

Network Meeting 7 August 2020

10am, Friday 7 August 2020

Papanui RSA
55 Bellvue Avenue



COVID-19 Experiences

An opportunity to contribute to research on the disability perspective of the COVID-19 pandemic.



- ▶ Welcome and introductions
- ▶ EDLG update and summary
- ▶ General notices
- ▶ COVID-19 experiences
- ▶ Workshop and feedback
- ▶ Next Steps - our future focus

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Why we are here today:

- ▶ To collate the COVID-19 experiences of disabled people to add to other research, and inform better future crisis responses
- ▶ To provide a collective voice of opportunities to improve the experience of disabled people during a crisis and into the future

NOTICE BOARD



► Including

Disabled Persons Assembly NZ - Karim Baradi

2020 General Election Forum

Saturday 22 August 2020, 1pm - 4pm

Deaf Society for Canterbury

80 Fitzgerald Ave

EDLG


- Earthquake Disability Leadership Group
- Established in 2011
- Became a Charitable Trust in 2016
- An independent group
- We have representation on key community groups influencing the development of our city and provide a mouthpiece to and from the disability sector.





COVID-19 AND DISABLED PEOPLE

Everyday challenges for disabled people include:

- ▶ Lower incomes, less education
 - ▶ Health challenges
 - ▶ Poor housing
 - ▶ Access barriers
 - ▶ Attitudinal barriers
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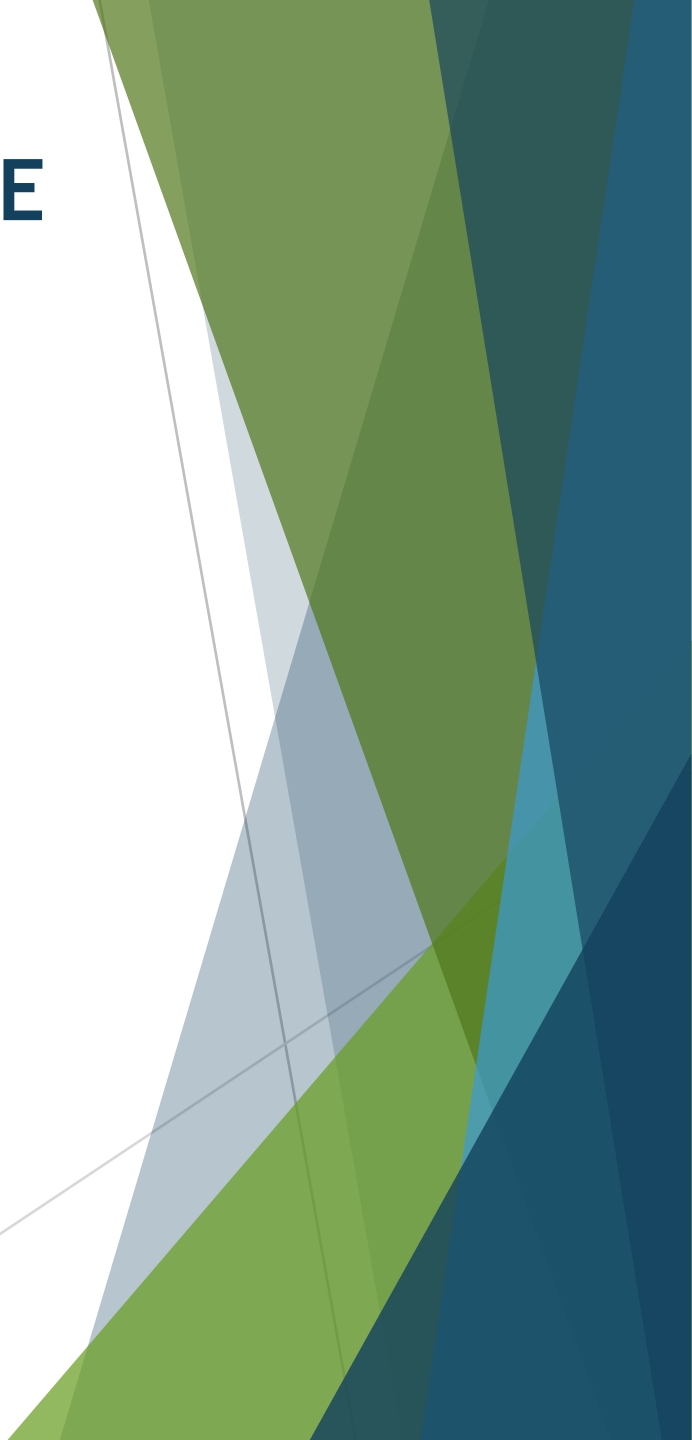
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- However, disabled people may develop certain strengths and skills





