

Updates for the Auckland Regional Network Meeting

1. **Peter Reynolds, CEO NZDSN, will be attending the meeting in person.** He will be available to connect with during the networking times of the meeting, as well as after the meeting. Please get in touch with him if you would like to make some time with him after the workshop.

2. **Volunteer Development Workshop – a few benefits:**

Disability Support Providers	<p>Supports your use of volunteers</p> <p>Supports connecting disabled people into volunteer opportunities</p> <p>Supports the connection between Disability Support Providers and Employment Support Providers</p>	<p>You will learn how to develop a volunteer programme</p> <p>You will know what to look for when connecting disabled people with volunteer programmes with positive outcomes for all</p> <p>You will become more connected to Employment Support Providers with more opportunities to support disabled people into work experience that may lead to paid work</p>
Employment Support Providers	<p>Supports disabled people into work experience and employment</p> <p>Supports the connection between Employment Support Services and Disability Support Services</p>	<p>You will know what to look for when connecting disabled people with volunteer programmes with positive outcomes for all</p> <p>You will be more connected with Disability Support Providers, creating more opportunities for referrals/referral avenues.</p> <p>You will have more information and connections for supporting disabled people into volunteer, transition, and work experience roles</p>
Disabled People/Whanau in your organisations	<p>Support your volunteer and work experience journey</p> <p>Support your connection with Employment and Disability Employment Providers</p>	<p>You will know what to look for and ask for when joining volunteer programmes for positive experiences for you and the people you are working with</p> <p>You will share thoughts and ideas with a variety of Disability and Employment Support Providers, contributing to better opportunities for yourself and others</p>

3. **Future Opportunities:**

- a. Volunteering Auckland would like to collaborate with us to develop more resources supporting disabled volunteers! We have keen people in both the Disability Support and Employment Support space who want to be part of it. This Sept workshop will help create some foundations for this future potential.

- b. Auckland Employment Support Network is starting up again, with a couple new opportunities opening up (at the seed stage).
- c. Auckland Providers EGL Capability (APEC) Team are continuing to resource and connect our network with this Sept workshop as we continue to explore how this building capability space develops and grows

Thank you to our APEC Team of organisers! Bernadette McEvoy (Totara Farms Trust + Auckland Rep), Ainsley Darvell (Flying Kites), Silke Carter (A Supported Life), Ngaire Jones (Accessible), Michelle Creighton (Rescare Homes), Helen Clarke (Te Roopu Taurima), and Vitinia Waqairatu (Vaka Tautua)

Thank you everyone and looking forward to seeing you next week!

Would you [please register by Friday 15th Sept](#) – looking forward to seeing you there, hope you can make it!