

## REGISTRATION:

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## Attending:

Hamilton  Christchurch

## Cost:

Disabled people and families Free   
Professionals and others \$45   
Registrations cover morning tea & lunch.

## Event Planning:

To ensure everyone can fully participate in the programme please complete the following:

Require Deaf Interpreter  Wheelchair user   
Require Hearing Loop  Other

Any dietary requirements or preferences  
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## Cancellation Policy:

A \$20 administration fee will be withheld for cancellations received prior to 30 April 2010. No refunds will be issued after this date.

Mail completed registrations forms and payments to:  
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## A Place of Our Own, From Here to There & Back Again?

### Living with the legacy of institutionalisation

These forums offer the chance to witness the journeys of four individuals with learning disabilities from institutions to community as told to People First New Zealand and discuss the important issues these stories generate.

### Christchurch

Latimer Hotel  
30 Latimer Square

9<sup>th</sup> June 2010  
9.30 – 3.30

### Hamilton

Hamilton Airport  
Motor Inn  
Airport Road

22<sup>nd</sup> June 2010  
9.30 – 3.30

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## Purpose:

These forums provide an opportunity for people interested in the lived experiences of people with learning disabilities to hear about their lives from:

- Living in large institutions,
- to living in smaller community settings
- to where they see their lives going in the future

The Forums will be presented by People First NZ and will include a documentary of four people's stories. Following the viewing of the film an agenda for discussion groups will be developed by an open space process. The discussion groups will provide an opportunity to discuss topics that participants feel are important to them.

## Who Should Attend:

- People with learning disabilities
- Families
- Professionals
- Government officials
- Any person interested in the lives of people with learning disabilities
- Any person interested in the history of their experiences

## Presenters:

The documentary "A Place of Our Own" features four people who have experience life in an institution and live in the community. Each story is different and all are powerful. Each person shows the viewer experts of their history and their life today.

### Graeme Parish

Graeme is currently the National Chairperson of People First New Zealand. Graeme lives in his own home in Christchurch. Graeme took on the role of the interviewer for the documentary and he says, "Being the interviewer for the film was a great experience and a highlight for me this year".

### Murray Priest

Murray is a very wise gentleman who has lived through a time when all the large institutions were in existence. Today Murray lives in Christchurch and makes his own decisions. Murray's story talks about the many experiences he has had, both happy and sad.

### Sharyn Haig

Sharyn is married to Stewart and lives near Christchurch. They have a precious young daughter. Sharyn finds it hard to talk about her time in an institution and her story tells of her and Stewart's struggle to have the right to be parents.

### Rolly Baker

Rolly lives in Cambridge. While he is dependent on others for his daily needs he can express himself through the use of a communication book and an eye gaze computer. Rolly's story tells of the "good times" and the "bad stuff" that happened in Tokanui and shows the viewer that having a voice is a powerful tool and a way to be in control of your own life.

### Kevin Thomson

Kevin lives in the Bay of Plenty and is engaged to be married to Charlotte. With the help of a friend Kevin has developed his story about his time at the Kimberley Centre, Levin and uses it to teach others. Kevin's shares this with the interviewer and gives the viewer an insight into his life today.

## Open Space Facilitators:

### Ruth Jones and Mike Gourley

Both Ruth and Mike are well known members of the disability community and very experienced facilitators. Following the viewing of the documentary Ruth and Mike will use an open space process to assist the participants to design the workshop topics.