



The Be. Vision for New Zealand

~ Work in Progress

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INVERCARGILL

Physical

Transport

- Better access for wheelchairs at footpaths. More e-monitors for blind and deaf and hearing impaired.
- Wider car parking spaces - people with mobility problems may need more space
- Free pick-ups at the Airport for Deaf people
- Bus transport
- Promoting flat geographically good start. Accessible buses already in place but need all.

Leisure & Entertainment

- Lower serving areas at bars – not just one small wheelchair parts but a large part of the bar itself.
- Accessible theatres for entertainment
- Accessible big event area – sheltered comfort, amenities.

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- Covered in shopping mall – central community point to hold local events involving everyone. Accessible (hold local markets, celebrations etc.)
- Accessible playground. Develop Queens Park play area with more accessible equipment that ALL can use. Expand to community playgrounds.

Building & Planning

- Town planners need to consider functionality and accessibility over looks e.g. fancy tiling that is slippery rather than tactile tiling
- No accessible kit e wharepaku mo te wheelchair
- Head Injury Society and Southland Community House tenants approached and lobbied council for many years for an accessible car park outside building – achieved!! Southland Community House purchase of Evac chair for evacuation in case of emergency. Need for self opening front entrance to Community House, better signage to lift.
- Wide doors to accommodate wheelchairs especially into public toilets – electronic doors
- New signage, bylaw so sandwich boards so they are registered in one area of pavements. Barriers – All information be accessible to all (not depend on websites). Some shops have too many displays, no space to walk and find way around.
- Access into buildings
- Automatic door openers and taps especially toilet areas
- Lower table at reception and foyer in local council building for wheelchair access.
- Have building law changed. That every new know built has to have one accessible entrance – wow just think if they started this what the housing would look like in the future, that would create the first real step to massive change in our society. I will continue to lobby and challenge councils around this to be brave and step out! Nancy McGregor.

Social

Building & Planning

- That Be. Accessible also link with Lifetime Design as connects very well with physical access future proofing homes.

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- Accessibility isn't just for RWC end users but also for RWC volunteers – e.g. not everyone has email access which excludes them from volunteering.
- If sport is serious about accessibility link funding to their policy and practice on accessibility.

Sport

- Leverage off RWC to promote inclusive sport and disability sport

Community Support

- Attitude change is difficult but are we in danger of being too P.C and alienating some sectors of society? e.g. move away from separate disabled access (access) to accessible to all.
- Deaf club in Invercargill

Business Assessments

- What costs / funding available for assessors. Buildings, businesses wanting to be assessed.
- Overall lens over new projects

Transport

- Old people don't know where way airport person help.
- Airport: Policies and procedures with teeth. Train station: same. When symbol is placed needs to have integrity of accessibility. A symbol tht shows a business is assessed = Be. Accessible. Laws that have teeth – good follow through. More representation in local govt.
- Invercargill could be the accessible gateway to the south.

Media & Communication

- Mark Sainsbury to cover our story at Be. Mark S @TVNZ wearing Be. badge asking what is being done about accessibility. Get on the front page (not end) of paper. Campbell live – a story like the sandwich bylaw.

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Personal

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DUNEDIN

Physical

Transport

- Pushing to make public walkways and facilities accessible.
- More cycle ways and walk ways. Public transport more accessible and more available.
- Free transport
- More buses
- A fully accessible bus system i.e. talking timetables, automatic announcements.
- Lightly better public transport highly accessible. Ensure all kerbs slope similarly to the road and clearly marked tactically. All traffic lights should be audible lights. Increase areas in CBD pedestrian only e.g. The Octagon and Part of Princess St and George St. More awareness of shop owners to safe placement of boards sets on pavements, wheelchairs, hand canes, guide dogs.
- Enough parking opportunities. Special transport.

Sport

- Our new stadium and Logan Park sports facilities will be accessible.

Leisure & Entertainment

- Good access to toilets, restaurants, bus services, telling people more about people with disability.

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- Vision impaired (blind and partially sighted) – tactile ground surface. Hazard warnings at intersections
- Walk ways! no locked gates!
- Compulsory access for everyone to public transport and buildings is not already done!!
- Loop systems in public venues.
- Accessible Edgar Centre
- Parking – DCC policy of removing parking from outside of main service areas e.g. South Dunedin Plan – where there is a high proportion of people with mobility issues.
- Public relay Braille terminals
- Evacuation plans in hotels / motels and other public facilities focused on disability requirements.

