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Disabled Persons Assembly New Zealand



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# About Disabled Persons Assembly

# New Zealand



**Disabled Persons Assembly New Zealand** is called DPA for short.



We work to make sure that disabled people have the same rights as everybody else.



We are:

pan-impairment which means the work we do is for all disabled people

not for profit which means any money we make goes into our work.

We are also a Disabled People’s Organisation which means we are run:

* by disabled people
* for disabled people.

Our governance / staff members are mostly disabled people.

A group of people sitting around a table

Description automatically generated with medium confidenceThe DPA **National Executive Committee** makes decisions about what:

* we want to do
* how we are going to do it.

They are also called the **NEC**.

The work we do includes:

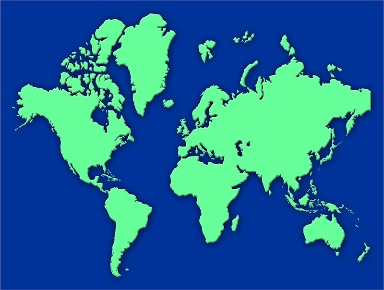
giving information / advice

speaking up as a community of disabled people

looking at what the Government needs to do to make things better for disabled people

speaking up about what disabled people think:

* in local areas



* across New Zealand
* around the world.

All the work we do is guided by the:

* **United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with  
  Disabilities** / **UNCRPD**
* **social model of disability**
* A few people looking at a map

  Description automatically generated with low confidence**New Zealand Disability Strategy**.

**A cartoon of a person and person

Description automatically generated with low confidenceThe United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with  
Disabilities** is a law lots of countries have agreed to.

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is also called the **UNCRPD**.

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

A group of people posing for a photo

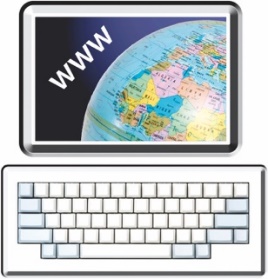
Description automatically generated with medium confidence**Rights** are the things everyone should have to live a good life like:

* a safe place to live
* food to eat
* good medical care.

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**International agreement on the rights of disabled people.**

You can find this document at this **website**:

**https://tinyurl.com/29n8wc6e**

The **social model of disability** says that the problem is the barriers that make it harder for disabled people to have a good life.



The problem is not:

disabled people

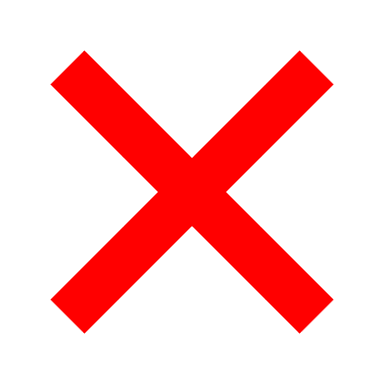
how their bodies work.

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Description automatically generatedYou can read more about the social model of disability at this **website**:

**https://tinyurl.com/4p37fvru**



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A picture containing diagram

Description automatically generatedThe **New Zealand Disability Strategy** is a plan for what the government is going to do about disability issues.

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**https://tinyurl.com/yvmdupz7**

Diagram

Description automatically generated with medium confidenceWe think that in their lives disabled people can have:

more choice

more control

the support they need.

Logo

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A group of people posing for a photo

Description automatically generated with medium confidencethe ideas of **Enabling Good Lives**

**Whāia Te Ao Mārama – Māori Disability Action Plan**

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Description automatically generatedFaiva Ora – National Pasifika Disability Plan**.

**Logo

Description automatically generatedEnabling Good Lives** is a way disabled people have more choice about their support.

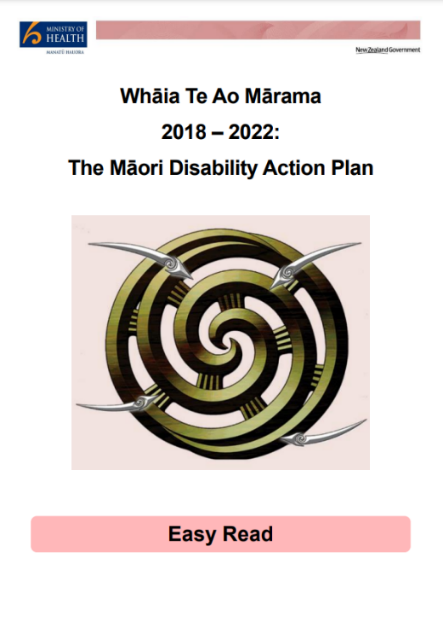
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You can find out more about the Enabling Good Lives ideas in an Easy Read document at:



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You can find an Easy Read translation of **Whāia Te Ao Mārama – Māori Disability Action Plan** at:

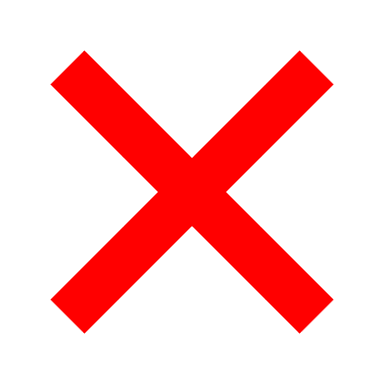
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A person holding a sign

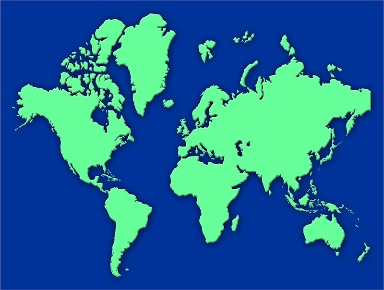
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# How we do our work

We work to make sure that disabled people have the same rights as everybody else through:

* **leadership** which means we speak up about what disabled people think:
* in local areas
* across New Zealand
* around the world.
* A picture containing shape

  Description automatically generatedinformation and advice about what affects the lives of disabled p eople like:
* A picture containing text

  Description automatically generatedgovernment policies
* laws.

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* **advocacy** which means we support disabled people to speak up as a community of disabled people
* **monitoring** which means we watch what the government is doing to make things better for disabled people.

# Where to find more information

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[**www.dpa.org.nz**](http://www.dpa.org.nz)



You can also contact us:

by phone on:  
  
**04 801 9100**

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