditions on some of the rivers in Canterbury. I have seen first hand some of the behavioural difficulties which your clients and students present and have been very impressed with the professional manner in which you and your staff handle these situations. I have seen some of these students change their attitude under very difficult situations.

Shearpac is a small business involving the handling and shearing of Alpacas throughout New Zealand. The Managing Director/operator is Mike Banks and he supervises all the Trust's students on work experience with this company. I have seen students working very hard and enjoying their work in an outdoor environment and know of several who have found permanent jobs. We are pleased to continue with this involvement.

We wish you well in your application. The young people who have learning difficulties and family problems will be fortunate to have this new school available to them.

Yours sincerely,



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Shearpac Ltd.

17 April 2013



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Christchurch


Dear Jeremy,

Subject: Partnership Schools I Kuru Hourua

I am pleased to have the opportunity to support the application from the 180 Degrees Trust for a Partnership School. I have followed the progress of the 180 trust with great interest and together with one of my colleagues have met twice with the Managing Trustee Jeremy Nurse to discuss the possibility of financial support for the trust's education endeavours. Further discussions will follow once we hear of progress with this application.

Tait Communication supports education in Canterbury from those who are challenged at the outset through to those who excel at tertiary level.

We know of the good work already being achieved by 180 and see this as a logical extension for those young people who struggle with learning.



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16 April 2013

To whom it may concern

Peel Forest Outdoor Centre has been involved with the 180° Trust for the past four years, assisting the Trust with different outdoor activities for a range of their clients. During this time, we have worked with a number of the staff and have been impressed with their ability to relate to and empathise with their clients, many of whom have come from difficult backgrounds.

Throughout our involvement with the 180° Trust, we have noted a professional approach to clients needs. There is a genuine desire by the Trust and it's staff to deal with client's issues and to develop their social skills and employment prospects, through a variety of different methods and avenues.

Peel Forest Outdoor Centre would fully support the 180° Trust in their bid to form a Partnership School.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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