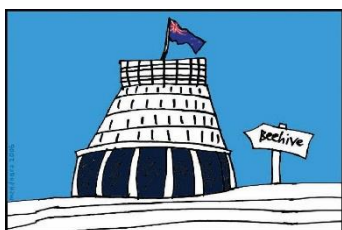


A new disability support system for New Zealand

June 2018 update



The Government of New Zealand is making big changes to the disability support system.



The Government has been planning the changes to the disability support system together with:



- disabled people

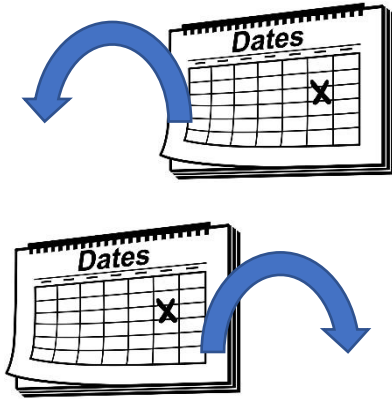
- family / whānau



- disability support services.



Working together like this is called **co-design**.



This is an update to let you know what:

- has been happening
- is going to happen next.



This update is from Sacha O'Dea from the Ministry of Health.



Sacha is working with the disability community on this work.

What have we been doing?



1. Live streaming

We had a live streaming meeting for:



- disabled people
- family / whānau
- service providers.



Live streaming means:



- playing a video on the internet at a set time – for example 2 o'clock in the afternoon
- people send in the questions they have by email





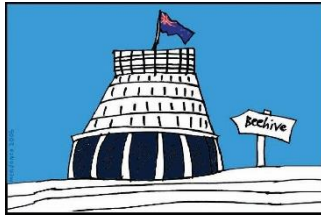
- the person in the video gives answers to all the questions that people are sending in.



More information on how you can take part in Live Streaming meetings is on this website:

**[www.enablinggoodlives.co.nz/
system-transformation](http://www.enablinggoodlives.co.nz/system-transformation)**

2. Cabinet papers



Cabinet is a group of Government Ministers.



We write **Cabinet papers** to let them know what we need to set up this new disability support system.



We have written **Cabinet papers** about the funding needed for the new disability support system.



Funding means the money the Government gives for disabled people to be able to get the:

- support they need
- things they need for their disability.

3. Working with service providers



We have been working with service providers so we can give:



- support that meets the **needs** of each disabled person



- disabled people **more say** about the support they get.



We want everyone to work together so we can have better supports for disabled people.

4. Setting up new teams



The new disability support system is going to start in **MidCentral** on **1 October 2018**.

MidCentral includes:

- Palmerston North
- Horowhenua
- Manawatu
- Ōtaki
- Tararua.



We have started looking for people to work in the **new jobs** that will be part of the new disability support system.



1 of the new teams being set up is called the **Disabled People and Whānau Support Team**.

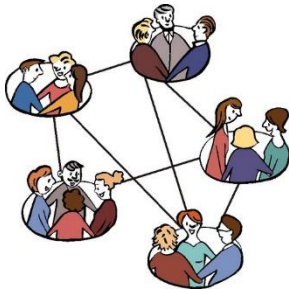
For this team we are looking for:



- **Manager** – 1 job
- **Network Builder** – 1 job
- **Connectors** – 14 jobs.



The **Manager** will be the leader of this new team.



The **Network Builder** will work to set up teams of support in community.



The **Connector / Kaitūhono** jobs will be a very important part of this new disability system.

5. More about Connectors



The Connectors will work alongside:

- disabled people
- family / whānau.



The Connectors will help disabled people think about what they want in their lives.

For example:

- what are you good at?
- what do you want to do?
- what kind of support do you need to do the things you want to do?



