

International Initiative on Disability Leadership

The future is what we make it

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Who am I?

- Ko Marotiri te maunga
- Ko Mangahauini te awa
Ko Te Whanau-a-Ruataupare te hapu
- Ko Ngati Porou te iwi



A quick note about me

- Active in the NZ disability sector for almost 35+ years;
- Self-employed consultant;
- Have strong links to innovative organisations like SAMS, Imagine Better & Access Ability, Manawanui in Charge, Barrier Free NZ Trust;
- The emerging new Christchurch city;
- Past-chair of the Enabling Good Lives Leadership Group



The challenges

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- So-called developed economies and austerity;
- The false economies of using economies-of-scales to support disabled people;
- The lack of an investment model for our sector;
- Young people expect different lives now; and
- The need for IIDL to be proactive.

Finally -

**The biggest challenge is to fail to
seize opportunities**