

Enabling Good Lives

Christchurch

Director's Report

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Calling all ORS Funded school leavers! You will see in this edition that navigation has commenced with students with ORS funding who are thinking of leaving school either this year or next. If you are in this position but haven't heard from us then do get in touch. If possible please also check that other families in a similar situation are aware of Enabling Good Lives. Apologies if you get the same information

multiple times but we are keen to make sure we know who is leaving so we can spend as much time with you as possible between now and the end of June after which the availability of free to user navigation will be less. Thanks to all school staff that have encouraged you to contact us as part of this process.

New ways to spend your budget! We have a number of providers under contract and the remainder should be on signed up by the time this newsletter goes to print. Further details follow in the newsletter and we see this as a really important option for Enabling Good Lives participants. Feedback has included how hard it is to employ staff directly or organise supports yourself. The new contracts mean that these organisations will be able to offer such arrangements flexibly and in really personal ways.

A new assessment process (Supported Self-Assessment) which focuses on the things you like and want to do continues to be trialled within the Demonstration. It is great that the local Needs Assessment and Service Coordination agency (NASC) Lifelinks is supporting this process and they have just appointed Wayne Robinson to coordinate the Enabling Good Lives work. Wayne is really committed to this approach and will be training other colleagues too. The NASC will still need to ask other questions so they can complete their traditional assessment to identify the dollar figure of the Ministry of Health contribution to your budget.

We are also testing ways of linking this new assessment approach to a funding allocation process designed to identify the funds required to contribute to your good life across the participating government agencies. This will go on in the background for the remainder of the Demonstration and will not affect your funding level. The intention is to ensure that processes increasingly line up with the Enabling Good Lives principles. As ever your feedback is crucial, particularly as we want to establish whether this way of doing things works for you.

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Upcoming Event

Another video blog will be posted on the web-site soon along with new stories and resources so keep an eye out for these.

There is a lot happening over the next few weeks with a great turnout for the first gathering of upcoming school leavers and families of the year followed by a Choice in Community Living Workshop on 17th March.

Finally, Enabling Good Lives participants, families and providers are represented at monthly meetings of the Local Leadership Group – let your Navigator or Monique here at the office know if you would like to speak to one of the group members directly about your experience of Enabling Good Lives. They are there to represent your interests.

Gordon Boxall
Director

Enabling Good Lives and Provider Connections

Richard Buchanan, Manager of Provider Relationships and Personalised Funding

The EGL team and Christchurch Providers continue to work together to test new ways of working to support disabled people and their families in flexible and creative ways. With only four months left in the Demonstration, we are working to ensure that the systems and processes we've developed are bedded in to ensure that EGL participants have access to a range of support options that will assist them in living their Good Life.

We have been working closely with the Ministry of Health to introduce Flexible Disability Support Contracts within the Christchurch Demonstration. Providers holding these contracts are able to host participants funding, assist participants to purchase supports from other providers and/or provide flexible supports themselves. A total of 11 Agencies from Inclusion and Participation, Home Based Support and Residential Providers successfully applied for these contracts and attended an initial workshop on the 25th of February to explore how they will now be able to provide more flexible supports to disabled people and their families. EGL participants now have more choices on who can assist

them to manage their budgets and support arrangements. These Providers will be producing some information to describe what they can offer to EGL participants which we will circulate to everyone. Some EGL participants already know and work with these Providers so it will just be a matter of shifting the funding around, but for others it could be a more significant change. Either way, you will retain control of the process.

For EGL participants who have their budgets hosted by Manawanui and wish to pay a provider or organisation for support, they are able to use a Third Party Payment Agreement to make things easier. Signing up to one of these agreements allows Manawanui to pay a Provider on a participants behalf as well as dealing with GST so that the GST is not taken from participants budgets. Talk to your Manawanui Coach or EGL Navigator should you want further details.

The New Zealand Disability Support Network (NZDSN) in conjunction with EGL Christchurch are running a workshop on the Choice in Community Living approach on the 17th March. This opportunity is primarily aimed at Providers who hold Flexible Disability

Support Contracts and are interested in supporting disabled people and their families who are interested in exploring alternatives to residential care. EGL participants and their families are very welcome to attend – there will be no charge for EGL participants or families. Please go to the NZDSN website for further information and to register: www.nzdsn.org.nz

Richard Buchanan
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Families and Community Development

Annette Van Dongen and Hannah Perry

Co-Managers Families and Community Development



Kia ora, Talofa Lava, Kia orana, Malo e lelei, Greetings!