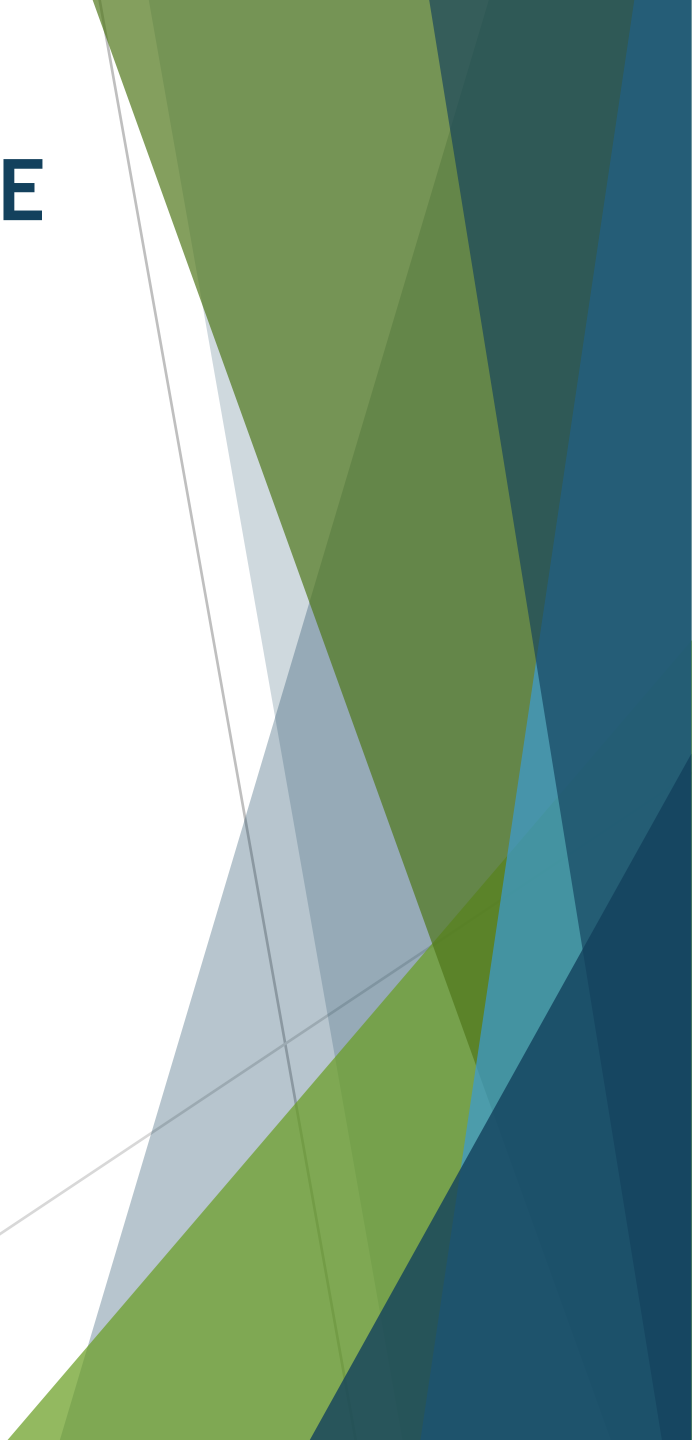
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- Disabled people in an emergency
 - Challenges and disadvantages multiplied
 - Strengths come to the fore
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Major problem areas:

