

Auckland Council Disability Action Plan



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What this Easy Read is about



This Easy Read is from Auckland **Council**.



A **council** is a group of people who make choices about how to run a town / city like Auckland.



When you see **we / us / our** in this Easy Read it means Auckland Council.



This Easy Read is about
**Mahere mahi mō te
Hauā / Disability Action Plan.**



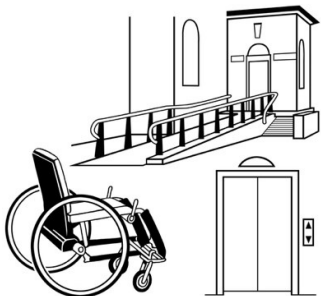
Mahere mahi mō te

Hauā / Disability Action Plan is our plan to make Auckland more:

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



In this Easy Read Mahere mo te Haua / Disability Action Plan is called **the action plan**.



Accessible means everyone can do the things they need / want to do.

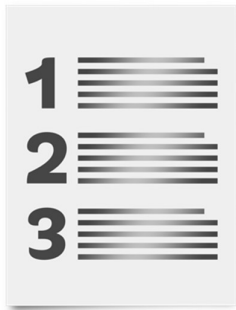


Inclusive means everyone can:

- take part
- feel like they belong.



This Easy Read is a **summary** of the full action plan.



A **summary** is:

- shorter than the full document
- tells you the main ideas.



You can find the full action plan at:

<https://tinyurl.com/4nkr3udw>



The full action plan is **not** in Easy Read.

About the action plan



We wrote the action plan to support us to make living in Auckland better for disabled people.



The action plan will also be good for other people like:

- whānau / families
- older people.

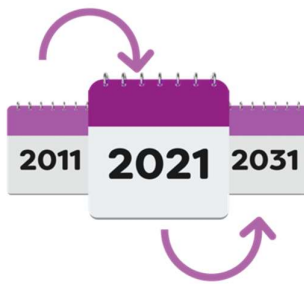


The action plan is part of **Ngā Hapori Momoho / Thriving Communities**.

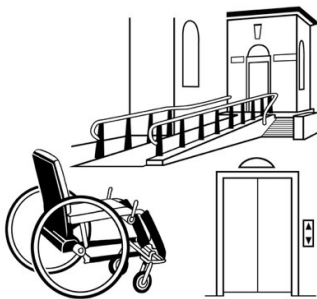


Ngā Hapori Momoho / Thriving Communities is our plan to make Auckland:

- fairer
- more **sustainable**
- a place where everyone feels like they belong.



Sustainable means something will keep working for a long time.



The action plan supports Ngā Hapori Momoho / Thriving Communities by making sure disabled people have:

- better accessibility
- fewer **barriers**.

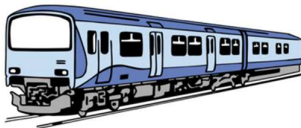


Barriers are things that make it harder to do the things you need / want to do.



The action plan has 5 main parts:

- buildings, places and spaces
- knowledge, communications and engagement
- events and services
- our workplace
- transport.



Council staff are working on 70 different **actions** to do with all 5 parts of the action plan.

Here **actions** are things the action plan says need to be done.



This Easy Read has information about some of the most important actions.



The full action plan has information about:

- all the actions
- how we are going with each action.

Buildings, places and spaces



There are 19 actions about:

- buildings
- spaces like parks / playgrounds
- places like beaches.



We will use **universal design** when we plan new buildings.



Universal design means making things that can be used by everyone no matter:

- how old they are
- what size they are
- what disabilities they have.





We will check the accessibility of buildings that could be used for **community welfare**.



Here **community welfare** means giving support to people like when there has been a **natural disaster**.



A **natural disaster** is when bad things happen because of something like a:

- volcano
- cyclone / storm
- bushfire.



We will keep building accessible playgrounds.



We will use universal design when we plan things for older people like:



- housing
- services.

Knowledge, communications and engagement



There are 15 actions about:

- knowledge / information
- **communications**
- **engagement.**



Here **communications** means all the ways the council gives people information.



Here **engagement** means how people:

- take part in things the council does
- tell the council what they think.

We will think about accessibility when we plan how to manage natural disasters.

We will give staff in all parts of the council training about how to make our communications more accessible.



We will make sure our website is easy to:

- use
- understand.



We will choose pictures for our communications that show disabled Aucklanders.



We will make sure we have good information about disabled people in Auckland.

Events and services



There are 5 actions about:

- events like festivals
- services like rubbish collection.