In particular we would like to welcome any new families to the Enabling Good Lives Demonstration.

As an ORS funded student considering leaving school in 2016 and 2017 you and your family are included in the new approach to supporting people; aimed at giving you more choice and control over the life that you lead.

Enabling Good Lives offers a number of things including:

- a) Access to a 'Navigator' who will help you plan for your good life and pull in the people and resources that can help you achieve this
- b) Access to an 'EGL Personal Budget' which can pool all of your funding together so you can use it more flexibly to achieve your goals and live your good life

You may be aware that the EGL Christchurch Demonstration is ending in June 2016. After this, EGL participants will continue to have access to their EGL personal budget and 2016/2017 school leavers will also be able to use a limited number of free hours of 'navigation'.

It is essential that families connect with us as soon as possible to get the most out of the EGL Navigators and to ensure that transition from school into a good life is as well supported as possible.

Please contact Hannah on hannah@eglives.co.nz or 354 5515/ 021 668 949 if you or someone you know has ORS funding and are considering leaving school this year or next year.

Any other families who would like to be on our mailing list, and kept updated with the workshops and other opportunities we have on offer, should feel free to get in touch also.

We look forward to hearing from you and learning about your good life!

Hannah and Annette
Co-Managers Families and Community

EGL PROVIDER & SCHOOL LUNCHBOX SESSIONS

This is a chance to get together, network, collaborate and chat to the EGL team about the Christchurch demonstration. You set the discussion topics. Email richard@eglives.co.nz your questions before each session – a few days in advance if possible.

EGL Lunchbox Sessions are between 12-1pm on the last Tuesday of the month in the Avon Room, Level 4 of the Ministry of Social Development, 7 Winston Ave, Papanui.

New mural, a reminder that rebuild facilities are for every body

Media release from the Earthquake Disability Leadership Group (EDLG)

A new mural at the Metro Sports Facility site was unveiled on 3 December 2015 in celebration of International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2015.

The mural, on the corner of Antigua St and Balfour Tce, was developed by Karl Rolling-Sun and a group of young people of all abilities, with the support of the Earthquake Disability Leadership Group (EDLG), the Cube and CCS Disability Action. It was unveiled by Minister for Disability Issues Nicky Wagner. It was great that two EGL participants, Jennifer Kwok and Janelle Olley were also involved.

The theme of the mural is “Inclusion Matters: Access for all in Christchurch”.

EDLG Chair Ruth Jones says the mural will be an on-going reminder of the need to involve disabled people in Canterbury's rebuild and for new facilities to be suitable for everybody.

For further information contact Michele Hider at Michele@prioritycomms.co.nz or on 0275 513 458



Hanmer Springs

by Rachel Baker

On Saturday the 28th of November I had to be by the museum by 8:30 in the morning.

Hanna said the bus should be here by now, but we were waiting for half an hour.

Hanna rang the bus “come please”.

The bus driver arrived. The people had to check who got on the bus for Hanmer Springs



We hopped on the bus and the bus left.

We had to pay first before we got into the pools.

It was very hot there was no rain, there was sun all day.

I talked to my mates, caught up with my Deaf friends.

I went in the pool but I didn't go on the slide - too scary!

We had to get out at 3:30 because the bus arrived at 4:30.

We got home at 6:30 at night.

Summer Photos



Michelle Walter: "This Summer has had a constant change of weather"

Chris Vining: "End of year gardens making pizza with the produce we have grown"



Tyler Hough-Lamont: "With my two fish catch"



Gypsy O'Flynn: "At Sumner with Dad, Luke"

Life Beyond Navigation

The Navigators are now beginning to work with 2016/2017 school leavers. This means that for many families, who have joined us earlier on this journey, Navigators are having their final discussions with whānau about what the future might look like, and who might be able to help.

Families have been asked to share their experiences with Enabling Good Lives; what worked, what could have been better, and how things are now for young people, their families and communities. We are very grateful for the feedback we have been given, and continue to refine and adapt how we are working. The principle of Self Determination is not just about individuals being in control of their own lives, but also having authority over how the Enabling Good Lives approach is developed and refined. It

is particularly exciting when young people themselves are completing these surveys, and ensuring their voices are heard.

Young people and families are encouraged to attend the Family Capacity Workshops we have available, thanks to the generosity of Te Pou and the Ministry of Health. We will continue to run these until May 2016. Please contact Hannah@eglives.co.nz if you'd like to join the mailing list to ensure you know what is on offer and when. These are good opportunities to learn specific skills, get information and most importantly to meet other families and young people.

