

# **Auckland Disability Law and The Public Service Association present:**

## **Defining our futures**

Making Individualised Funding Work for everyone

A free hui in Auckland on 16<sup>th</sup> July 9:30am-3:30pm

Deaf Association Conference room

164 Balmoral Road

Individualised Funding (IF) is a concept born from the Disability community and a desire to retain choice and control over our own lives while engaged with support services. It centres around the idea that a person entitled to support services should be able to receive funding directly and make their own choices about how it is spent and whom they employ. This concept is gaining greater Government recognition and more individualised funding is becoming available.

It is a crucial time for us to review how IF is working in Aotearoa/New Zealand, look at if it's working as we had envisaged, acknowledge what is working well and also face up to the challenges, risks and uncertainties that IF is posing.

Hence we have brought together people who between them have experience of Individualised Funding from many different angles. We hope you will join us in exploring this issue and thinking about how we would like to see all our futures defined.

Please RSVP to [amy.ross@psa.org.nz](mailto:amy.ross@psa.org.nz) for catering purposes by the 14th July 2015

Please include:

- Any dietary needs you may have
- Any particular assistance you may require on the day



## Conference programme

9:30 - Welcome and housekeeping

9:40 - Scene setting and background - PSA organiser Amy Ross and Auckland Disability Law Manager Neera Jain

10:00 - Keynote speaker – Auckland Disability Law

10:30 - Questions/discussion

10:45 - Morning tea

11:10 - Keynote speaker - Co-presentation by PSA union organiser Amy Ross and a current Support worker (to be confirmed) on the support workers perspective

11:40 - Questions/discussion

11:55 - Keynote Speaker- Philip Patston

12:25 - Questions/discussion

12:40 - Lunch

1:40 - Panel facilitated wider group discussion

- PSA representative
- ADL representative
- Garth Bennie From New Zealand Disability Support Network
- Other organisations to be confirmed

Each panel member has 5 mins to talk about what they would like to see from support services and how we can best achieve these outcomes with the opportunity then going out to participants to talk/comment/question

3:00 - Summary of the day

3:30 - Finish

