



Housing in New Zealand - My Experiences, My Rights

The Donald Beasley Institute is now accepting applications from disabled people who are interested in monitoring the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in New Zealand.

ROLE	Monitor
TEAM	The Donald Beasley Institute Research Team
LOCATION	Northland, Auckland, Christchurch or Otago/Southland
DURATION	April 2019 - May 2019

What is this monitoring research about?

In New Zealand, disabled people are homeowners, renters, boarders, and residents. But sometimes disabled people don't have access to safe or adequate housing.

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is an international agreement.

It sets out what countries have to do to make sure disabled people have the same rights as everybody else.



This includes the right to choose where and how they live, and the right to a good standard of living.

It is important to understand how well this is happening, by asking disabled people to share their experiences, thoughts and ideas.

We are looking for disabled Monitors to do research interviews with other disabled people, so we can know more about their experiences of housing in New Zealand.

What will Monitors do?

Monitors are disabled people who are interested in disability rights research and monitoring. According to the Disability Rights International (DRPI) research model a Monitor's role is to:

- Find out what is going on
- Find out facts
- Uncover information
- Collect data
- Use indicators to measure progress
- Measure progress towards justice for disabled people

Monitors will work in pairs (2 people) and will do between 5 and 10 interviews with other disabled people. Each interview will take around 2 hours.

To be considered for this role, Monitors must:



- Be disabled
- Be living in Northland, Auckland, Christchurch or Otago/Southland
- Be over 18 years of age
- Be available to take part in a two-day training workshop on the 9th and 10th of April 2019 (note, flights and accommodation will be provided)
- Be available to conduct between 5 and 10 interviews shortly after the training workshop. Interviews will take place during April and May 2019
- Be available to complete up to 2 hours of administration and reflection time per interview

Skills

- Monitors do not need to have any specific qualifications, although previous research and interviewing experience is helpful
- Monitors will have good listening skills and an openness to different ways of life
- Monitors will be organised and able to complete their work on time, from their homes

What the Donald Beasley Institute will provide...

The Donald Beasley Institute will provide training for the Monitors, Health and Safety support and external supervision. If a Monitor needs additional support during the interviews (for example, New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) interpreting service), this will also be provided.

Pay:



Monitors will be paid \$150 per interview. The number of interviews each monitor gets to do will be based on the number of people who take part in their region. This will not be known until April 2019. Transport costs will be covered by the Donald Beasley Institute.

If you want to be a monitor:

If you are interested in applying for a Monitor's role, please send your CV to Dr Robbie Francis by 5pm Wednesday 13th of March 2019.

Please also attach a cover letter explaining why you want to be a Monitor, and your interest in disability rights monitoring research. If you do not want to write a cover letter, you can email Robbie a 1-minute video instead (the use of NZSL is welcome and encouraged).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Robbie Francis:

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