



Living Systems Thinking Workshop*

*applies the Tipu Ake ki te Ora Leadership Model gifted to us by the community of Te Whaiti Nui-a-Toi – www.tipuake.org.nz

Leadership and New Tools for Growing a vibrant Disability “Community of Practice”

When and Where:

Thursday, 19 and Friday, 20 November 2009
9.30 am to 4.00 pm

CCS Disability Action, 14 Erson Avenue, Royal Oak, Auckland

The Opportunity:

Living Systems Thinking offers disabled people, and those working in the area of disability, a new way to look at building strong and leaderful communities.

Many of the old approaches to removing disabling barriers and building strong, resilient communities have not worked. LST offers a different approach that draws on the innate knowledge of natural systems.

Traditional responses to managing the perceived ‘chaos’ of complex social issues have focused on rigid management and control. LST turns us to look at what we can learn from nature. Nature has, over millions of years, grown its own ways of exploiting the diversity and opportunity inherent in complex and chaotic situations. Increasingly, around the world communities are looking to living systems thinking to give them a new way to affect social change. During this workshop, we will mimic its wisdom, rethinking how we can work together in a “leader-full” way using living systems thinking to allow more effective solutions to emerge for our sector.

Building on the discussions about leadership started in the Stepping Up series, this workshop is all about nurturing growth and leadership in all dimensions; harnessing our resources and enabling disabled people to contribute their massive collective energy to help grow a well future. It offers a lot of practical tools that help groups form around project opportunities of shared interest, then work collaboratively to drive real improvements for all.

Visit www.projectmanagement.co.nz for more information.

Join us to be part of this amazing opportunity for disabled people and the sector. Take hold of the chance to take part in a unique workshop that will open our minds to new and very powerful ways of looking at ourselves, our communities and the complexity in the world around us.

Secure your place:

Space is limited to 20 diverse participants who wish to learn and share together. We will also be privileged to have a disability practitioner with us here from Gaza, Palestine to share this learning experience with us.

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The workshop will be facilitated by Peter Goldsbury of Strategic Expertise. The event is supported by a collaborative partnership between Taikura Trust, CCS Disability Action and Auckland City Council who have made it possible for disabled people to attend at no cost. Any spare spaces will be offered to other sector participants, on a koha basis, if they have access to training budgets.

We look forward to you joining us for this mind-stretching, learning opportunity.

Working together in collaborative partnership for a leaderful, disabled community:

