



People First New Zealand Inc. – Nga Tangata Tuatahi

A Place of Our Own

People First New Zealand

People First New Zealand was started in 1984 by the IHC.

People First members wanted:

- to speak up locally, regionally and nationally
- to be involved in all things that effect people with disabilities
- to be in control of our own organisation



New Beginnings

On the 16th of October 2003, People First became independent.

- The new People First NZ was launched at Parliament.
- One of the first decisions the members made was to use the words '**learning disability**' instead of intellectual disability.



People First around the world

People First is in many other countries too:

- England
- Scotland
- Australia
- Canada
- Germany
- USA





People First NZ

Chose the butterfly as its logo

People First is here to encourage its members to:

- take on the world,
- live life to the full,
- try new experiences,
- make their own choices.

Just like the butterfly



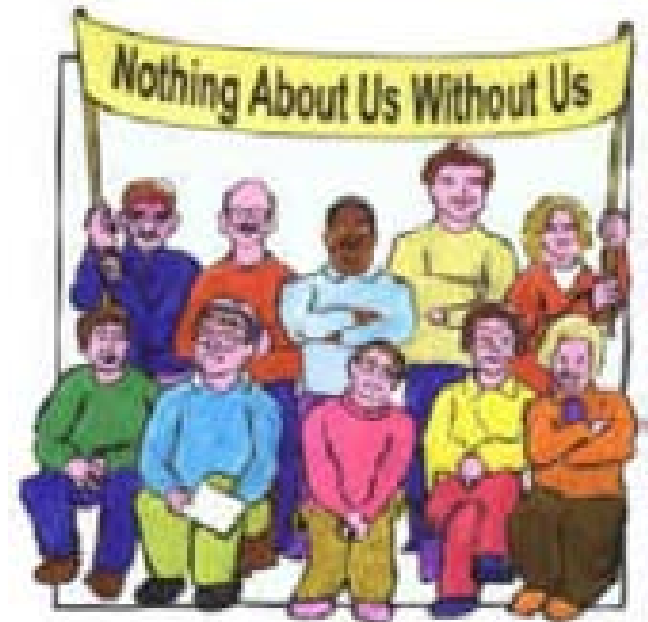
The People First NZ Motto

Our motto is:

‘Nothing about us without us’

It means we don't want anyone doing anything for us without us being there and:

- asked what we want,
- listened to,
- and our choices respected.



People First in New Zealand

- There are 6 People First regions in NZ.
- Each region has People First local groups.
- Each regional group is made up of all the local groups in that region.



People First in NZ

- We meet together at Huis and meetings,
- We meet politicians,
- We share our life stories,
- We help people listen to what we have to say.



Celebrating success

We have fun celebrating our successes at People First.



Speaking Up

We run courses about Speaking Up and Leadership for people with learning disability.



Local groups

We have meetings to talk about:

- local issues,
- our successes,
- our problems,
- meeting other groups,
- what good self advocacy means.



Leadership

People First Dunedin



Leadership Forum



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A PEOPLE FIRST PROJECT





LETS SEE THE DOCUMENTARY

**THOUGHTS OR COMMENTS
THAT COME TO YOUR MIND ?**





What the film stars said:

- “It was quite good, I was nervous though.”
- ”I am pleased with how it went”
- “April loved the filming”
- “It was awesome. It was wonderful to see Kevin”
- I felt like a star”



What's next

- The documentary is being made into a book.
- People First is holding 2 symposiums next year. The people on the documentary will be at the symposium and present their story.
- The book will be available at the symposium.

**ANY QUESTIONS OR
COMMENTS**

Contact People First

You can phone People First between 8.30am - 4.30pm for information about:

- where and how you live,
- getting a job,
- where to get support,
- how to do things you want to do

0800 20 6

It's free to call





- People First is in the process of establishing an employment advocacy service
- The focus is for people working in Business Enterprises
- The service has developed the booklet, “Your Rights at Work” and are in the process of developing a DVD
- The aim is to phase out over a four year period and link people into existing unions.



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Thank you very much
for listening

We hope you have
enjoyed our workshop

People First New Zealand



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People First South Island Hui
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