



## COMMUNITY SERVICE SENTENCE

A partnership which  
benefits community organisations  
and offenders

This is your chance to pioneer a new way of justice.

New Zealand has a high rate of imprisonment and re-offending compared with many Western countries.

It costs \$100,000 a year to keep 10 people in prison and of these probably 7 will offend again.

And so we have decided to adopt a new approach.

From 1 February 1981 the courts will be able to impose community service on convicted offenders instead of sending them to prison.

These offenders will go on living and working in the community but during leisure hours will give unpaid service to a community group.

This is where your community organisation comes in. If you are involved in sporting, hobby and cultural groups or in church organisations, service clubs or social and welfare activities your group could participate in this scheme.

The scope is virtually endless. For example, under your group's guidance the offender could help paint a pre-school building, assist in old people's or children's homes, help in your public library, transport the physically disabled, or learn or teach Maori crafts or language.

The aim of the scheme is to develop a partnership which benefits both your group and an offender. The offender will be putting something back into the

community instead of being locked away.

The scheme will be directed by the Probation Service which will match an offender with an appropriate community group.

If your organisation is interested in knowing more about this scheme, contact the District Probation Officer in your area. The address and phone number are in your phone book under "Probation Service."

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