

Communication Accessible Environments.

- Communication difficulties affect **1 in 10 people** worldwide.
- Communication is **not just talking**, it is processing **spoken** and **written** language, reading and following signs.
- How do people with speech, language and communication needs **access services in the community?**
- Places such as shops, restaurants, education, health, criminal justice and all other public services?
- What can be done to **facilitate their access** and maintain their **human rights** to do so?

Communication access is about creating “**communication ramps**” to ensure people can **participate fully** in their communities, workplaces, schools and be fully involved in decisions affecting all aspects of their lives.

The **Giving Voice Aotearoa** campaign aims to make New Zealand



communication accessible. We hope you can find ways to **enhance everyone's experience** of your organisation, workplace, school and ensure that **all New Zealanders are included** in all forms of communication.


Our top tips from people with speech, language and communication needs are:

Facilitators: 

- 1) **Time** to talk
- 2) Supportive **attitudes**
- 3) **Quiet** space
- 4) Speak **slowly**
- 5) **Easy read** formatting



Barriers:

- 1) **Noise** 
- 2) **Pressure**
- 3) **Not speaking to me**
- 4) Talking **too fast**
- 5) **Too many words** on paper

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