Business Services

- Increased access of services for Deaf and blind e.g. banking services, public transport

Communication Services

- Public relay Braille terminals
- More interpreter access on TV for emergency.
- Teletext subtitles on all programmes
- To have deaf awareness week and communicate in Sign Language.

Schools

- Schools more wheelchair access

Social

Community Support

- Work with other disability groups to advocate for an amicable environment. Need visible maps and their case textiles enlarged. Accessible buildings.
- Working together

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- Full employment, accessible attitude
- Employment of people with disabilities
- Deaf awareness also would be nice if some local community able to sign language.
- Attitude, perception change still appears a problem to change / help etc. someone with a disability be it in shops or to comply with NZ building codes.
- Welcoming and inclusive of everyone with facilities and leisure opportunities that everyone can participate in.

Media & Communication

- Good, comprehensive, trust worthy information – what they say is provided is in fact provided. Advertise what is accessible really well.
- Promote sign language week in organisations and businesses
- Promoting awareness of our NZSL week during May and Deaf awareness week in September.
- App for way finding Be. locations / businesses. Be. also needs to be assessed while people are in the move on just when they are in front of a computer screen.

Leisure & Entertainment

- Better access to coffee shops, also access to shops
- All menus available online. Accessible vending machines. Downloadable info about hotels i.e. education etc.
- Audio description in all venues i.e. live theatres, movies etc.

Education

- Educating more people
- Disability will not be obvious as society will be fully enabled, Better attitudes
- Community Awareness programmes. Being aware of discrimination and talking to individuals and businesses.
- Lack of knowledge education especially in tertiary study.

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CHRISTCHURCH

Physical

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- Faipoi – involved in temporary housing, re-design of streets, footpaths, crossings
- Car free streets and malls with 10kmph limit for taxis, vehicles with mobility impaired passengers / drivers
- more ramps on buildings e.g. banks, schools and people who have wheelchair ramps in their homes
- With the new re-build of Christchurch City we need every building to be accessible to all people in society
- Be. Accessible come to Christchurch. Help us make flag ship city for accessibility. Then you can show others!!
- A drinking fountain design for individuals in all w/cs as this would encourage to bring their families and friends to a park or even a sports field. This could get them involved in participating with everyone and it's good for their health and well being.
- More recreational spaces “designed” for all. Accessible pathways – accessible journey
- Changes to building codes – strict
- Strategically placed listening posts, wheel chair access to all new buildings and with opposite long term parking for their motor vehicles undercover.
- Wider footpaths to ensure easy movement for all, Possibly no steps into any buildings
- Checking loop systems are available and functioning in public buildings
- The rebuild one would like architects to consider acoustics and loop and sound systems. Visual and auditory info a must
- Disabled community work with architects so they use mat standards

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Leisure & Entertainment

- Ensure all out NEW recreation facilities are going to be accessible – includes social, physical and personal (this is to recreation facilities that we have lost)

Transport

- Low rides accessible transport, more bus shelters
- All buses must be gear controlled to be wheelchair friendly and wheelchair accessible. ECAN controls DO NOT meet this requirement
- Trains must have at least one carriage accessible to wheelchair users
- Raised pedestrian crossings on roads
- Show core mx 30kph
- It's a city where there isn't a set number of wheel chairs allowed on a plane!!

Media & Communication

- All people in the city will be able to use online recourses effectively. Section 508 for NZ?

Social

Education

- All Govt and NGOs should have disability awareness training in some way as Treaty of Waitangi. Sensory information for visual and hearing
- Attending youth forums and taking part in youth social change programmes to get the accessibility message heard

Leisure & Entertainment

- Many inclusive recreational opportunities to provide everyone with choices
- Inclusive and accessible recreation opportunities such as relocation of the Southern Centre Multi Sensory Experience.

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- Accessible features and universal design will be vital in rebuild of Christchurch to ensure access for all

Media & Communication

- One disabled voice, not fragments, tangents!

