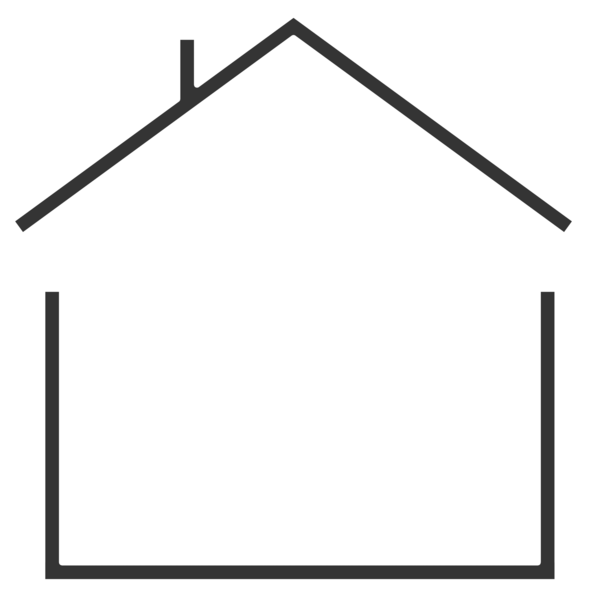
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How to be part of the   
My Home, My Choice   
steering group





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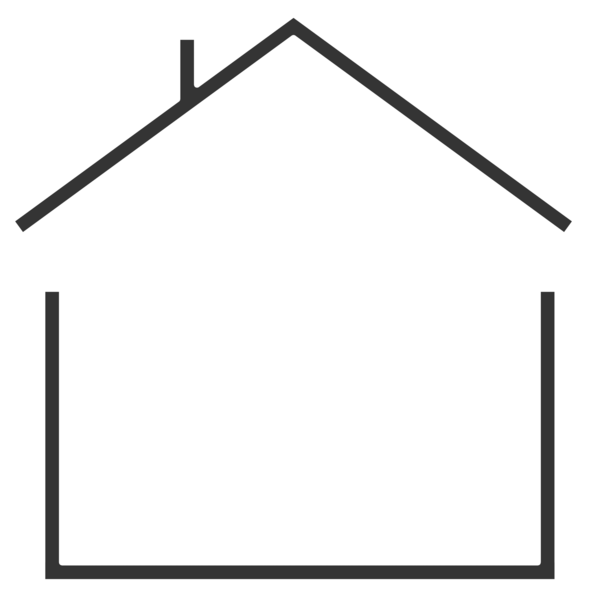
  
  
  
  
  
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Description automatically generatedWhaikaha is working on a **programme** called **My Home,**

**My Choice.**A **programme** is work that looks to make something better.

The **My Home, My Choice** programme looks at what changes are needed so that people in **residential services** have more:



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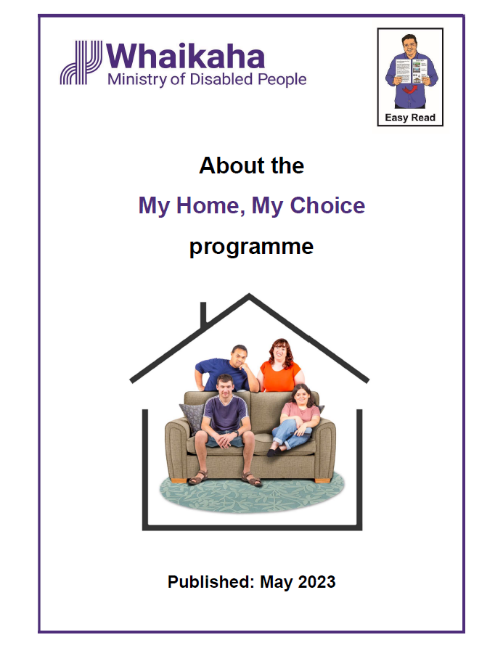
control in their lives.

**Residential services** are when disabled people:

live in a house in the community

* get support all through the   
  day / night.





You can find out more about the programme in the Easy Read document called:

**About the My Home, My Choice programme**.

You can find this document on the Whaikaha website at:

[**www.whaikaha.govt.nz/about-us/policy-strategies-and-action-plans/my-home-my-choice**](http://www.whaikaha.govt.nz/about-us/policy-strategies-and-action-plans/my-home-my-choice)

****The My Home, My Choice programme includes a **steering group.**



A **steering group** is a group of people who guide the work being done on the programme.



The people who are chosen to be part of the steering group will get money for the work they do.

****Some of the people who are chosen to be part of the steering group might have **accessibility needs** like needing:

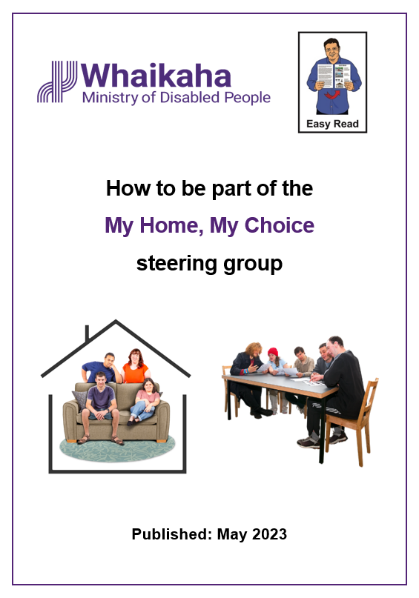
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support when taking part in meetings.

