



**FAMILY  
NETWORK**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### May 2022

"These events are for parents who want an inclusive life in the community for their son or daughter with intellectual impairment. "

Growing your Vision sustaining the future. Building and supporting a vision that will secure the future for your family member with an intellectual impairment.

This seminar will introduce;

- strategies to help articulate and set your Vision for your disabled family member with intellectual impairment.
- tools and understanding the importance of planning for what you want and don't want for your family member.

It's not only about having a Vision but knowing how to maintain a fully inclusive life for your family member.

Go to [www.familynetwork.co.nz](http://www.familynetwork.co.nz) to register

DATE	WHERE 9:30 to 3pm unless stated
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Wellington (a)
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Wellington (b)
19 <sup>th</sup> May	New Plymouth
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Auckland (a)
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Auckland (b) evening 7pm to 9:30pm
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Auckland (c)
30 <sup>th</sup> May	Invercargill
31 <sup>st</sup> May	Christchurch

#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

These events are for parents who want an inclusive life in the community for their son or daughter with intellectual impairment.

The Family Network team is looking forward to getting back to hosting in-person events.

# THINK PLAN

# DO

- What does the future look like for you and your family member with an intellectual impairment?
- Enabling Good Lives – what this means for you and your family member.
- Family Network will inform you, challenge you and encourage you to consider what it will take to create opportunities and pathways typical of other people in the community.

**No cost to attend.  
Registration essential.  
Let us know if you have  
specific dietary requirements.**

We can contribute towards the cost of petrol if this makes it easier for you to attend.

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*People with disabilities and their families have the right to live, love, work and pursue their life aspirations just as others do in their community.*

<b>Hosted by Family Network NZ</b>	<p><b>Sue Robertson</b></p> <p>I live in Matamata with my husband Neil, living the dream - brought about by a strong vision for Katie, who has been in the first wave of social change since birth in 1986. Born with extreme autism, our family based our decisions on the unyielding belief that 'there is no one that is not needed- and that community is a place where all means All- and we have supported and advocated for our daughter and sister to live her best Life possible. We have given Katie a 'Voice.'</p> <p>I have dedicated my adult life to pushing the boundaries of what's possible for our family - and I have been a quiet, steady champion for other families. I facilitate bespoke life plans based on a clear Vision of what is possible- based on goals and actions that integrate life domains important to a good quality of Life for everyone in the family.</p> <p>When I'm not staying active by visiting Katie in her new home, I'm exploring my community. Life is good.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Bridget Snedden</b></p> <p>Bridget is a Director of Family Network NZ. She has worked in the disability sector for almost 30 years and is currently President of Down Syndrome International. She shares what she has learned so that other parents can have every opportunity to know what's possible for their disabled family member.</p> <p>Bridget is the mother of Alex, who is 34yrs old and has Down syndrome. Alex has a good life doing what is important to him alongside neighbours and friends. She and her husband Garry have never deviated from their commitment to inclusion. Other parents and allies who held the same commitment to inclusion have been influential in their lives. It has not been easy navigating a system that doesn't always work for you. They have always held a strong Vision for Alex. Because of this Vision, they have a good life like every other empty-nester but with a difference.</p>
<b>Invited guests who will share their story.</b>	tba

**REGISTRATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL**