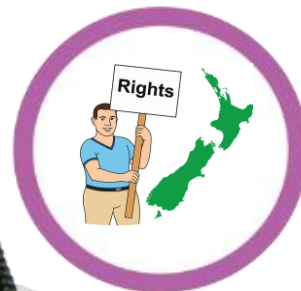




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Information about the Finding Common Ground survey: Declaration of Disabled Peoples Rights in Aotearoa New Zealand



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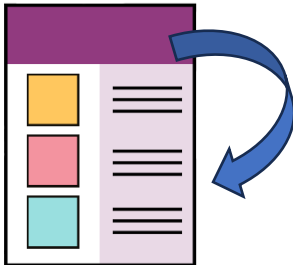
About this Easy Read



This Easy Read is information about how you can do a **survey** from **Finding Common Ground**.



A **survey** is a list of questions that you can answer.



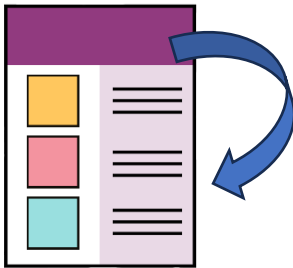
Information about **Finding Common Ground** is on **pages 4 to 5**.



Where it says **we / us** in this Easy Read it means Finding Common Ground.



The survey asks you questions about what you would like put in the **Declaration of Disabled Peoples Rights in Aotearoa New Zealand.**



Information about the **Declaration of Disabled Peoples Rights in Aotearoa New Zealand** is on **pages 5 to 9.**



In this Easy Read the Declaration of Disabled Peoples Rights in Aotearoa New Zealand will be called the **declaration.**

What is Finding Common Ground?

Finding Common Ground is an **initiative** from:



Enabling Good Lives



- Disabled Persons Assembly New Zealand / DPA
- National Enabling Good Lives / NEGL
- Te Ao Mārama Aotearoa Trust / TAMA.



Here an **initiative** is a group of people working together to do something important.



Finding Common Ground is funded / gets money from:

- Foundation North
- J R McKenzie Trust
- Spectrum Foundation.

You can read more about Finding Common Ground at this **website**:

www.dpa.org.nz/dpa-projects/finding-common-ground/

This **website** is not in Easy Read.

What is Finding Common Ground doing?

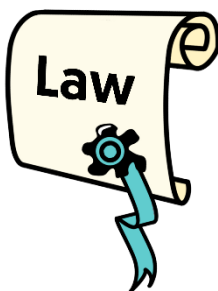


Finding Common Ground is working to make a **Declaration** of Disabled Persons **Rights** in Aotearoa New Zealand.



Here a **declaration** is a statement / words about how:

- important something is
- something must be taken care of by:
 - the **law**
 - everyone in New Zealand.



A **law** is a rule made by the government that everybody must follow.



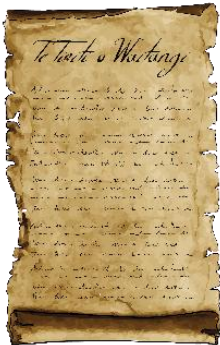
Rights are things that the law says every person should:

- have
- be able to do.



Rights are things like:

- having a safe place to live
- getting the health care you need.

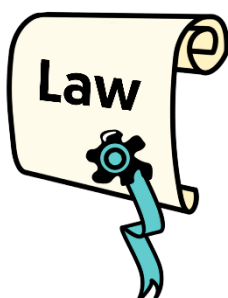
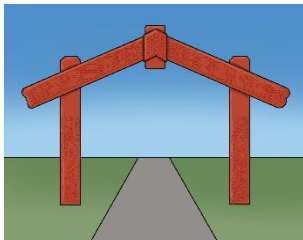


The declaration will use the ideas in:

- **Te Tiriti o Waitangi / the Treaty of Waitangi**
- the **United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**
- **Enabling Good Lives.**



Enabling Good Lives



Te Tiriti o Waitangi / the Treaty of Waitangi is an important agreement between:

- Māori
- and
- the Crown.

The purpose of Te Tiriti is to:

- protect Māori:
 - rights
 - taonga
- keep **peace and order**
- set up government.

Keep **peace and order** means to follow laws / rules.



The **United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities** is a law lots of countries have agreed to.



It says what governments must do to make sure disabled people get the same rights as everybody else.

Enabling Good Lives



Enabling Good Lives is a different way of thinking about disability support.

Enabling Good Lives is about having:



- choice and control in your life
- the support you need and want
- a good life.



Any **draft** declaration we create will be shared so people can give their **feedback** on it.



Here a **draft** is the first version of a document.

Changes are made to a draft before it is a finished document.



Feedback means telling someone what you think about something.

What you say is important



Change is best when we do it together.



This survey will support us to find different ideas for making the declaration.



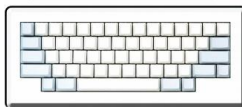
To do the survey you do not need any experience with other declarations.

What we will do with your survey answers



What you tell us in the survey will be:

- stored securely / kept safe
- only used for this project / declaration
- only seen by people who are part of the project / declaration.



You can find out how the information you share with us will be used **here**:

<https://tinyurl.com/22ckuhxd>



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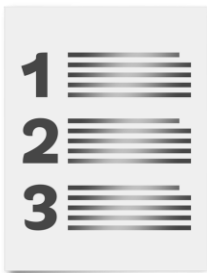


We will:

- look at what you say in the survey

- take ideas from other:
 - declarations

 - sets of rules.



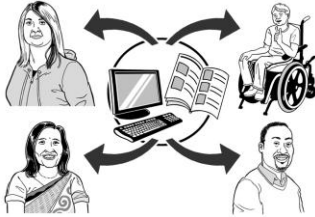
We will make options / choices to go in the declaration with this information.



We will then hold meetings with the disability community to find out what options / choices you think are the most important.



We will then make a draft declaration.



The draft declaration will be shared with people to get their feedback on it.



The declaration will then be finished by our **steering group** using the feedback.



A **steering group** is a group of people who are the leaders of a project.

How to do the survey



You can do the survey at this
website:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KZ6WNYP>



The survey is **not** in Easy Read.



You can ask someone to support you
to do the survey like a:

- whānau / family member
- friend
- support worker.



The survey closes on **18 June 2026.**

Where to find more information



You can find more information about Finding Common Ground at:

www.dpa.org.nz/dpa-projects/finding-common-ground/



You can sign up to get updates about this project at:

www.dpa.org.nz/dpa-projects/finding-common-ground/register-your-interest/



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