

A COLLABORATION BETWEEN

**CRIMSOC**

**DEPARTMENT OF  
CORRECTIONS**

creating connection



herenga muka

# ABOUT THE PROJECT

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CRIMSOC and Ara Poutama Aotearoa | Department of Corrections have collaborated to bring you Herenga Muka | Creating Connections. Our project is a student volunteer-run initiative for CRIMSOC & Criminal Justice students studying in Canterbury, which allows them to give back to the community through a variety of creative activities with the inmates.

It is an opportunity for academics that is very different to others. It is something fun and unique that provides both prisoners and students with the opportunity to learn new skills and grow as individuals.

The goals of the project are to enhance mana, give students work experience, promote kind and compassionate connections and ultimately reduce recidivism by stimulating contact between members of the public and individuals in the care of Christchurch Men's prison.

# HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED?

We are looking for volunteers who have a particular skill and are able to teach these to the inmates in Christchurch Men's Prison. This could include (but is not limited to):

- A language
- An instrument
- Stone carving
- Kapa Haka
- Singing
- Painting
- Drawing
- Board games
- Card making

## Requirements to volunteer

- 20 years of age
- A member of CRIMSOC
- A student at the University of Canterbury



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# Project values

- **Manakitanga** – showing respect and care for ones mana
- **Whanaungatanga** – a sense of belonging
- **Rangatira** – Leadership
- **Manaaki** – Respect

## Qualities we are seeking in our volunteers

- Empathy & Respect
- Reliability & Responsibility
- Creativity & Enthusiasm
- Interpersonal Skills & Integrity
- A willingness to work with a range of diverse cultures.