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Nightcaps woman appointed Southland youth ambassador

Kristy Duncan, a young woman from Nightcaps, has been appointed the Southland District Council's first Youth Ambassador.

Venture Southland Group Manager Community Development and Events Rex Capil said the programme was set up to give skilled young Southlanders opportunities to contribute to the community and learn about other communities.

Ms Duncan will also work closely with the Council's Youth Council, he said.

"It's about developing youth pride in Southland while acknowledging the challenges facing them and supporting community engagement, enterprise, and employment opportunities, which in turn should help keep young people in the District."

The cost for the ambassadorship will be met from a Government grant after Venture secured \$20,000 from the Mayors' Taskforce for Jobs Employment Catalyst Fund.

"Kristy has a fantastic passion and enthusiasm for this region and is particularly interested in supporting the youth of Southland and developing opportunities for the young people in the district.

"This makes her a natural candidate for this role and all involved are very excited to have her on board," Mr Capil said.

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