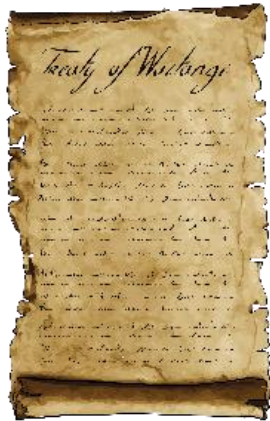


To be a great Connector we are **looking for people** who:

- will be able to build good relationships with people



- think disability rights are important



- have a good understanding of what the Treaty of Waitangi means for disabled people



- know about what is in their community



- can talk about what **Enabling Good Lives** means for people.



Enabling Good Lives is the government's new way of giving disability support services.

It will give more people **choices** about:

- how they want to live their life
- what support they need.

More information about Enabling Good Lives can be found on this website:

www.enablinggoodlives.co.nz



We want to **build a team** of
Connectors who:

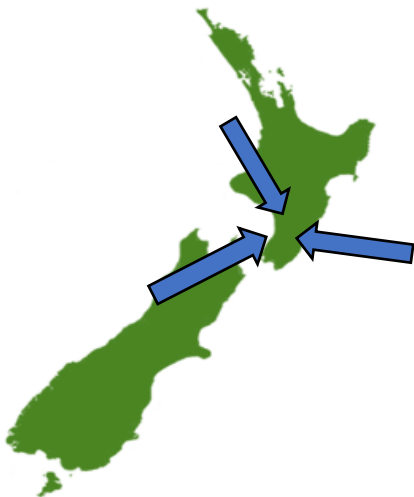


1. know what it like is to **live with a disability**:

For example we would like
Connectors who are:



- disabled people
- family / whānau members of disabled people.



2. live in **different** parts of **MidCentral**



3. understand the **cultures** of groups like:

- Māori
- Pacific Island
- people who used to be refugees
- people from the Deaf community.



4. have worked with different **age groups**.



5. have worked with different **kinds of disabilities**.

6. have worked with disabled people at **different stages** in their life.



For example:

- disabled children
- people leaving school
- people choosing to move into their own home
- people who need support all the time
- people who are getting older
- parents of disabled adults.



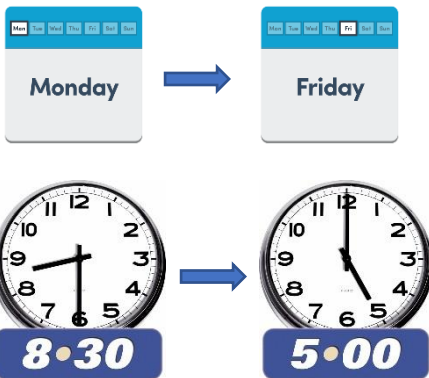


If you **know someone** who would be a good Connector please support them to apply for this job.



If a person will **need support** to do the job of a Connector this can be set up.

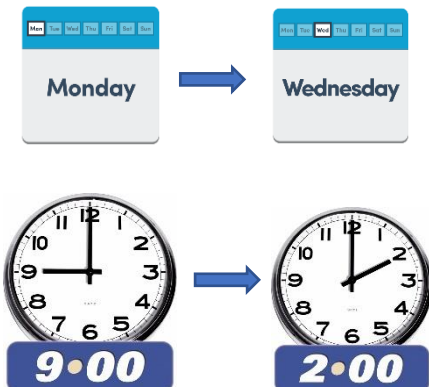
Connector jobs can be:



- **Full time** – for example:

- Monday to Friday
- 8.30 am – 5.00pm

or



- **Part time** – for example:

- Monday to Wednesday
- 9.00 am – 2.00 pm.

Application Form

Name

Address

Education

Work Experience

The graphic shows a vertical application form with four sections: Name, Address, Education, and Work Experience. Each section has a small icon representing the category (a person for Name, a house for Address, a graduation cap for Education, and a person at work for Work Experience).

People need to apply for the Connector jobs by **12.00 pm on 6th July 2018.**



As part of the **interview** there will be a **role play.**



A **role play** is where you will be asked questions about something that could happen in real life.

You can have **support at the interview** if you need it.



More information about the jobs can be found on this **website**:

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