



EPILEPSY NEW ZEALAND

Charity Profile

The Impact of Epilepsy in New Zealand

Epilepsy is one of the most common neurological conditions that affects a wide spectrum of people in New Zealand. The condition is characterised by recurrent (two or more) seizures which may have no identifiable cause.

The prevalence rate of epilepsy in New Zealand is around 1% of the population (47,000 people) and the insistent rate is around 0.05% being diagnosed (6 versus 8 people per day for Breast Cancer when compared).

About Epilepsy New Zealand

At Epilepsy New Zealand, our purpose is simple. Every day, we're driven to find creative ways to reach our goal of achieving a positive quality of life for Kiwis living with epilepsy in our communities. Through our 12 offices, 15 professional Educators, and a team of national support staff, we aim to make a big difference in the lives of all those involved with epilepsy.

How we make a difference

Advocacy: We advocate for the rights of individuals and their families including influencing legislation, workplace policy, and helping to deal with government and community organisations.

Awareness: We promote awareness of the condition and try to help foster a more supportive environment for those living with epilepsy.

Information: We research, collate and produce information in an easily digestible form for users of our service.

Education: We provide education about epilepsy to help individuals and all those involved navigate life for better outcomes through our series of free public seminars around the country.

Facilitation: We help connect individuals, families and professionals dealing with epilepsy in our communities through a range of activities.

Research: We look at international research to keep our understanding current which underpins our services. We aim to support local research so that we are contributing to the worldwide knowledge and understanding of epilepsy.

Support: We provide a range of support directly to individuals and families involved with epilepsy by organising ongoing free support groups locally.

Training: We provide training to individuals and organisations servicing those with epilepsy.

