



## Earthquake Disability Leadership Group Network Meeting

10 am – 12 noon 24 February 2021

**Location:** Papanui RSA, 55 Bellvue Ave Papanui

**Present:** Ruth Jones, Hannah Rose-McKnight, Karim Baradi, Tony Swindell, Marlene Beale, Simon Atkinson, Karen Rickerby, Megan Malcolm, Allison Nicholls-Dunsmuir, Lesley Campbell, Rachel Mullins, Shane McInroe, Sonya Carpenter, Marty van der Cley, Hine Moke, Thane Pullen, Nick Stoneman, Peter Crane

### 1. Welcome

Welcome from Ruth. She acknowledged the Christchurch earthquake and our stories from 10 years ago.

Introductions from everyone.

The focus of today is about our rebranding, gaining feedback, reports and upcoming huis.

Allison provided a context for the EDLG's new direction and name change by [showing us](#) and describing a map of agencies who are doing similar work. She has grouped these agencies into different categories. The categories include:

- Improve services of an organisation.
- Disability voice
- Specific Issues
- Systems Transformation co-design

There were several suggestions about organisations and groups that could need to be represented on this map. Blind and Low vision – Living streets, Be Institute, People First. It is sad to note that there are no representative groups for adults with Autism, ADHD and ASD. This is a work in progress, and Allison will keep revising.

This slide provided a good foundation for discussion.

- How do we retain our own standing?

- Are there too many groups? We need to really articulate our point of difference.
- There is a long-standing relationship between EDLG and Access Alliance. This will remain.

Before Christmas we spoke about our new direction and what our role might be going forward.

- Facilitating meetings like this
- Mental health and well-being workshops
- Support ongoing and inclusive Covid response.
- Collation of disability learnings.
- Emergency and crisis preparedness
- Accessibility of public spaces
- Influencing Government decisions going forward

The new logos [are attached](#), and the group was given the opportunity over morning tea to give their feedback by way of post-it notes on the A3 posters at the back of the room.

The name is not currently confirmed as an EGL Leadership Group in Canterbury has a similar name. Ruth will follow up.

## **2. Korero with Mark Benjamin via Zoom**

Little bit like seeds in the ground. Planted and waiting for something to happen. There is some growth of the plant now, and also some weeds. Let's not be distracted by the weeds but nurture the shoots that are appearing.

Government is currently considering to what degree they want to change the system.

Familiar with principles and aspirations expressed around personal authority.

Questions:

- Is it still the case that EGL is in 3 places? The EGL approach is separate from the 3 demonstration sites currently operating. The EGL approach is principles based and all are encouraged to work according to these principles. Various providers around the country are currently adjusting their services and the way they work to fit these

principles. MoH contracts have the principles written into expectations for providers already for the service they provide and for evaluation. Disabled people and their families can use these principles as a negotiating tool for what they want from that service. The way people are funded, and the facilitation that sits beside this, is currently only available in Mid-Central, Waikato and Christchurch.

- What's the plan for moving forward, and what are the timeframes for the Transformation? Ministers are making decisions this week. This includes timeframes and Budget.
- What about rural communities? There are some great examples in the Waikato rurally, where groups and collectives have used their budgets creatively. These are excellent learnings.
- What do we know about the Government's position currently about the system transformation? Some Government Ministers understand EGL well, and all Ministers appear to be supportive.
- Can we have access to the Outcomes Framework that is a part of the monitoring of provider contracts? The [draft Framework is attached for your reference](#). In the email Mark sent with the Framework, he stated: *"This is the new principles based and outcomes focused **evaluation tool**, co-developed by the disability community, that has recently been "tested". I will be meeting with MoH to provide feedback, gathered during the "testing", next week. While this tool refers to "Community Residential ....", there is a very similar new tool for Flexible Disability Supports (FDS) and (I believe) NASCs.*

*These tools, at least the Community Residential and FDS tools, were **co-developed** with disabled people, families, Mana Whenua and providers through the EGL Regional Leadership Group networks and some national networks (DPA, People First, Family Leadership Alliance, NZDSN) and comment from Te Ao Marama."*

### 3. Upcoming dates for the diary

- Friday 4 – 5pm Southern Centre – at Pioneer. Tour
- Accessibility regulatory working group 3 March 10am – 12 noon
  - Accessibility of the Central City
  - Meeting will begin with presentation, then people will have the opportunity to raise issues and have input.
- Show Your Abilities Expo – Pioneer Stadium, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Here is the link for the Ombudsman's report on disabled peoples experiences during the pandemic in 2020 and the associated lockdown.

<https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/resources/making-disability-rights-real-pandemic>

**Next Meeting – 26<sup>th</sup> May 10am – 12noon. At the Bridge Club, Nova Place.**