



Disabled Persons Assembly nz



Easy Read information about 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.



The 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**
- **New Zealand Disability Strategy.**





The 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**.

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

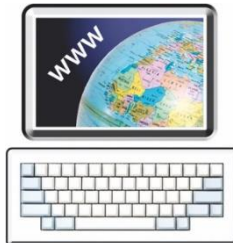
Rights are the things everyone should have to live a good life like:

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



You can find out more about the UNCRPD in an Easy Read document called:

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.

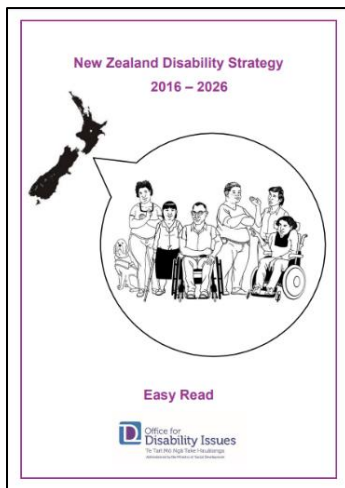
The problem is not:

- disabled people
- how their bodies work.

You can read more about the social model of disability at this **website**:

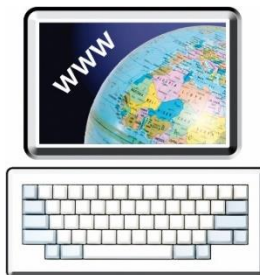
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The **New Zealand Disability Strategy** is a plan for what the government is going to do about disability issues.

There is an Easy Read translation of the New Zealand Disability strategy at:



<https://tinyurl.com/yvmdupz7>

We think that in their lives disabled people can have:



- more choice
- more control
- the support they need.

Enabling Good Lives



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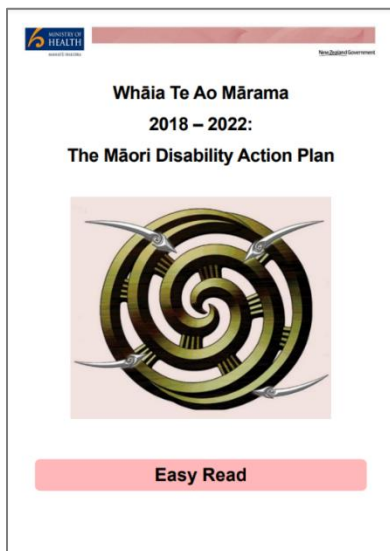
We also follow:

- the ideas of **Enabling Good Lives**
- **Whāia Te Ao Mārama – Māori Disability Action Plan**
- **Faiva Ora – National Pasifika Disability Plan.**

Enabling Good Lives is a way disabled people have more choice about their support.

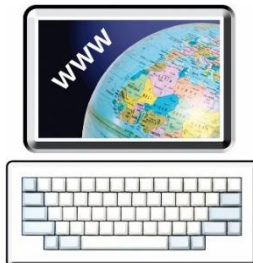
You can find out more about the Enabling Good Lives ideas in an Easy Read document at:

www.dpa.org.nz/store/doc/EGL-vision-and-principles-Easy-Read.pdf



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

<https://tinyurl.com/mvjtfzmw>



You can find **Faiva Ora – National Pasifika Disability Plan** at this website:

<https://tinyurl.com/3b7f7j4b>



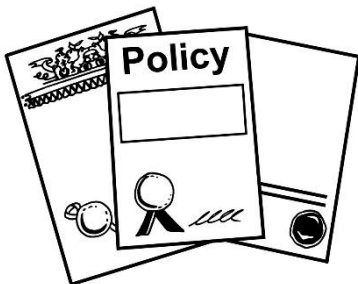
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How we do our work



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.
- information and advice about what affects the lives of disabled people like:
 - government policies
 - laws.



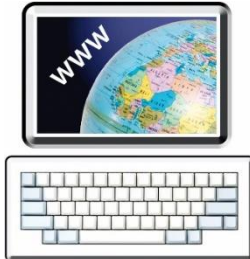


We also work to make sure that disabled people have the same rights as everybody else through:

- **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



You can find more information about DPA on our website at:

www.dpa.org.nz



You can also contact us:

- by phone on:

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- by email at:

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