Community Support

- Bring everybody together to work together not against everybody
- Our fully accessible city is one where we never even have to think about it. It's a given!
- EVERYONE to understand access barriers and be committed to making Christchurch fully accessible
- A coordinated approach to disability service in Christchurch
- A city where you do not have to justify the use of interpreters or wheelchair access. People will already be aware of this
- Change attitudes, change awareness, mobile action, work as a team

Sport

- We are accessible when we can hold the Paralympics and we don't have to think about it!
- What about the World Cup for wheelchair rugby!

Personal

- A city where people respect everyone and each other. INCLUDING THEMSELVES
- "All people, All places, All the time." - Equality and all understanding needs

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NELSON

Physical

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- Signs and café tables on footpaths are a hazard
- Accessible corner shops
- Flashing smoke alarms in every building in Nelson
- Visual signs, flight times, announcements in airports and train stations
- Focus on physical access throughout the community

Leisure & Entertainment

- Accessible hills – Brook Sanctuary and others
- Subtitled movie sessions at local theatres

Media & Communication

- Nelson airport needs more signs for deaf people leading out to departing planes
- Consistency re: audio books via local councils – MP3 players
- Subtitles on Sky TV, Freeview and Films
- RWC have subtitles on TV

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- Accessible public transport
- Dedicated, not shared, paths for disabled people

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- Focus on accessible buses
- Fix street furniture, uneven footpaths and kids dumping bikes instead of parking them safely

Social

Business Assessment

- Every service provider to be assessed
- Staff in businesses to be confident using communication strategies with deaf customers

Media & Communication

- Promote TVs in hotels and motels that offer captioning on programmes
- More access to NZSL – increase access to information for Deaf Community
- NZSL national anthem at World Cup games

Community Support

- Encourage a change in the language of disability – words matter
- Better social awareness re: impairments/disability

Education

- All teachers in Nelson undergo Deaf Awareness Programme
- A NZSL interpreter course in Nelson
- All school age children to learn sign language
- Voice off day once a term at schools – alternative communications
- Education – teachers, tutors who run classes with 60+ to know about accessibility
- Promote workshops for those who work in public areas on how to communicate well with hearing impaired public
- More education required for employers on employing people with disabilities
- Deaf club

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- Deaf awareness programmes for all customer service roles and emergency roles

Personal

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PALMERSTON NORTH

Physical

Building & Planning

- Plaza needs more suitable seating for elderly and disabled
- Easily accessible Council Chambers
- Need fire alarms with flashing lights for deaf and hearing impaired
- More even footpaths
- Wider door access for wheel chairs and scooters
- Automatically opening doors in buildings of a business. These doors can also be opened and closed manually if power stops.
- Homes and building code – to show how new homes could comply with an accessible code.
- Chairs in supermarkets and malls that have armrests so people can rest and then get back up again.
- The Council chamber's lift isn't always on and it isn't accessible as you have to go through a number of chambers and someone needs to let you in.
- Issues, glare, tiles, uneven surfaces all pose safety issues

Transport

- No passenger train service to Hawkes Bay, currently discomfort travelling by bus or inconvenience arranging private transport
- All curb cuts are wheelchair friendly
- Mobility parking scheme working well
- More control on mobility parking

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- Bus drivers announce the time break for lunch hour when the bus stops anywhere. Deaf and Hearing impaired can't hear what they say.

Leisure & Entertainment

- Consistent policing of disability parks
- Hotels and motels to have hearing services like portable smoke alarms for deaf, teletext TVs and receptionists to ask if they have any disabilities
- Parking adjacent to recreation
- Dog exercise areas

Media & Communication

- McDonalds, KFC and Burger King need to learn NZSL
- Visual board inside airports to show boarding and board behind the counter.

Social

Building & Planning

- More consultation with architects, designers or large complexes e.g. Plaza.

