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Can't believe we're already heading into the last month of 2024! It's been a year of change and challenge for our community, so it's great to kick off December with **International Day of People with Disabilities (IDPD)**.

We've seen some awesome events pop up around the mōtu, and we've pulled them all together on Firstport for you.

One of our team has done some research on Accessible Travel Agencies to help you get ready for summer. Plus, as the holiday season draws near, we're revisiting the Enabling Good Lives (EGL) Principles.



What does International Day of People with Disabilities mean (IDPD) for our community?

IDPD is seen around the world and this year's theme is all about enhancing the mana of our disabled people.

The United Nations set the 2024 IDPD theme as “Amplifying the leadership of persons with disabilities for an inclusive and sustainable future.” It's about recognising the value, talent, and potential that disabled people bring to Aotearoa. A reminder to continue to create and find spaces for our community to demonstrate self-determination so we can live life to the fullest.

Take a look at how our community are celebrating across Aotearoa! ↓↓

Find IDPD events near you





**I.Connect in person
with I.Lead - Auckland**



**Amplifying Disabled People's
Leadership - Online**

If you're planning an event, awareness campaign, or any activity related to IDPD, we'd love to feature your initiatives on our IDPD events hub and on our social channels.

List your own event



How can Accessible Travel Agencies support me this summer?

Tori from our team went on a mission to track agencies making travel easier for our community. Turns out, there's a mix of organisations who focus on making going on adventures more accessible.

Whatever your travel needs, there's likely to be a clever person or organisation passionate about developing a series of travel activities ready for you. You've got places like:

- Ability Adventures
- Making Trax
- Freedom Mobility
- Or Identity Tours.

Take a look and let us know your experience travelling this summer.

Explore accessible travel agencies



Living and breathing Enabling Good Lives!

If you're new to disability in New Zealand, the Enabling Good Lives (EGL) principles are the approach and mindset our disabled and non-disabled whānau want to live and breathe.

From beginning early to accessing mainstream services first, EGL are deeply embedded across our organisations and something we can hold each other to account on.

As you're out Christmas shopping, catching those Black Friday deals, or meeting mates at a restaurant, take a moment to ask yourself: is this easy to use? Do I have the ability to contribute as a disabled person? Am I supported?

When we understand what these principles mean and how they affect our community, we can educate our non-disabled community in a mana enhancing way.

Learn more about Enabling Good Lives

Dock Into your first port of news!

[Upskilling with free online learning: Whether you've been working on getting into a job, a new world of learning is now available to you!](#)

[How a sunflower lanyard is helping Kiwis with 'invisible' disabilities](#)

[Apple are bringing a new hearing aid feature to their air pods and New Zealand is going to be the first country to test it out.](#)

[Gaining your license: The steps and networks to start driving on the road this summer.](#)



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