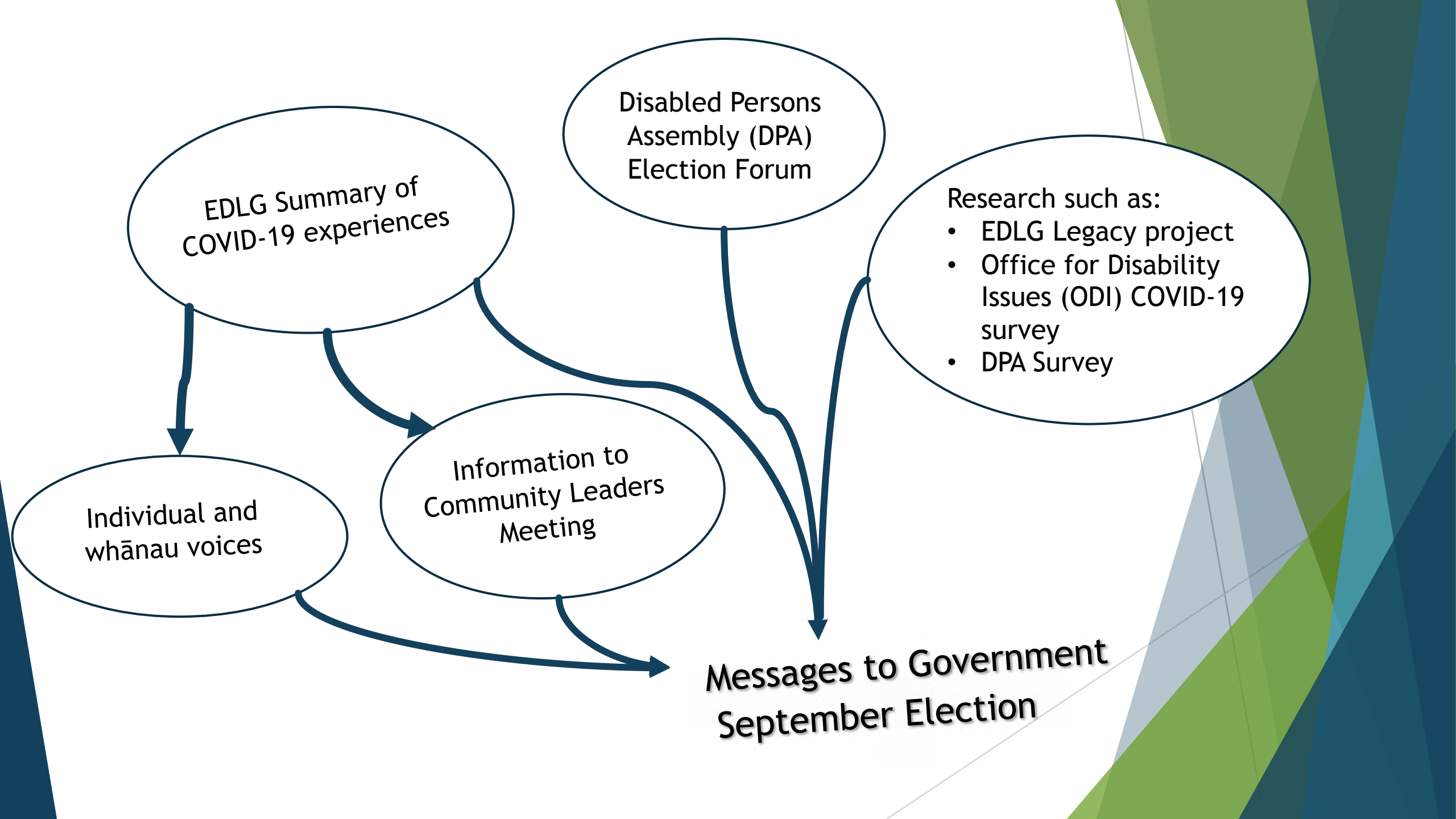
- Communication
 - Support services
 - Isolation
 - Financial
 - Understanding of decision-makers
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In an emergency, challenges increase to include:

- ▶ Communication
 - ▶ Support services
 - ▶ Isolation
 - ▶ Financial
 - ▶ Understanding from decision-makers
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EDLG Summary of COVID-19 experiences

Disabled Persons Assembly (DPA) Election Forum

Research such as:

- EDLG Legacy project
- Office for Disability Issues (ODI) COVID-19 survey
- DPA Survey

Individual and whānau voices

Information to Community Leaders Meeting

Messages to Government September Election

WORLD CAFÉ WORKSHOP

Time to tell your story and the story of your whānau...



WORLD CAFÉ WORKSHOP

Strengths

What worked well for disabled people and their families?
Example: Use of technology helped to disrupt barriers

Challenges

What was more difficult during lockdown?
Example: Healthcare wasn't easy to get / Obtaining groceries and other necessities required more planning.

Ideas/Opportunities

How could things be improved/solved in future (or now)?

WHAT'S NEXT?

- ▶ Insights will be presented to a wide range of community leaders in Canterbury to ensure the voices of disabled people are heard following the pandemic
 - ▶ Christchurch City Council, Christchurch NZ, Ngāi Tahu, Christchurch DHB
- ▶ The data will support future crisis responses
- ▶ Data will be made readily available to all for use to improve accessibility

OTHER INFORMATION SHARING

KEEPING INFORMED

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