**Accessibility needs** are when a disabled person needs support to do the things / work they want to do in the same way as someone who is not disabled.



Whaikaha will make sure the accessibility needs of steering group members are taken care of / paid for.

This Easy Read document will tell you:

who can be part of the steering group

how the steering group will work

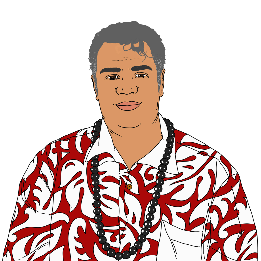
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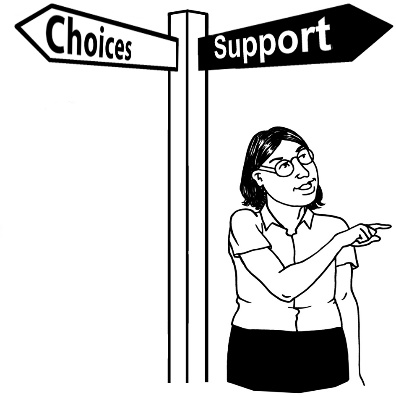
how members of the steering group will be chosen.

# Who can be part of the steering group



Whaikaha want to put together a My Home, My Choice steering group that has:

* a disabled leader
* a tāngata whaikaha Māori / disabled Māori leader
* a leader from the Pacific disability community
* a whānau / family leader
* a leader from an organisation that has residential services
* a leader who knows a lot about working in an **Enabling Good Lives** way.

**Enabling Good lives** is a different way of thinking about disability support.

Enabling Good Lives in about having:

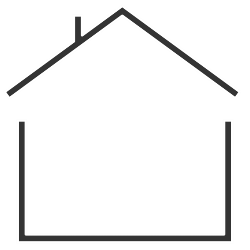
* choice and control in your life
* the support you need and want
* a good life.



All the people in the steering group will:

* have lived in or know a lot about residential services
* know what a good home / living situation would look like for them / their community
* know about **alternatives** to residential care.

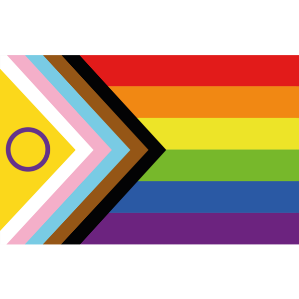
**Alternatives** to residential care is about people having more choice / control about where they live in the community while still getting support to live well.



Whaikaha also want people on the steering group who:

* know how Enabling Good Lives works
* know about Te Tiriti o Waitangi / The Treaty of Waitangi
* understand Te Ao Māori / the Māori world
* have good connections with the disabled community.

It will also be good if the people on the My Home, My Choice steering group know about:

* ****Pacific communities
* **migrant / refugee communities**
* **augmentative communication** oran understanding of communicating with people who are not able to speak
* **LGBTQIA+ community**
* different ways that residential services can work
* **safeguarding** so disabled people can make their own decisions
* ways to build stronger communities.

**Migrant** communities are made up of people who have left their home countries looking for a better life somewhere else.



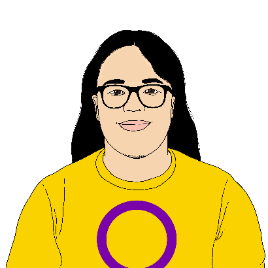
**Refugee** communities are made up of people who have had to leave their home countries as they were no longer safe.



**Augmentative communication** is about the tools that support someone who has difficulty talking to communicate.

**LGBTTQIA+** stands for people who are:

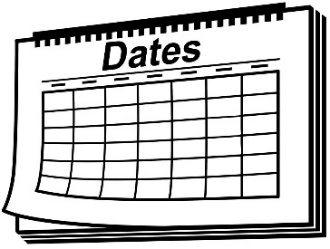
* Lesbian
* Gay
* Bisexual
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* Takatāpui
* Queer
* Intersex
* Asexual
* + is for other people who fit in similar groups.

**Safeguarding** means making sure that disabled people:

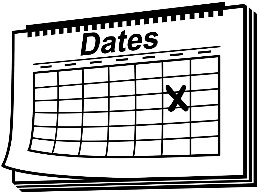
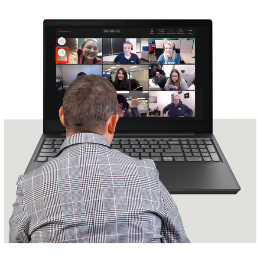
* get their human rights
* keep safe from harm and abuse.

