

## Meeting Summary – 27 May 2025

### Attendance & Apologies

Present: Marty, Rāwā (until 12pm), Matt, Lisa, Ingrid, Amy, Stephanie, Hemi, Shane, Chris, Irene, Marg, Robyn (Admin), Jenna, and Jeremy.

Apologies: Victoria, Sue, Marg.

### Key Discussions & Updates

- **Law Hui:** Response received from Rachel during the meeting (see Attachment 1).
- **Budget:** Robyn and Chris working on WRLG budget, including accessibility costs. Chris to follow up with Doug regarding contract renewal and funding. Funding is secure through the New Year.
- **NEGL:** Meeting with Mark Benjamin on 28 May.
- **Pay Equity:** Rāwā to revise wording to reflect concerns about care workers' pay equity and its impact on the disability community.
- **Website Updates:** goal is to launch in time for Next Steps
- **Health Hui:** Follow-up with Kathy and outreach to original participants.
- **EGL Training Programme:** Need for induction programme for organizations and caregivers to ensure knowledge of EGL principles – this may already exist. To investigate

### Future Events & Initiatives

- **Next Steps Event:** WRLG presence confirmed for 4 July
- **Community Safety:** Discussion on policies to ensure a safe environment, including criteria for service providers. A working group formed to research further.
- **Autism Diagnosis:** Social Investment Agency and Autism NZ piloting a private diagnosis pathway for preschool children. Concerns raised about the lack of a public pathway for older children.
- **WRLG Information Sharing Policy:** Guidelines discussed for sharing information and news while avoiding political affiliations and distress to the community.
- **Budget 2025:** Funding updates for special schools, teacher aides, and ORS students. Concerns raised regarding the impact of benefit changes for disabled youth.

- **Pay Equity & Disability Community:** Discussion on the financial impact on support workers and disabled individuals. Plan to draft a letter addressing concerns to local representatives.
- **NZSL Draft Strategy 2025–2030:** Consultation is open until 2 June 2025

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, 24 June 2025, 10am–2pm at Braintree.**