

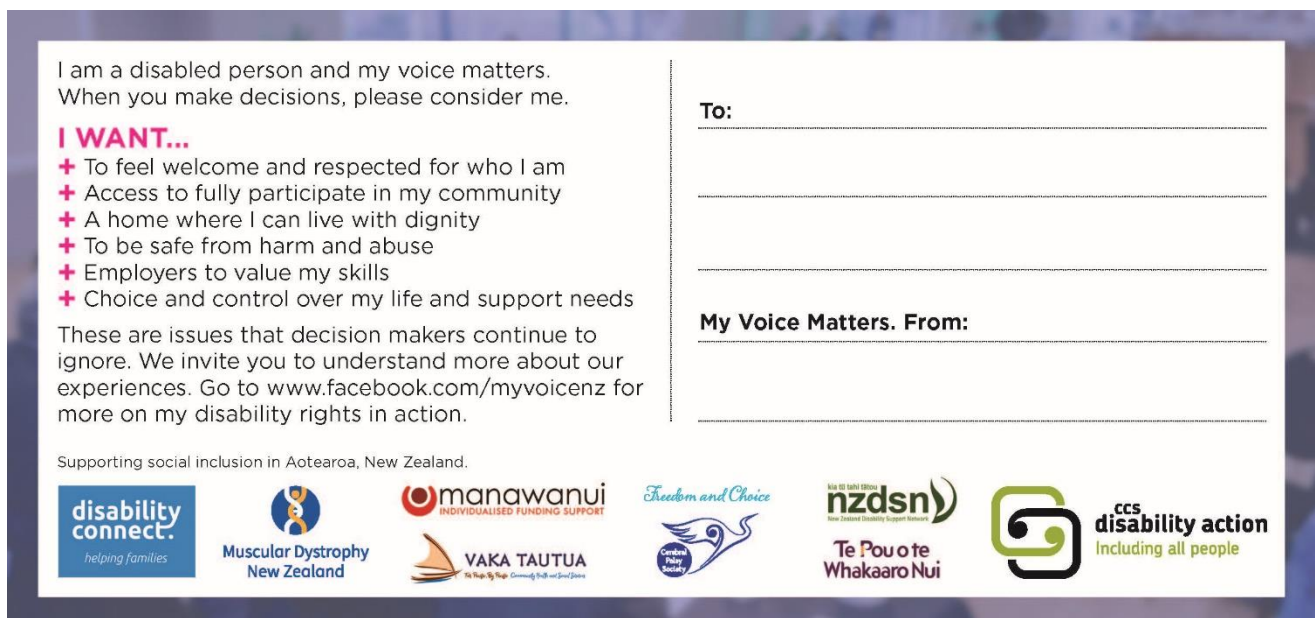
In this month's newsletter:

1. How we can help you have your say this election.
2. How you can make sure your support workers get paid on time.
3. A reminder about the Helpdesk and the Portal.

Elections 2017

Elections are just around the corner. It is important that you get a chance to go out and vote. It is also important that our country's future leaders consider issues that people with disabilities face, during decision-making processes.

This is why our colleagues at My Voice Matter have put together the below postcard, that you can send to members of parliament.



I am a disabled person and my voice matters. When you make decisions, please consider me.

I WANT...








- + To feel welcome and respected for who I am
- + Access to fully participate in my community
- + A home where I can live with dignity
- + To be safe from harm and abuse
- + Employers to value my skills
- + Choice and control over my life and support needs

These are issues that decision makers continue to ignore. We invite you to understand more about our experiences. Go to www.facebook.com/myvoicenz for more on my disability rights in action.

Supporting social inclusion in Aotearoa, New Zealand.

To: _____

My Voice Matters. From: _____

How to use this postcard:

We can send this postcard on your behalf. Simply, e-mail info@incharge.org.nz with some information about which Member of Parliament you would like us to address the postcard to and who it is from.

For a full list of members of parliament, please refer to <https://www.parliament.nz/en/mps-and-electoralates/members-of-parliament/>.

For more information go to <http://disabilitycaucus.nz/election-2017/>



Rodney Draper – Chief Financial Officer

Hello from Finance,

We wish to advise that Grace Hernandez has joined our Payroll team to work alongside Amelia whilst Antoinette Alexander and Rachel Strange have joined the team as Payroll Assistants.

Just a few things to note this month:

1. If you are using the Portal to submit your timesheets, please do not also send timesheets via email, as this could result in the timesheets being missed. If you are using the portal, please submit all your timesheets through the portal.
2. Please note that the IRD considers a support worker being paid to get to and from work as taxable income – it cannot be shown as reimbursement.
3. If you are using a contractor then please ensure all relevant information is included (address, phone number, date of birth etc.).

Rodney



Claire Ryan - National Services Manager

You will remember that earlier in the year we re-shaped the Coaching service and introduced a Helpdesk. So, just a reminder of the services that are available. For more information about our services, please click here:

<http://www.incharge.org.nz/interested-in-using-individualised-funding/our-services/>

Your Coach will be the person that supports you in getting set up and underway with IF. Once you feel confident with managing it, you will be able to make use of the Helpdesk for support and responding to queries like Payroll questions. The Portal Support team is available to take your queries with regard to managing your IF within the Portal. So please do not hesitate to contact any one of these teams.

Claire