Media & Communication

- NZSL interpreters on the news every night

Transport

- A better bus timetable for public transport for people with disability

Community Support

- More Palmerston North City Council involvement in disability needs
- Everyone has basic knowledge in NZSL

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- All police to have disability training
- Identify an organisation to drive the local community and organisation to move forward with Be

Education

- All bus driver and taxi drivers to complete disability awareness
- All road contractors to complete disability awareness
- Assistance programme for learning how to use a bus
- School having disabled people to do a visit and talk
- Awareness campaign around non-physical disability
- Free staff training around disability needs
- Staff training to teach people to be more friendly and helpful towards people with disability
- Talk to schools

Business Assessment

- Council to have barrier free trained assessor as part of the building content process
- Wheelchair accessible sticker could be given out by local council

Personal

- Be friendly to all people with disabilities
- More accessible attitudes at hospitals at Board level for people needing rehabilitation
- Be positive – improve attitudes through education

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NEW PLYMOUTH/TARANAKI

Physical

Building & Planning

- No barriers whole city. Shops, beaches, libraries, all NPL accessibility, some shops with wider isles, better trained staff.
- Consistent road safety tactile / visual markings across Taranaki and country. Not relying on visual communication between driver and pedestrian.
- Signposting opportunity. Signs on shops.
- Super markets need to realise that disabled people can't reach up high or bend down.
- Supermarkets should be fully accessible for m.scooters / wheelchairs / baby buggies etc.
- Supermarkets things up too high when using a wheelchair.
- Big business developing (Waiwhakaio Shopping) consideration for all customers, hygiene needs e.g. part of planning permission.
- Amplified phones in one or two rooms of motels and hotels. Fire alert for deaf in one or two rooms. Life unlimited hearing therapy services (all throughout NZ) will run training for any staff on communication with hearing impaired. Section in airports where light flashes when announcements are made and when displayed on board.

Transport

- Accessible transport for social connection
- Weekend and after hours accessible transport is a MUST. Definitely on our wish list.

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- Great transport opportunities to participate disabled people can do everything they want so everywhere they want and need can play anything they desire.
- Continuing to enhance public transport and supporting infrastructure. Strengthen total mobility within the region.

Leisure & Entertainment

- Being able to have access to whatever place, restaurants, schools, work and environment, entertainment, plays on important part of our own attitudes o make us feel that we can be freely part of society, having an interpreter was great.
- No barriers, walkway cycle ways

Media & Communication

- A TTY phone accessible in motels airports, information centres would be great.
- Phone for deaf people!
- TV with teletext option
- Sign Language interpreters used in all situations in life. Deaf equipment e.g. alarms in buildings, video hone, equipment available for deaf in libraries, info centres etc.

Social

Media & Communication

- Please make your information available for 'mash-ups'. There are many people writing applications for tourism, travel etc. that would benefit from being able to include your data in their apps. Plus raise awareness for the Be. campaign
- Technology (Jaws etc.) is too compartmentalised, needs to be out there in the mainstream to bring the price down. The price is a real barrier.

Community Support

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- Working well – development of disability strategy for NPL and moving into regional strategy.
- Customer service needs to be 100% all the time!!
- NPL Disability Council has a strategy which has a number of initiatives for employment to physical impairments. 'Let's Go' programme to encourage people to walk and cycle home. Working towards a regional strategy to better coordinate with activities who require the different aspects of accessibility. Transport.
- Take new ideas / inventions etc. to stall etc. at farm days at Mystery Creek
- Target the business instead of accessibility community,

Education

- Teacher / coach / volunteer education providing opportunities and pathways in sport, collaborating with other organisations in the disability sector to ensure inclusive opportunities
- Education of public in all facets of disability. Also people with different abilities being visible in society so it becomes the norm and we are all comfortable with each other.
- Education to better understand the needs of people with disability

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ROTORUA

Physical

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- Smooth, flat accessible surfaces
- Make Barrier Free Audits an official part of building compliance
- Proper access car parks closer to supermarket doors
- A place where we could know that public halls and rooms are fully accessible. Not only physical access but good lighting and acoustics or sound systems
- If all access is designed with disability as a blueprint, then accessibility would be for all
- Better access into businesses
- More disability toilets
- Wheelchair access escalators roll onto the belt
- Wheels fit into indents
- Making sure pavements are right for wheelchairs to get up and down
- Central city paths especially in central mall, which line up and allow wheelchair access and are not blocked by car parks
- Doorways on business buildings need to be under for walker, stroller, manual wheelchair, power chairs and mobility scooters
- Special areas set aside for access in all banks

Transport

- Special car parks for disabled
- Accessible public transport

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- Accessible boardwalks and bikeways around lakes like Okareka and Rotorua
- All buses to have wheel chair access under car parks
- Better plane access

