

Communication Access

Principles for best practice in

Aotearoa

New Zealand

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- **...about creating “Communication Ramps”**
- ...ensuring people can participate fully in their communities, workplaces, schools
- ...being fully involved in decisions affecting all aspects of their lives (Article 12).

● https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_YFdxMN9f-I

- 1 in 10 people worldwide.
- **not just talking, it is processing spoken and written language, reading and following** signs.
- What can be done to facilitate **communication access and maintain human** rights to effective communication?

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

About communication – and it's many forms

And many supports

Belief that everyone can communicate!

- acknowledge competence and all modes of communication

- be willing to help and give time

Revealing competence

- ask someone what their

communication needs are - active listening skills, give
time

to respond, use communication tools - support to make
decisions - everyone gets the message

information

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a person's communication needs are understood and shareable (e.g., Article 25)

Accessible communication opportunities -

- Clear signage - support for face to face communication - communication tools are available - noise levels and lighting are considered.

● <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=egpDZ SxDZUc&t=109s>

● New Zealand Speech Language Therapist's Awareness and Advocacy Campaign

● Over 400,000 New Zealanders

● Speech language Therapy makes a critical difference

● Everyone has the right to effective communication.

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Time to talk

Giving Aotearoa

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