

**DPO
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Disabled People's Organisations Coalition



June 2022 update



What is the DPO Coalition?



The **Disabled People's Organisations Coalition** is a group of people who come from different disability organisations.



A **coalition** is a group of organisations that work towards shared goals.

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The Disabled People's Organisations Coalition is also called **DPO Coalition**.

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The DPO Coalition is made up of members from these 5 disability organisations:



1. People First New Zealand – Ngā Tāngata Tuatahi



2. Disabled Peoples Assembly



3. Deaf Aotearoa



4. Blind Citizens New Zealand

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5. Muscular Dystrophy Association of New Zealand.



The DPO Coalition meets about every 6 weeks to talk about important things.



The DPO Coalition talks with the Government about things to do with disability.



This is an Easy Read document about the main messages from the DPO Coalition meeting they had in June 2022.

Whaikaha Ministry of Disabled People



The DPO Coalition is happy that **Whaikaha – Ministry of Disabled People** began on 1 July 2022.



Whaikaha – Ministry of Disabled People is a new part of the government that will:



- make disability support services better for disabled people and their whānau / families
- use an **Enabling Good Lives** way of doing things.

Enabling Good Lives

Enabling Good Lives is a different way of thinking about disability support that gives people more choice and control.



There is an Establishment Unit working on setting up the new Ministry.



The DPO Coalition met with Justine Cornwall the Director of the Establishment Unit.

We talked about:



- how things will look under the new Ministry
- how the new Chief Executive of the Ministry will be chosen
- how decisions will be made.



Donald Beasley Institute



The DPO Coalition met with the monitoring team from the Donald Beasley Institute.



The monitoring team is led by disabled people.



The DPO Coalition congratulated the team on their new reports on:

- housing
- health and wellbeing.





The reports are available:

- to the public
- to the people who took part in the reports
- to Ministers
- online.



You can get a copy of these reports by contacting:

- the DPO Coalition
- any of the DPO Coalition members.





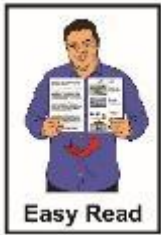
Copies of the reports are available in alternative formats such as:



- New Zealand Sign Language



- Braille



- large print

- Easy Read

- audio.



Copies of the reports in these formats are available on the Donald Beasley Institute website:



www.donaldbeasley.org.nz

Ministry of Social Development



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**
TE MANATŪ WHAKAHIATO ORA

The DPO Coalition met with officials from the Ministry of Social Development.

In the meeting we talked about:



- a new Cabinet paper about making a new accessibility law
- the plans on who is going to work on this new law
- the process of making this new law
- how it was important that the process of making this law is fully accessible.



We also agreed that the public should be able to give their opinion about this new law.

Ministry of Justice



The DPO Coalition met with officials from the Ministry of Justice.



In the meeting we talked about how to make it easier for communities to talk to them about human rights issues.



The Ministry wants:

- people from different communities to talk to them
- to talk to different communities more often.



Disability Rights Commissioner



The DPO Coalition met with the Lead Advisor of the Disability Rights Commissioner.



We talked about the report called the **Inquiry into the Support of Disabled People and Whānau during Omicron.**



We also talked about new reports about the violence and abuse felt by:

- disabled people
- tāngata whaikaha Māori.



We also talked about **Project Mobilise**.



Project Mobilise is about:

- understanding what people think about disability
- changing the way people think about disabled people.

The DPO Coalition will provide feedback on this project.

Education Review Office



The DPO Coalition met with someone from the Education Review Office Research and Evaluation Centre.



We talked about the review the Education Review Office did about **quality inclusive education**.



Quality inclusive education means how well the needs of all learners are being taken care of.



The review will be available in August 2022.

About this review:



- a lot of people took part in this review



- the opinion of disabled learners was the main focus of this review.



The review was based on Article 24 of the **United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**.



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



Article 24 talks about the rights disabled people have to an education.

Tu Huia Bill Hamilton



The DPO Coalition welcomed **Te Huia Bill Hamilton**.

We talked about:



- tūrangawaewae / place where one has the right to stand
- whakapapa
- rangatiratanga
- Te Tiriti o Waitangi / The Treaty of Waitangi.



The DPO Coalition want to talk more with Te Huia Bill Hamilton about Te Tiriti / The Treaty.

Office for Disability Issues



The DPO Coalition talked with the Office for Disability Issues about:



- how the new Whaikaha – Ministry of Disabled People is coming along



- the change that will happen when the new ministry opens on July 1



- checking how the Disability Action Plan is going



- how disabled people will be able to get a job at the new ministry.

Independent Monitoring Mechanism



The **Independent Monitoring Mechanism** is made up made up of 3 groups:

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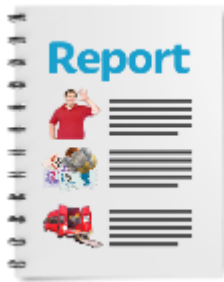
- The DPO Coalition
- Office of Ombudsman
- Human Rights Commission.

Ombudsman
Fairness for all

The Independent Monitoring Mechanism also called the **IMM**.



The IMM has finished a report on **disability right in New Zealand.**



This report will be sent to the United Nations International Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.



The report will be available to the public in August 2022.



The report will be available in:

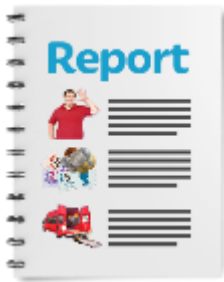
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United Nations review of the Disability Convention in New Zealand



The United Nations is going to review how well New Zealand is following the Disability Convention.



The DPO Coalition talked about starting their **shadow report**.



A **shadow report** is a report by an organisation that does not work for the government.



The shadow report will focus on **general comment 7**.



General comment 7 says that organisations that represent disabled people should be supported to be a part of:

- how the Disability Convention looks in New Zealand
- checking on how New Zealand is following the Disability Convention.



Congratulations to Gaylene Te Rauna and Bridget Sneddon



The DPO Coalition congratulated:

- Gaylene Te Rauna
- Bridget Sneddon.



The DPO Coalition congratulated them
for their Queen's Birthday Honours.



They were both given their Queen
Birthday Honours for all their service to
disabled people.

Voice of disabled people



The Government meets with the DPO Coalition so that disabled people are able to have a say in the decisions being made.



The DPO Coalition is always looking for new organisations to join us.



You can contact us by **emailing** us:

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