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STREET FOOTY AOTEAROA

About Street Footy

What we do

Street Football Aotearoa is a network of football projects across New Zealand.

We provide opportunities for fitness and football training for homeless and socially marginalised people.

Who we target

Street football training sessions are targeted to both men and women who are:

- Over 16 and
- Living in temporary accommodation (eg. night shelters, hostels, boarding houses, sleeping on a couch) or
- Part of substance misuse rehabilitation programmes or
- Rough sleepers or Street drinkers

Players range from 17 to 65 years and approximately 60% are Māori. Most have experienced significant disadvantage in their lives. Both national and international research shows a strong link between homelessness, poor housing, and high

levels of both physical and mental ill health.

Where we train

Currently we reach about 100 people each week through training sessions in:

- Auckland – with **Lifewise** and **The Salvation Army Epsom Lodge**
- Christchurch – with **Christchurch City Mission**
- Dunedin – with **PACT** and **Dunedin Night Shelter Trust**
- Wellington – with **Downtown Community Ministry** and **Sportzone**

Homelessness and football?

Football training may seem an unusual way to address homelessness, but it works.

Involvement in the football programme has helped players to engage positively with support to maintain housing and break the negative cycle of homelessness, substance use, and offending.

Football Fever!!!!

Are you passionate about football, have some time, energy, and desire to see homeless and marginalised people in Aotearoa given the chance to play and participate in local and international Football events? Then please contact the Network Coordinator for more information.

Street Football Aotearoa is looking for local coordinators who are willing to assist in developing and strengthening our Street Football network, and providing people with the opportunity and the benefit of playing the beautiful game of Football.

Coordinators will receive **Starter Packs** and **Seed funding** to help with getting started.



Street Football National Championship 2011

(Venue TBC)