Leisure & Entertainment

- Access to all sports centres and accessibility reviews for sports facilities
- Database for accessible gyms and pools
- Better access to social community events
- International stadium needs to have accessible work done
- Make eateries in the city centre more accessible

Media & Communication

- Try to provide information on places that are accessible for whanau with disability/special needs
- Have open information network

Social

Business Assessment

- Opportunity to make local businesses partners – to cooperate with Be. Accessible
- To be able to work with corporate industries to be able to give full cooperation

Building & Planning

- Opportunities to have conversations with a variety of groups – business owners, district councils, not-for-profits, people with disabilities

Community Support

- Friendly, warm community feel
- Educated community, no fear of people with disabilities
- Disability inclusion on paperwork and auditing from national through to local surveys

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- Support organisations like Be.
- All people would accept each other as equals and disability would disappear into the background
- Support organisations for parents of children with disabilities – e.g. Parent to Parent, ADHD
- Full participation by all community members
- Promotion of a society where we celebrate individual differences

Education

- Education to all on how to be aware and treat people equally

Personal

- No fear
- Confidence booster classes

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NAPIER/HASTINGS

Physical

Building & Planning

- Disability access to public toilets and buildings
- Improvements/good space available for manoeuvring mobility scooters once inside buildings
- Higher toilets to make it easier to use
- Consider accessible options as part of a new home when building and planning, i.e. wheelchair access throughout house, kitchen designs, bathroom
- Indoor environments improved for vision impaired, i.e. good lighting or access to task lights
- Colour contrast
- Large print/braille
- Tactile clues on appliances
- Wider aisles between clothes racks in departments stores, e.g. Farmers and the Warehouse

Transport

- Public transport improvements
- Movement between suburbs whether on foot, bus, train or bike

Media & Communication

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- Communicating in sign language
- Teletext TV
- Access to phones

Social

Media & Communication

- Start conversations
- After hours services

Community Support

- Understanding
- Tourism and local council buy in
- Engagement and support from a range of agencies, councils, tourism and businesses

Education

- Link with the schools – ask children – they see things quite differently
- Educating taxi drivers, bus drivers, air hostesses on access needs

Personal

- Engaging in respectful relationships
- Smiling more
- Being tolerant
- Positive attitude

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HAMILTON

Physical

Building & Planning

- Ensuring large development or re-development of shopping centers (i.e. The Base) have disability issues incorporated in planning
- Councils enforcing retrofitting disability access and verges to older buildings built prior to the building act changes
- New buildings having access to other floors to make employment opportunities
- Physical environment and accessibility. Govt policy re accessibility retrofitting funding for older buildings to become more physically accessible – a bit like the warm up NZ grant but to improve physical accessibility of our current building
- Not cluttered. Clear maps of accessible places. Take away some car park spaces to enable buses to pull in close to footpaths
- Twin stroller accessibility in shops – getting around same for wheelchair access
- Hamilton is better placed than many NZ cities because it is so flat – it could be NZ's first step-less city! How can urban design, transport and businesses be brought together to achieve that?
- For hearing impaired people – Loop / Bluetooth compatible amplification systems in public rooms. Amplified telephones in motels etc. Visual signs on buses, airports, railway stations etc. Captioned and teletext enabled TVs in motels and hotels. Smoke

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alarms – tactile and vibrating. Education of tourism operators, businesses on disability services.

- Paths – wide and level. Signs – visible. Entrance – level, flat, light doors, no lip etc, wider.
- For low vision: White or contrasting strip on step edges. Tactiles on edge of station platform. Bollards in contrasting colour. Good lighting without glare in motel and public buildings. Good use of contrast in public buildings and streetscape, e.g. poles at light controlled intersections NOT black.
- All kerbs flat like Hood Street.
- Wheelchair users able to use petrol pumps. Access to high up products in the supermarket and general shops. Wider footpaths.

Transport

- Bus timetable listing accessible buses. Footpaths EVERYONE can use
- Fully accessible public transport service, full consistency re crossings set up.

Leisure & Entertainment

- Movable seats in picture theatres, so wheelchairs and baby strollers can slot in the seating areas keeping isles clear.

