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Enabling Good Lives came about because disabled people and

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families were tired of waiting for the government and for the

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Crown to initiate a change process.

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At the time, the Minister of Disability Issues, Tariana Turia,

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she convened a meeting which was the beginning of

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Enabling Good Lives where disabled people and families started

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with a clean sheet of paper and described what it would look like

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to change the system.

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I came to the party in 2011 after the idea of

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Enabling Good Lives report was released.

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And so, in my head I’d kind of made up what had gone on before

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and I saw that this was probably a once in a lifetime opportunity

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to get change in the system.

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So we came up with a few principles and these all

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came out really quickly because people have been

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thinking about this for a long time and probably just

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needed a forum to talk about it.

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And after the principles, then we thought about some of the

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fundamental processes that might be needed to make those

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things work, such as connectors and a personal budget.

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Basically getting some of the rules out of the road

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so people can think about their life and then do

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something about it.

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Minister Turia was really clear about the fact that she wanted a

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team of people to act as the kaitiaki or the guardian of the

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approach.

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It’s protecting choice and control, and it's protecting

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the idea of leadership from disabled people and

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families.

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They don't want their lives to revolve around formalised services.

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There's a lot of talk around Enabling Good Lives and system

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transformation, and sometimes the two phrases are used

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interchangeably.

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I think that it's really important to articulate that Enabling Good

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Lives is a social movement that is led by the community and

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system transformation is the government's response to that.

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And that's a really important thing to do.

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And it will make it easier for disabled people and their families to

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live good lives.

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But system transformation is not Enabling Good Lives.

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Enabling Good Lives is a how and

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the how is now.

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If we get this right for a person, there will be a ripple effect that it

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will be right for their significant others, their family, their

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That will have a ripple effect into their neighbourhoods, that will

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have a rippling effect into communities.

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Ultimately, that will have a rippling effect into our society

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so that each person gets to live their self-defined,

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self-determined, good life.

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Enabling Good Lives is about reframing incredibly

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ingrained patterns of thinking.

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It's a revolutionary process that

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I think is just beginning.

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I would hope that in eight years time, that disabled people and

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their families will be living the lives that they aspire to live and

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that they would be able to create the conditions for

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that to happen.

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Everybody gets to have the kinds of relationships they want

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to have.

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Everybody gets to have the kinds of experiences they want

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to have.

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Everybody is dreaming on a level that you would expect

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a person to dream.

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What would be amazing in 30 years is that we didn't

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talk about this thing called Enabling Good Lives

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and to have disabled people who proudly take leadership

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roles and share their experiences and diversity which

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enriches all of our lives.