# How the steering group will work



Steering group members will spend

**4 hours** a month doing work for the steering group.



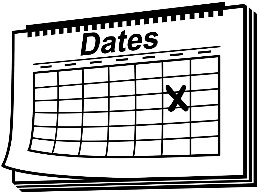
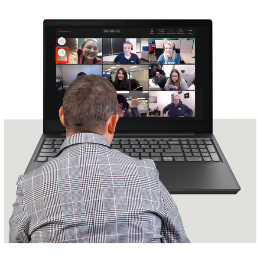
Of these 4 hours:

* 2 hours a month will be for online meetings
* 2 hours a month will be reading / getting ready for meetings.

****Online meetings means you will need to have:

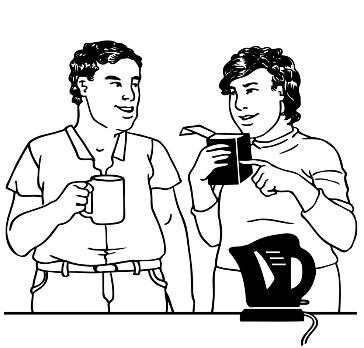
* your own device like a computer or tablet
* access to the internet.

Online meetings will happenonce a month.





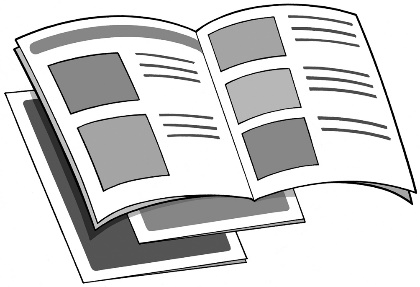
Each meeting with be 2 hours long.



There will be a short break during the meeting.

The steering group will get **Terms of Reference** at their firstmeeting.

**Terms of Reference** is a document that sets out:



* what the steering group will do
* how the steering group will get the work done.



The first steering group meeting will be in **July 2023.**

Between each meeting members will need to spend 2 hours:

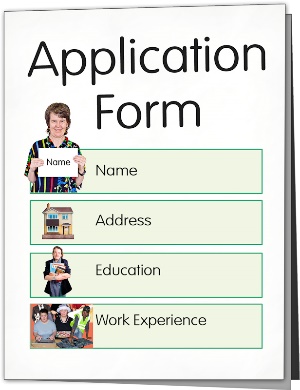
* reading information from the My Home, My Choice programme / steering group
* getting ready for steering group meetings
* talking to people to get ideas of what to take to the steering group meetings.



The steering group may also be asked for information / advice between meetings.

# How to apply to be part of the

# steering group



If you would like to be part of the My Home, My Choice steering group you will need to fill in an **application form**.



You can find the full application form on our website at:

[**https://bit.ly/3M06fRm**](https://bit.ly/3M06fRm)



You can find the application form in Easy Read on our **website** at:

[**www.whaikaha.govt.nz/assets/About-us/My-Home-My-Choice/My-Home-My-Choice-steering-group-nomination-form.docx**](http://www.whaikaha.govt.nz/assets/About-us/My-Home-My-Choice/My-Home-My-Choice-steering-group-nomination-form.docx)

You can send your application form by **email** to:

**nominations@whaikaha.govt.nz**



You can also send any questions you have about your application to this email address.

You can also send your application in an accessible format like:

* a video of you using sign language to answer the questions
* an audio recording of you saying your answers to the questions.

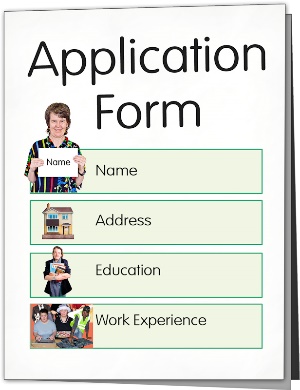
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You must make sure we get your application before **9 am** on

**Monday 26 June 2023.**

# How steering group members

# will be chosen



The My Home, My Choice programme team at Whaikaha:

* will look at all the application forms
* pick some people to have an **interview.**



An **interview** is when you talk to someone from Whaikaha about why you should be on the steering group.



After the interview you will be told if you are chosen to be part of the steering group.

# Where to find more information

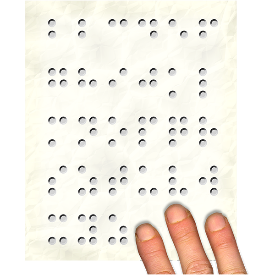
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My Home, My Choice programme on the Whaikaha **website**:

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Updates about the My Home, My Choice programme will be available in alternate formats like:

* Easy Read
* New Zealand Sign Language
* Braille
* large print
* audio.

You can also contact the My Home, My Choice programme leads:

* Gordon Boxall
* Kelly Woolston.

You can contact Gordon or Kelly by:

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* **email**:

**My\_home\_my\_choice@whaikaha.govt.nz**

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* **phone**: **0800 566 601**
* **text**: **4206**



You can contact Gordon or Kelly:

on Monday to Friday



from 8:30 am to 5 pm.

You can send Gordon or Kelly a text at any time.

They will get back to you as soon as they can.

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