Media & Communication

- Clear speech. Use of microphones so that voice is clear and amplified. Clear verbal messages on public transport

Social

Transport

- Orbiter fully accessible bus service and intercity shuttle MUCH better than others – no where near fully accessible
- A bus timetable listing accessible buses. We have to phone in advance to find out. Hamilton is a flat city, why not be the first accessible city in NZ.

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Community Support

- Parity in financial levels between Accessibility and Disability so as all people can have the best available equipment to aid their mobility.
- Be. initiative to be integral to HCC

Education

- Education / awareness so all people can be included – schools and businesses empowerment and backup. Waikato Health and Disability Expo Sept 16 and 17? Display / talk re Be. Accessible.
- An inclusive awareness education for the need of Be. Accessible in all sectors, businesses.
- Awareness of different types of disabilities: Cognitive, physical, intellectual... e.g. WINZ, CM, Housing Corp etc

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WHANGAREI

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- Tactile ground surface indicators in CBD and schools
- Emergency rental housing for people leaving hospital to use while waiting for their house to be altered to new needs
- Making revamped town more accessible to all
- Emergency alerts for hearing impaired
- Fire alarm – need flashing lights to alert people to fire – overseas people won't identify NZ fire alarm sounds
- Accessible toilets near walking tracks
- No broken paving
- No overhanging branches
- No surprises or shocks

Transport

- Bus stops throughout the city
- Need bus schedules and map where bus goes and clear signs on bus stop
- Accessible, regular transport to/from outlying centres to the city
- Free taxis
- Train/railway system required in Northland

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- Inner city accessible transport - bus, trains, planes, hire vans
- Somewhere where I don't have to think about where I can park
- Affordable public transport to be more parts of the city and district
- Need for accessible and affordable inter regional transport options
- Northland rail to connect with Auckland

Leisure & Entertainment

- Accessible sports grounds
- Have a TV or projector inside and outside the stadium and a pop up map showing where toilets, exits, entry, bars and first aid is
- Announcement in subtitles or captioning on projector or TV for everyone in stadiums – as it is a noisy atmosphere. Plus commentary of games to be captioned too.

Media & Communication

- TV captioning tool for deaf/hearing impaired
- Need more Te Reo sign interpreters

Social

Leisure & Entertainment

- Accommodation for guide dogs – need clear information that says if they are welcome or not
- Travel agents on board
- Access map for Whangarei
- Embed accessibility early in event planning

Community Support

- To shine on what is already here but needs focusing on by people
- Local authorities appear to be open to suggestions for disability access and are proactive

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- Emphasise the commercial benefits of the accessible patron
- Our fully accessible city would feel open, safe and inclusive

Education

- Welcome assessments for individuals – people could undertake training in accessibility issues, e.g. sight, hearing and become a walking Be. Accessible info sign.
- Kids to get involved in accessibility issues at school
- Business to send staff for training in accessibility issues – people who have had training would wear badges and visitors to that city would see the badges and know that they could approach that person

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WELLINGTON

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Building & Planning

- Lanes and footpaths not slippery and with no bumps and holes
- Make sure for the community – clear accessible, communicate, be safe around in

Transport

- All buses and bus routes need to be made accessible.

Leisure & Entertainment

- Art exhibition – for interpreters Deaf Touis
- All tourist destinations, all tours would be accessible, art could be touched at Te Papa, we have tour guides trained to give tours to anyone, tourism is a major opportunity,

Media & Communication

- Full words clear with sign
- Access to NZSL in cafes, shops and all staff can learn introductory signs to communicate with deaf.
- City – accessible information, documents, presentations, web, downloads, buildings – in / out, built environment

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- Menus in cafes that you can read if you're over 50

Social

Leisure & Entertainment

- Accommodation / Hotels – check to know NZSL or other languages access to understand, Airports / taxi – check more

Building & Planning

- Break down silos so accessibility is not seen as community development issue

Media & Communication

- Access to information enables participation, because we know where you are, what's available, what's on and how to get there.

Transport

- Bus driver problems with communication with people with disabilities

Community Support

- Draft Accessible Wellington, action plan, Me heke ki Poneke – due to committee in August for consideration for public constitution.
- Accessibility as a matter of course. Not having to ask for things! e.g. accessible documents
- Ensure cultural and local govt. businesses and the NGO sector work together to achieve agreed objectives

Education

- Delivering DEAFinitely Awareness workshops and DEAFinitely Signing courses to org, businesses.

