

*Regenerate Christchurch CEO Ivan Lafeta profile, June 2016*

Born and raised in Christchurch, Ivan Lafeta is a widely respected senior leader with a talent and passion for building strong relationships and effective teams that benefit the local community.

Ivan has over 15 years senior leadership experience, working on a range of large-scale projects with a focus on positive social, cultural and economic outcomes for Christchurch people.

After being engaged in the emergency response to the September 2010 Canterbury earthquakes, Ivan was seconded to the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority in early 2011.

Working as part of the social response team, Ivan Lafeta was appointed General Manager, Residential Red Zone to lead the organisation's approach across the residential red-zones where he focused on working alongside local community leaders within the most affected communities. As general manager, Residential Red Zone, Mr Lafeta worked with community and earthquake recovery leaders to develop collaborative approaches to community engagement, which included bringing together a team of over 140 staff and volunteers to visit 6,000 properties in the residential red zone and establishing outreach hubs that hosted over 13,000 individual meetings for local residents.

Prior to his earthquake recovery roles, Ivan worked for over 14 years with the Ministry of Social Development in positions including Regional Director in the Canterbury and Northland regions and Project Manager, Social Environment Task Group.

Ivan lives in Christchurch with his partner and their five children.

Mr Lafeta says the work being done by the three organisations working in partnership on Christchurch's regeneration will establish a lasting legacy for the city.

"Like every parent, I want my family – and my children's children – to be really excited about what the future holds in Christchurch."