We will keep working with

Blind Low Vision New Zealand.



Blind Low Vision New Zealand:

- supports people who:
 - are blind
 - have low vision / a lot of trouble seeing things
- is run by people who are blind / have low vision.

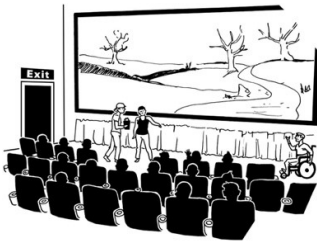


We will look at the accessibility **outcomes** of our big:

- projects
- events.



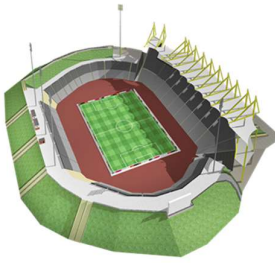
Outcomes are things that happen when work is done.



For example an outcome might be that when we have accessible events more disabled people go to them.

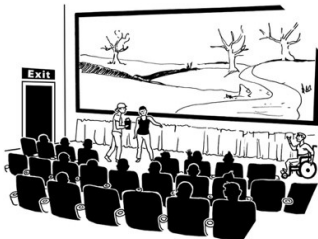


Looking at outcomes will support us to keep doing better.



We will work to have better accessibility at places like:

- stadiums like Western Springs
- Auckland Art Gallery
- Auckland Zoo.



We will make sure the events we run are accessible.



We will also make sure it is easy to:

- find accessible information about events
- get tickets to events.





We will work with schools to run projects about **climate change resilience** with young disabled people.

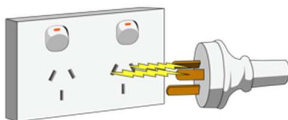


Climate change resilience means being able to cope with problems caused by **climate change**.



Climate change means big changes in the weather.

Climate change is caused by things people do like:



- burning things like coal to make energy
- driving cars that use petrol
- cutting down forests.



Our workplace



There are 9 actions about our workplace / working for the council.



We will work to have better accessibility for our staff for the whole time they work for us.



We will find ways to hire more disabled people to work for the council.



We will join the **New Zealand Disability Employers Network.**



The **New Zealand Disability Employers Network** supports businesses / organisations to be more accessible.



We will work towards getting the **Accessibility Tick**.



The **Accessibility Tick** says a business / organisation has done a lot of work to be accessible for their:

- staff
- customers / clients.

Transport



There are 22 actions about **transport**.



Transport is all the ways people get around like:

- public transport like buses
- roads
- bike paths.



We will update the **Auckland Transport Accessibility Action Plan**.



Auckland Transport is the part of the Auckland Council in charge of transport.



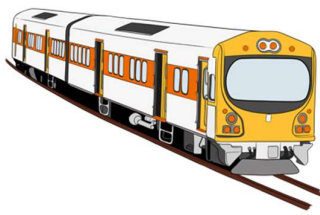
The **Accessibility Action Plan** says what needs to be done to make transport in Auckland work well for everyone.



Some bus routes will change:

- while we are building the **City Rail Link**
- when the City Rail Link opens in 2026.





The **City Rail Link** is a big project to build new train:

- tracks
- tunnels
- stations.



We will make sure that when bus routes change the signs on buses / bus stops will be easy to:

- read
- understand.



We will give Auckland Transport staff training in universal design.



We will try out using New Zealand Sign Language videos at:

- train stations
- wharves / ferry terminals
- bus interchanges / stations.



New Zealand Sign Language videos will support Deaf people to use public transport.

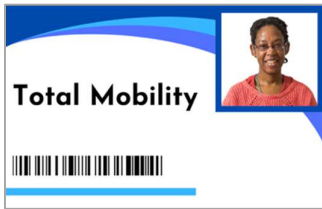


We will change the **Plus One concession** so disabled people can bring a support person on:

- trains
- ferries.



The **Plus One concession** lets people who have a **Total Mobility card** bring a support person on the bus with them for free.

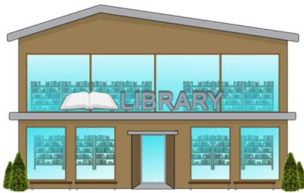


A **Total Mobility card** lets disabled people pay less money to use transport like taxis.

Better accessibility every day



The action plan is an important way for people to find out all the things we are doing to support disabled people like:



- support for people who cannot take their rubbish bins out to the kerb



- making libraries more accessible
- **grants** for things like:



- support groups
- art events
- sports.



Grants are money the council gives people / organisations so they can do things for the Auckland community.



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