

2022 Match Summary

Name of Match: Peer Led Acute Alternatives

Location of Match: NZ/Virtual

1. Describe the **purpose** of the match: (Maximum 500 words)

The match was for leaders, funders and people with lived experience interested in developing, or with experience of developing peer led acute alternative services. The host organisations have developed three successful services in New Zealand over the last 13 years and are keen to share successes, challenges and ideas for development of similar models and services. A formal evaluation on the efficacy of these models is currently being developed by the University of Auckland. Discussion involved strategies to get decision-maker and funder “buy-in”, tips and ideas from concept to design to implementation to outcome, lessons learned and how models have been adapted over time.

2. Describe the **leaders** who participated in the match (for example, were some of them peers, youth, family/caregivers, practitioners, policy makers, clinicians? Were they from community settings, government, NGOs, clinical settings?): (Maximum 500 words)

A range of peer leaders, public servants, funders, NGO providers, advocates and enthusiasts 😊

3. What do you see as the **game changer** for this match topic? (Game changer is defined as: a newly introduced element or factor that changes an existing situation or activity in a significant way.) (Max 500 words)

Connection with like minded leaders

4. How will the match **support inclusion, resilience and growth** for this match topic and for the leaders who attended: (Maximum 500 words)

The match group made a strong connection and committed to an ongoing support of each other's efforts. Many of the leaders shared successes but also barriers to development of peer led acute alternative services. We also shared frustrations at how a successful model is not routinely available in all settings as an option for people in acute distress.