

**NOTES OF THE
DISABILITY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING HELD AT CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL,
53 HEREFORD STREET, Ground Floor, on Tuesday 17 January 2017 at 10:00 am**

Present: Allison Nichols-Dunsmuir (Health in All Policies, CDHB), Rachel Mullins (CCC Inclusive Communities), Paul Barclay, Debbie Baker, Adele Wilkinson, Debra Edmonds.

Apologies: Gail Payne, Shane McInore, Dayl Milne, Philippa Cosgrove.

Facilitator: Allison Nichols-Dunsmuir

Previous Notes, Matters Arising:

Acknowledgement of the planning ideas that were identified in the December meeting.

Community connections and Older Adults Champions Group in the Libraries

Presentation from Libraries about their Community Connections and Older Adults Champions Group. The services offered by the four Learning Centres were outlined; these focus on technology based experiences and skills development for people of all ages. Accessibility and affordability are goals, and services are offered to groups and individuals. DAG suggested that some height adjustable tables and catalogue stands in all libraries would be welcome. Further discussions will take place regarding library staff disability awareness training, a DAG presentation to the Older Adults Champions Group, and links to WorkBridge and MHERC.

Library e-resources to hospital patients

Presentation from Central Manchester librarian about a new project to promote the library's free e-resources to hospital patients. Library members have access to many paid subscriptions, databases and books/magazines/newspapers in various formats. Possible long term goals include putting this information in hospital patient orientation packages, and possibly working through volunteers to assist patients. The project is starting as a pilot at Burwood Hospital, where the NZ Spinal Trust employs a librarian. Further discussions will take place with the Spinal Trust, with DAG assisting as the project develops.

Planning for 2017

The DAG group carried out an exercise identifying potential work for 2017 under the three categories of more of, less of, new. Overall, there is a need for DAG priority setting and measuring outcomes.

General Business

Parking for Hagley Park events: Rachel is involved in the issues regarding the Armagh Street Botanic Gardens carpark being designated for Mobility Permit holders – lighting, safe routes to events, etc. She is organising a survey for the disability community to collect information on people's experiences and views.

Have a Go Bus Day being organised by Environment Canterbury (and others). Date is set for 22 March.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 21 February 2017 at 10:00 am at Christchurch City Council, 53 Hereford Street in Meeting Room One on the Ground Floor