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- NZSL – the third official language of NZ – needs to be more accessible in NZ.
- All schools are welcoming and accessible
- Communicating the Be. campaign with the wider public to change norms – ads, In schools

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Physical

Building & Planning

- Desks loops in all prominent buildings, businesses
- More clear signage, consistent contrasting colours
- Please be innovate in design and don't make the accessibility features "ugly" – use some good design! We need beauty in our own world as well as accessibility.
- Long term architectural design elements city landscape
- Audible signage
- No steps
- We're doing well getting pedestrian streets, e.e. Elliot, Darby, Jean Batten etc. WE NEED MORE (side walks create more disabilities too)
- Because of the topography of Auckland, linkage buildings are an ideal way to overcome the difficulties for everyone. Often they are fitted with escalators only, not lifts.
- A fully accessible Auckland is not just about getting into businesses, it's also about being able to get the on the streets safely. Still lots to do there for the Be/ partner at Auckland Council!

Transport

- Improved rural transport

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- Works well: audio talking buses, taking time tables, talking trains
- Better rail transport
- Importance of public transport, trains, buses, cycles / walk ways
- Access corridors across the city ABOVE street level!
- all public transport accessible – kneeling buses etc.
- More accessible transport that is not expensive. Have: Braille and audio announcements for some. Good to increase this!
- Public transport should produce messages on electrical visual board e.g. at train stations and bus stops – to inform of delays or reasons not turning up.
- Transport: ALL bus stops, stations etc to have visual and auditory information transport arrivals, departures etc. All transport to visual / auditory announcements of all stops on journey.

Leisure & Entertainment

- Sailing with wheelchair access in Hauraki Gulf
- Descriptive theatre and TV
- Possible branding / initiative link to conscious consumers at cafes

Media & Communication

- Signage! Letting public know that facilities / venue accessible – shine the light!
- Deaf interpreter for TV news
- NZSL interpreters provided at venues. Visual NZSL at places / info / activities
- Use of front row to go – Most effective if all speakers including the main silver speaker is placed at the ear level of the audience. If the main speaker uses the Madonna mic, then the hand mic can be used in the audience e.g. when introducing themselves at beginning, when asking Qs from the floor (these are difficult situations for people with hearing loss to follow).

Social

Leisure & Entertainment

- Community ownership of events to be educated in how to create inclusive events

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- Not afraid to go out, get access to the services for language, culture and appearance
- Work collaboratively with the Halberg Trust as they have sport opportunity advisors up and own the country to drive social change within sport.
- Halberg Trust as a well established project called Sports Access. This is a Audit process to ensure that sport facilities and recreation centres are accessible to all. There are three components within this, they are...staff training, physical access and resource and marketing development. I would hate for this programme to be duplicated.
- Local community activities where people with intellectual disabilities are made to feel welcome.

Media & Communication

- Current initiatives – Translation public documents into easy to read plain English large print, Culture of inclusion for meetings, flyers sent out to the community.

Transport

- Bus drivers – Fully welcoming, not impatient, let you sit before driving off, explain routes / answer questions

Community Support

- Starting off conversations, around disability, access and awareness
- Employment – Advocating from govt. downwards around the need to see ‘disabled’ people as employable too!
- Getting a few key large organisations on board i.e. Vodafone / telecom
- Fully accessible churches with a Be. attitude, welcoming, non judgemental, Interpreters
- More visible in society
- Public attitude change
- Churches that welcome all!
- Council and DHBs to work closely together to make change
- Opportunities – Champions of accessibility throughout council / key organisations, incorporate barrier free access in urban design / process / consent guidelines

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- Gaps – Ways to come from top level leadership in all organisations, need to explain financial benefits of being accessible
- Fully accessible Auckland – Wonderful!, Easy communication with decision makers
- Be inclusive of those who cant make their voice for many reasons. e.g. migrants and new settlers who have a lack of understanding of the NZ Health system
- Disability service providers working together, not “protecting their patch”

Education

- RNZFB school education programme, primary, intermediate, Junior secondary
- Pulling small groups of disability groups together, harnessing ideas and visions
- A need to include ‘culture’ into the social part of the campaign.
- Training for service workers – front line. How to communicate with people with hearing loss! Face to face, clear speech, write down info.

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