



Earthquake Disability Leadership Group Network Meeting

10am – 12pm, 2 December 2020

Location: St Joseph's Parish Centre, 133 Main North Road, Papanui

Present: Roger Marsden, Allison Nichols-Funsmuir, Nick Stoneman, Marty Van Der Kley, Margaret Russell, Duncan Dixon, Karen Rickerby, Gina Lee Duncan, Rachel Mullins, Madeline Wenmoth, Hannah McKnight, Lesley Campbell, Karim Baradi, Ruth Jones, Catherine de Bruin

Agenda

Introductions and welcome

Summary of the EDLG and its work

- The EDLG has gathered data about the experiences of disabled people and Covid from our survey in August and information obtained from the legacy project led by Lesley Campbell. The EDLG could be the conduit for information from other agencies like providers
- Our data has been framed for policy development by Alison
- The same data has contributed to research with the Ombudsman's Office

Legacy Project

Lesley is working with research student and the [attached presentation](#) outlines the interim findings.

Case Study design has been used with a literature review, documents produced by the EDLG and minutes from meetings etc.

- **Case Study 1**
 - Establishing EDLG. Started by Ruth and Gary in 2012 in wake of earthquakes. Brought together disability networks.
- **Case Study 2 – Flash Mob**
 - 2012 – 100 people into central city. Choreographed by [Jolt Dance](#). Contributed to launch of Accessible Christchurch
- **Case Study 3 – Emergency preparedness and wellbeing workshops**
 - Run by Trisha Ventom from 2015-18 and ongoing.
 - To help disabled people be prepared

- Build wellbeing of people using the [5 Ways to Wellbeing](#) framework. Integration into annual plans.
- From 10% prior, to 60-70% people had support networks after workshops.
- Issues are still really current. How do we make support people the best they can be?
- **Case study 4 – Developing Inclusion Matters mural**
 - Run in 2015 on the International Day of Disability, it was a joint project between EDLG, The Cube and CCS Disability. It took 20 hours to paint and was collaborative effort
- **Case Study 5 – Accessibility Charter**
 - Partnership with Barrier Free and EDLG in 2017
 - Agencies signed up, but not all plans were executed
 - CDHB and Ōtakaro Precinct took action to implement the Charter
- **Future Opportunities**
 - Delivering wellbeing workshops
 - We are too important to disappear!

Thanks to Lesley who has worked behind the scenes. Comment was made that because these stories and evidenced actions is being documented it will truly be a legacy. It would be good to make sure this document once finished is disseminated widely. There are several groups who will be interested in this work. It would be good to make an infographic also which will be an excellent communication tool.

Where to from here?

- 2020 is the time when the EDLG can make the most difference with imminent decisions regarding [EGL](#) being made, the [Health and Disability Review](#) being responded to and an [Accessibility Framework](#) on the way to being legislated
- The EDLG needs to keep relevant and this above work contributes to future planning

Name change from EDLG.

- Considering Disability Leadership Canterbury
- Focus on Leadership by the disability sector, to ensure Canterbury is for everybody. Self-determining change.
- Bringing people together to share ideas and make decisions
- More partnership so we can do more together
- Reflects more who we are now

Open invitation for more content for [EDLG Facebook page](#)

Creating start of membership drive

EDLG – issue of transport

- Super gold card allows for free transport on busses
 - Disabled people should have the same
 - Also discounted/free taxis
- More accessibility on public transport
 - Perhaps needs to be brought up to E-CAN

- Facebook page – fares freedom
 - Bringing back free taxis to Christchurch

Hāpai access card

- The [Hāpai Foundation access card](#) replaces the KiwiAble Card, with existing and extended concessions for disabled people, including retail, free companion provisions and more to come.
- There was a suggestion to connect and partner with Hāpai Foundation next year to work with them

NZ Health and Disability Standards

- The Ministry of Health and Standards New Zealand are working with the disability sector to [review standards](#) related to health and disability services
- Not widely publicised but sets standards for health and disability.
- Not revised since 2008 and is 258 pages long (covers everything!) but specifics are easy to find within it.
- It is on the Standards NZ website, and people have until January 13th to make a submission on the [draft](#) (PDF download) via <https://www.standards.govt.nz/assets/Drafts/DZ8134-PC-Form.docx>.

Te Pūtahitanga Funding

- 2 funds, 1 for emergency – Puna, and one for wider needs - Wave.
- The EDLG can put in an application through the homepage at www.teputahitanga.org to register and then apply online