

Meeting Summary – 29 April 2025

Attendance & Apologies

Present: Marty, Rāwā, Lisa, Ingrid, Amy, Matthew, Stephanie, Hemi, Shane, Chris, Sue, Irene, Marg (meeting assistant), Robyn (Admin), Marlene, and Jeremy.

Apologies: Victoria.

Key Discussions & Updates

Venue Search: Looking for a new venue that supports both in-person and online meetings.

Core Group Sessions: Planning topic-based sessions on areas like starting a business and NZ Disability Strategy submissions.

Law Hui: Positive feedback received. Parking issues raised, potential use of Cancer Society spaces in future.

Budget Review: Robyn and Chris to assess WRLG budget.

Website Updates: Working Group to reconvene and finalize updates. Feedback welcomed.

Stakeholder Connections: Identifying gaps in engagement, particularly in Selwyn/Waimak and lower socio-economic communities. Plans to connect with MSD, The Loft, Homeless Collective, and Housing Network.

Action Items

- **Riccarton Accessibility Issue:** Robyn to follow up.
- **Law Hui Feedback:** Chris to reach out to Rachel.
- **Proposal Review:** Discussion on separating disabled and whānau support while ensuring accessibility. Decision not to proceed with the current concept but to explore local resources.
- **Chris Bunny Follow-Up:** Robyn, Amy, and Lisa to email Chris regarding changes in communication methods and accessibility.
- **Emergency Management Bill Submission:** WRLG to contribute to a disability-focused response, with Rāwā drafting the submission.

Social Media Coordination: Website Working Group to set engagement parameters. Proposal to bring in a younger coordinator. Chris to draft an expression of interest for a role.

Stakeholder Engagement Spreadsheet: Robyn to circulate for input.

Aspire Directory Update: Chris and Robyn to ensure WRLG is listed.

Next Steps Event (4 July): Preparing resources, including WRLG materials and an information table.

Thrive Tickets: Aspire offering 10 tickets for Thrive sessions. Link shared for free entry.

Toitu Te Waiora Disability Sector Qualification: Call for board members to help design NZQA courses. Commitment of 10 one-hour meetings over the coming months.

Plain Language 2022 Response: WRLG to submit feedback opposing removal of plain language requirements.

EGL Principles Training Programme: WRLG discussing financial support for EGL training sessions for disability sector workers.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, 27 May 2025, 10am–2pm at Braintree.