# Deafblind Association NZ Charitable Trust Seminar Be Seen Be Heard Be Connected – Theme: Reconnecting College House, 100 Waimairi Road, Ōtautahi Christchurch

# Sunday 22 – Wednesday 25 January 2023

# Programme

Please note that views expressed by individuals at the seminar may not be those held by Deafblind Association of New Zealand Charitable Trust.

## Rātapu Sunday

2pm Arrivals and orientation

6pm Barbecue dinner

7:15 Gathering

## Rāhina Monday

9am Mihi, housekeeping and roll call

9:20 Welcome by Vaughan Dodd, President of Deafblind Association NZ

9:30 Hon. Poto Williams, Minister for Disability Issues.

10am Hon. Ruth Dyson, Patron Deafblind Association NZ

10:10 John Mulka, Chief Executive, Blind Low Vision NZ. Including Q&A.

10:40 Paramanawa/morning tea break

11am Kevin Prince, Vice President of Deafblind Association NZ - introducing the complexities of decibel soundscapes and lowered visuals.

11:10 Blanche Davidson - Vignette on losing dual distance senses and impact on life, employment, family, and confidence. Including Q&A.

11:30 Jacqui Iseli, Deafblind Coordinator, Blind Low Vision New Zealand - Tactile communications and social haptics, global context, development and how we progress this work in Aotearoa New Zealand. Including Q&A.

12:20 Sanja Tarczay, President of The World Federation of the Deafblind, via Zoom.

12:30 Karakia followed by tino paramanawa/lunch

## Rāhina Monday continued

2pm Patrick Pink and Saul Taylor, Blind and Low Vision Education Network NZ (BLENNZ): Update on education and deafblind tamariki. Including Q&A.

3pm Mary Schnackenberg, Director Accessible Information and Communications Ltd. “Braille = Print”. Including Q&A.

3:30 Paramanawa/afternoon tea break

4pm Clive Lansink, Board Chair Blind Low Vision NZ. Including Q&A.

4:30 Open forum. What’s Your Question?

5pm Kua mutu te mahi/finish for day

6pm Karakia followed by evening meal

After dinner optional: movie night, with popcorn

## Rātū Tuesday

9am Housekeeping and roll call.

9:10 Breakout sessions as you prefer: Pacific Vision – Experiential

10:30 Paramanawa/morning tea break

11am Guide Dogs. Including Q&A.

11:30 Deon York, Director of Consumer Engagement (Partners in Care), Health Quality & Safety Commission: O Matou Reo – Our Voices. Including Q&A.

12pm Member Cameos – Judy Small, Vic West, Fatima Akehurst.

12:30 Karakia followed by tino paramanawa/lunch

2pm Paula Tesoriero, Chief Executive Whaikaha | Ministry of Disabled People, via Zoom. Including Q&A.

3pm Be heard about hearing and vision impairment: cochlear implants, hearing aids, safety and orientation**.**

4pm Paramanawa/afternoon tea break and treat time, followed by recreation and down time

6pm Karakia followed by evening celebration meal

7:30 Audio Described Event by Audio Described Aotearoa

## Rāapa Wednesday

9am Lolly Lijewski, via Zoom, Creating a Culture of Accessibility

9:30 Ying-zi Xiong and Peggy Nelson, via Zoom, Center for Applied and Translational Sensory Science, University of Minnesota. “Researching the Human Experiences of Dual Sensory Impairment”. Including Q and A

10am Member Cameos – Matt Truman, Joanna Lancaster

10:30 Paramanawa/morning tea break

11am Anne-Odile Roberts, Advisor for Anthroposophy, Hōhepa Canterbury - Well-being. Including Q&A. Amanda Stevens.

11:50 Your hui/seminar takeaway motivator – one idea you’re going to use.

12:30 Closing mihi and karakia followed by tino paramanawa /lunch

2pm All community and guests have left the venue.

Waiho i te toipoto, kaua i te toiroa   
Let us keep close together, not far apart

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