



WAIMAKARIRI ACCESS GROUP

Disability Services in North Canterbury

IDEA Services – Canterbury

One of NZ's largest providers supporting people with intellectual disabilities (residential care, supported living, vocational support, behaviour services, community participation).

Contact: Southern Regional Office (Christchurch): Level 2, 7 Winston Ave, Papanui, Christchurch 8053. PO Box 27202, Shirley, Christchurch 8640. Phone: 03 341 9299. Email: southern@idea.org.nz

IHC (Including North Canterbury)

Advocates for rights & inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities: housing, work, family support, advocacy, Friendship Programme. Family-Whānau Liaison in Christchurch.

Contact: IHC Friendship Programme: Email: diana.shoppee@ihc.org.nz Call: 027 531 3579.

Family-Whānau Liaison Enquiries: 0800 442 311 Email: donna.higgs-herrick@ihc.org.nz

Waimakariri Libraries

Public library network: books, events, computer access, digital literacy, genealogy help, Tinkerzone, Māori & multilingual resources.

Contact: Phone: 0800 965 542. Email: libraries@wmk.govt.nz. Trevor Inch Memorial Library, Rangiora. Ruataniwha Civic Centre, Kaiapoi. Oxford Library & Service Centre.

Waitaha EGL Regional Leadership Group

Regional Leadership Group promoting Enabling Good Lives (EGL) – meetings, advocacy, supporting disabled people & whānau.

Contact: Email: admin@eglwaitaha.org. Website: <https://www.wrlg.org/>

Enabling Good Lives (EGL) – Canterbury

Supports disabled people to have choice & control over supports and lives. EGL office at Eastgate Mall.

Contact: The Loft, Eastgate Mall, Christchurch. Phone: 0800 225 570. Email: EGLCInfo@msd.govt.nz

Deaf Aotearoa

National advocate/service provider for Deaf people – NZSL education, equipment, employment, interpreters.

Contact: 96 Bristol St, St Albans, Christchurch 8014. Phone: 03 366 0880.

Email: christchurch@deaf.org.nz

Chris Ruth Centre

Community-based day services for people with complex disabilities: activities, transitions, skill-building, quality of life.

Contact: Unit 7, 4 O'Briens Rd, Sockburn 8042. Phone: 03 3392930.

Email: admin100@chrisruthcentre.co.nz Website: www.chrisruthcentre.co.nz

The Lighthouse Programme (Rangiora High School)

Inclusive support unit at Rangiora High School for students with special needs, family communication, tailored education.

Contact: Rangiora High School, East Belt, Rangiora 7400. Phone: 03 311 8888.

Email: lighthouse@rangiorahigh.school.nz

The Place Rangiora

Low-sensory safe space for neurodiverse children & caregivers to nurture social skills & confidence.

Contact: Cnr Alfred & Ivory Streets, Rangiora. Contact Sarah: sarah@theplacenz.com

Recreate NZ

Adventure, recreation, social, education & work-skills programmes for young people with intellectual disabilities.

Contact: 1a Harewood Road, Papanui, Christchurch. Phone: 021 871 787.

Email: christchurch@recreate.org.nz

Parent to Parent – Greater Canterbury

Free confidential support for families with disabled, neurodivergent or health-impaired members (support network, workshops, events).

Contact: Regional Coordinators: Sophie Carter & Rebecca Honeybone. Phone: 0508 236 236.

Email: gtrcanterbury@parent2parent.org.nz. Local: 03 365 5344

Shine Tribe (Pines Beach)

Creative community space in North Canterbury encouraging expression through art & creativity for disabled individuals.

Contact: Pines Beach Community Hall, Pines Beach. Email: hello@shinetribe.co.nz

ChoicesNZ

Part of IHC Group, supporting people with disabilities to achieve employment goals through tailored services.

Contact: Email: talktous@choicesnz.org.nz. Phone: 0800 275 154

Riding for the Disabled (RDA) North Canterbury

Provides interaction with horses to improve health & wellbeing for people with disabilities or specific needs.

Contact: 4B Milton Ave, Rangiora. Email: northcanterbury@rdagroup.nz

People First New Zealand Inc.

Self-advocacy groups & inclusive services for people with learning disabilities, families, whānau & organisations.

Contact: Christchurch Community House, 213 Lichfield St, Christchurch. Call: 0800 20 60 70.

Emails: hollandgaston@peoplefirst.org.nz, marg@peoplefirst.org.nz

Arts Integrated

Charitable trust providing performing arts education & opportunities for disabled individuals (dance, theatre, music, circus).

Contact: Email: artsintegrated1@gmail.com. Call: 021 230 9029. Website: <https://move.org.nz/about/>

Driving Miss Daisy

Safe, friendly, reliable companion driving service. Wheelchair accessible vehicle available.

Contact: Phone: 03 312 2936. Mob: 0212245606. Email: northcanterbury@drivingmissdaisy.co.nz

Lifelinks

Whole-of-life service planning, outcome plans & strategies with individuals & families.

Contact: 94 Disraeli St, Sydenham, Christchurch 8023. Phone: 0800 866 877

I.Lead

Provides information, support & services for disabled youth, families & organisations. Based in Auckland but supports Canterbury youth.

Contact: 3 William Laurie Place, Albany, Auckland (supporting Canterbury youth).

Phone: 02102228574 . Email: hannah@yesdisability.org.nz

The ARC Rangiora

Modern shared housing community in Rangiora for adults seeking stability, connection, belonging.

Contact: Email: rangiorahousing@gmail.com

Skillwise

Supports adults with learning disabilities via personal plans, integration, skills, employment, arts & programmes.

Contact: 344 Manchester St, Christchurch 8013. Phone: 03 382 0350. Email: info@skillwise.org.nz

Manawanui

National leader in Individualised Funding (IF), tools, payroll, recruitment, training & coaching.

Contact: Phone: 0508 462 427. Email: info@manawanui.org.nz

Te Wana Ltd.

Assistive technologies for epilepsy, seizures, alarms & medication dispensers.

Contact: Website: <https://tewanaltd.co.nz/>. Email: Jonathan.Sibbles@TeWanaLtd.co.nz

Call: 021438067