While Navigators have stopped working with some families directly, people should feel free to contact Co-Managers Annette or Hannah (contact

details are below) should they need to over the next four months. The Navigator's job was never to "do for" families but rather connect them to the people who might be able to help support building relationships.

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Please see below an Official Communication:

ENABLING GOOD LIVES: What will be available for School Leavers and Families in Christchurch in July 2016?

We will continue to provide an Enabling Good Lives (EGL) approach for Christchurch school leavers, leaving school from July 2016 until June 2018, who are verified as High or Very High Needs in the On-going Resourcing Scheme (ORS). This will include independent facilitation (navigation).

By June 2018, we expect that decisions will have been made about how we will apply what we have learned from Enabling Good Lives across New Zealand.

From 1 July 2016, an Enabling Good Lives Coordinator will provide support to current participants and new school leavers with high or very high needs in the ORS in Christchurch. This person will be based in the Ministry of Health and will come on board in early June 2016. We will provide more information when this is available.

Meet Michael: Fishing expert and Cricket aficionado

If you want to know anything about cricket and especially the Black Caps then Michael Shadwell is your man. Michael has always taken a keen interest in cricket, especially in all the facts and figures that seem to be an important part of being a cricket fan. For Michael the best batters in the current Black Caps are Kane Williamson, Martin Guptill and Ross Taylor and of them Kane Williamson is probably the best (who could argue with that!). If you're wondering why Brendan McCullum doesn't feature it's simply that his test average isn't good enough. Michael used to play cricket and is keen to start playing again as an all-rounder with an especially good bowling action.

Michael is also a very keen fisherman going out with his father whenever weather, time and tides permit. They mostly go surf casting catching Rig, Elephant fish and Kahawai. When they go river fishing it is mostly to catch herrings for bait. Michael's Granddad is also a keen fisherman, fishing mostly for Salmon.

When EGL spoke to Michael at the end of last year, he was looking forward to leaving school and trying new things. He already has his sights on spending some time with his new mates at AJ's.



“Georgie Pie”: Creator

Whatever else happens in Georgia Strangman’s new life post school, she is determined it will be creative, creative, creative, and that it will definitely include dancing.

This year Lyn Cotton was Georgia’s teacher at Jolt. A highlight this year was putting on an introductory dance for the Papanui High School production of the Adams Family. Next year Georgia will join others from Papanui High School at Arts Integrated.

As well as dance Georgia has been trying her hand at Candle Making, baking and painting. Next year she will be continuing with the candle making at AJ’s and perhaps art generally at Skillwise. When she is not being creative Georgia likes to swim, enjoys outdoor adventures and likes to be around horses and other animals.



“I love dancing because it makes me happy and has lots of emotions in it.....Different cultures have different beats to interpret and different emotions and expressions such as love and death and marriage and celebrations.”



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

with the Health and Disability Commissioner

Join the Health and Disability Commissioner's office for a consumer seminar Christchurch - and hear about your rights under the Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers' Rights. We will focus on the rights of disabled people.

More information can be found in the previous EGL Newsletter: Summer 2015

DATE Friday 11 March 2016

TIME 1.30pm – 3.30pm

VENUE Sydenham Room, South Library, 66 Colombo St, Christchurch

Please RSVP and let us know if you have any accessibility needs (NZSL interpreters available on request). Email seminar@hdc.org.nz or call 0800 11 22 33 and ask for Esther Woodbury.



Keep in touch

Join us on Facebook

Enabling Good Lives has a private Facebook group for participants and families who are involved in the Christchurch demonstration.

To join, email monique@eglives.co.nz.

Subscribe to our newsletter

If you would like to be on our newsletter mailing list, please email monique@eglives.co.nz to be added.

Provider updates

Provider updates are available to those involved in the Christchurch demonstration. If you would like to receive monthly lunch box updates, please email richard@eglives.co.nz

Our website

Our website is now live and being populated with all things EGL. You can find this at www.enablinggoodlives.co.nz. You can also find information at www.odi.govt.nz/eglives.

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You are invited to a Family Capacity Building Workshop:

Employment Matters

Support and advice for Individualised Funding and
Enabling Good Lives Participants and their families.

Saturdays April 9th, April 30th, May 7th, May 14th

Our Lady of Victories Hall,
106 Main Road Sockburn.

Please RSVP by April 2nd
(for catering purposes)

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