

# Community Inclusion



Put simply the term ‘community inclusion’ means that all people (irrespective of age, disability, gender, religion, sexual preference or nationality) have a right to participate fully in their community and have the same choices, opportunities and experiences as others.

This concept underpins many of the social policies created by governments, such as [Disability Action Plans](#). It has also led to the development of programs that enable people with a disability to participate in activities in their community and with a variety of different people.

A wide range of organisations and government services now offer inclusive activities that allow people of all abilities to take part in. These activities might involve participating in sport, recreation or the arts. A number of services and programs operate across New Zealand, and most local councils also offer inclusive activities in their region.



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