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We all need each other.

Disabled people are important leaders of Auckland's climate future



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What this Easy Read is about

This Easy Read is from **Auckland Climate Change Project**.



The **Auckland Climate Change Project** supports people to figure out how to live with **climate change**.

It is part of Auckland Council.



Climate change means big changes in the weather all over the world.

It can mean different things will happen in different places like:

- more flooding
- very hot weather.





This Easy Read is about why it is important for disabled people to be part of figuring out how to live with climate change.



It was written with support from 2 disabled people:

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Etta Bollinger is a writer.



Juliana Carvalho is part of the **Disability-led climate adaptation pilot**.







The **Disability-led climate adaptation pilot** supports disability communities to:

- learn about climate change
- find ways to live with climate change
- have better relationships with Auckland Council
- become leaders in living with climate change.



In this Easy Read the **Disability-led climate adaptation pilot** will be called the **Pilot**.

Disabled people are important leaders



The Pilot chose 6 projects to give funding / money to this year.



The 6 projects were all:

- led by disabled people
- things that will support disabled people in Auckland to live with climate change.



The projects were chosen through a **participatory grantmaking process**.



Here a **participatory grantmaking process** means disabled people were part of deciding which projects would get funding / money.



Auckland Council made sure everything about the Pilot was:

- **accessible**
- **inclusive**.



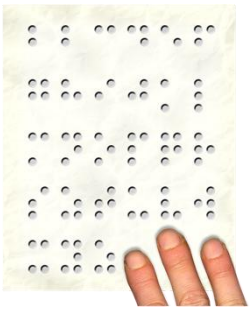
Accessible means something works well for disabled people.



Here **inclusive** means everyone can take part.



Auckland Council had information about the Pilot in a lot of different formats like:



- Easy Read
- Braille
- audio / sound



- **live captions**
- **transcripts**.



Live captions means writing that shows on screen what someone is saying while they are speaking.



Transcripts are documents of what everyone has said for people to read later.



There were workshops for people / groups who were asking the Pilot for funding / money.



People could:

- take part in the workshops online
- bring a support person to the workshops.



Disabled people are experts



Here **experts** are people who have a lot of:

- knowledge
- skills.



Climate change means the world is becoming very different to how it used to be.



We will all need to find ways to live in a different world.



A lot of things will become harder.



Disabled people already know a lot of things that will make it easier for everyone to live with climate change.



A lot of things are not designed to be easy for disabled people to use.



Many disabled people are very good at finding different ways to do things.

Disabled people are experts at solving problems.



They can support other people to get better at solving problems.

We need each other



Everyone has different:

- skills
- knowledge.



Some people can:

- grow food
- make clothes.



A lot of people do not know how to do these things.



Climate change means we all will need to work together to:

- keep well
- stay safe.



Working together is a good way to make sure everyone can feel:

- safe
- supported.



Disabled people are often very good at making sure everyone feels **included**.



Here **included** means feeling like you:

- belong
- can take part in things.

More information



The Auckland Climate Action newsletter has information about:

- ideas for living with climate change

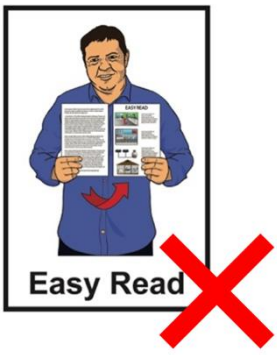


- events to do with climate change
- what is happening with the projects that got funding / money from the Pilot.



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