

# NZDSN 2 November 2015 Newsletter ISSUE 44

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### Update from the CE

Dr Garth Bennie



Kia ora

Unbelievably the end of the year is bearing down on us and with no let up around the level of activity.

I have recently returned from an international conference in Vancouver: Claiming Full Citizenship: Self Determination, Personalisation and Individualised Funding. As well as the conference I took the opportunity to visit several agencies in the Vancouver area. The experience confirmed for me that New Zealand is certainly holding its own in terms of innovation, but like many countries is struggling to enrol the support of governments for more widespread implementation of new approaches that are clearly demonstrating better ways of providing supports and resources. I was also reminded about the centrality of person driven values and approaches as the starting point for effective implementation of personalised funding mechanisms.

The first substantive meeting of the working group set up for the **equal pay negotiations** was held on 29 October. Please [click here](#) to view the Key Messages, Negotiation Brief and Minutes from that meeting.

We will be sending out a **workforce survey** by the end of November. This time we are doing the survey in partnership with Te Pou as both organisations need similar information to inform our respective work programmes. This has the added benefit of providers not having to complete two surveys requiring similar information. The survey is large but we urge you to prioritise this because it will provide important data to support the wage negotiations. NZDSN will run a help desk function to assist people with the survey, information on this will be sent out with the survey.

Over the coming weeks we will be putting together the content and schedule for our **2016 Provider Development Programme**. If you have content about new developments and innovations that you feel everyone should know about – please contact Phil Smith, Training & Development Coordinator by email [phil@nzdsn.org.nz](mailto:phil@nzdsn.org.nz)

We have now had two of the **three service design workshops that MSD agreed to host** to ensure a more collaborative effort with the sector to develop an improved outcomes framework and service specifications. So far this is progressing well with MSD having dropped the more contentious aspects of the original proposals. Our key messages have been: ensuring that changes are consistent with EGL principles; equitable access and universal eligibility – everyone gets a chance at employment no matter what the barriers are (real or perceived); an outcomes based payment system can only be implemented if the full cost of services is funded. Notes and reports from the workshops can be found [here](#)

Believe it or not the **2016 Conference Committee** meets on 12 November to start planning for next year's conference. Thanks so much for all your feedback – it is uppermost in our minds as we proceed with the planning for next year's event and we welcome any suggestions for next year. Please email our Conference Coordinator, Libby Carson at [libbyc@nzdsn.org.nz](mailto:libbyc@nzdsn.org.nz)

### **NZDSN Annual Conference and Awards Evening 2015**

Libby Carson

As mentioned by Garth, we are now commencing planning for next year's NZDSN Annual Conference. We can confirm it will be held at Te Papa in Wellington on 10 & 11 August 2016 – so please lock these dates into your diary!

Check out our NZDSN Facebook page to see all the photos from this year's NZDSN 2015 Annual Conference and our fantastic Awards Evening!

[Click here](#) to view the NZDSN Annual Conference 2015 photos

[Click here](#) to view the Annual Awards photos

We apologise for the delay in getting these to you however they are up and available now. If you'd like copies of these photos, please email [libbyc@nzdsn.org.nz](mailto:libbyc@nzdsn.org.nz)

### **Upcoming NZDSN events**

[Click here for details](#) for our upcoming Provider Development workshops.

## News from NZDSN Auckland Regional Network

Mireille Vreeburg

### **Auckland Regional Network Meetings**

Our third Auckland Regional Networking Meeting is taking place on **4 November 2015** at **Framework, Kauri Room, 51 Huia Road, Otahuhu**.

We will be discussing another area of the Disability Action Plan '**To Promote Accessibility in the Community**' with presentations from Ezekiel Robson from DPA and Vivian Naylor, CCS Disability Action. We will share with you the main outcomes of this meeting in our December newsletter.

We are currently exploring new ideas for the NZDSN Auckland Regional Networking Meetings for 2016. If you have any suggestions or feedback please don't hesitate to contact [Mireille Vreeburg](#).

Since these events are free for our members, we are always looking for free venues that can hold over 40 people. If you know of an appropriate venue for these meetings we would appreciate hearing from you.

### **End of Year Get Together**

For our last Auckland Regional Networking Meeting of 2015, we are combining forces with the 'Smallish' Provider Network which will be held on **Tuesday 8 December, 1.00-3.30pm** at **The Creative Space of ASL two4nine, 249 Edmonton Road, Te Atatu**, where together we will celebrate and acknowledge your achievements over the past year and where we will also create an opportunity for you to focus on what you would like the New Year to be about.

This will be a fun but worthwhile opportunity for you to connect again with like-minded people in the sector. Official invites with all the details will be sent out in the coming weeks but **please book this date in your diary!**

### **Spark Centre of Creative Development announces new name:**

**MAPURA STUDIOS** - on 26 September on a wonderful sunny day a big crowd assembled at the Creative Studio from previously named Spark Centre, at Fowlds Park, St Lukes for the announcement of their new name: **Mapura Studios**. Māpura is a Te Reo Māori word meaning *flash, fire, or spark*. [Click here](#) for more information about Mapura Studios

### **Upcoming NZDSN Events in the Auckland Region**

- Auckland 10 December NZDSN Practice Workshop  
*Developing the conversation on natural networks: Foundations for the good life - presented by Tony McLean (Manager Local Area Coordination Imagine Better. Free for NZDSN members. [Click here for programme and registrations](#)*
- 9-10 November [Imagine better Assemblies](#) Connections, communities, citizenship

- 13 November Circability, Diversity Week [Circa Fiesta 12.30-7.00 pm](#)  
[Info@sparkcentre.org.nz](mailto:Info@sparkcentre.org.nz)
- Children's Autism [upcoming events](#)
- 17 November 10.00am-2.30pm organised by Raeborn house, Results Based Accountability, Northcote, [book now](#)
- 25 November ANCAD's Management and Governance one day Workshop – Pukekohe [see flyer here at facebook page](#)
- Disability connect [E- Bulletin](#)