

Re-imagining the city: lessons from Christchurch

Christchurch is a city in transition. The 2010 and 2011 earthquakes radically transformed New Zealand's second largest city. They have presented many challenges, but also the opportunity to re-imagine what a city should and could be. This programme invites participants to also engage in this task, drawing on lessons gained from Christchurch's rebuild to date.



The programme provides the opportunity for students to go beyond the surface and to develop a deep understanding of this unique city, one which goes far beyond that which those just passing through would normally be able to acquire.

It does so through a series of lectures presented by a range of actors at the centre of Christchurch's redevelopment. These will be

complemented by a number of fieldtrips around the city, as well as discussions and activities designed to encourage reflection on issues such as the place for art, the role of heritage and how to foster social innovation.

The programme also provides an opportunity to experience life in a new place, make new friends and improve your English language skills.

It will also involve at least one day trip outside of Christchurch, allowing students to get a taste of what the wider South Island has to offer, while there will be visits to the beach and other sites of natural beauty in Christchurch.

Students will be awarded a certificate of completion from the University of Canterbury upon having successfully completed the programme.



**'the city is
experiencing a
rebirth with
creativity and wit.'**

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