

What Can We Provide?

~ Training sessions are free of charge with expenses reimbursed such as accommodation, travel and some child care.

~ Assistance in developing personal networks, friendships and alliances with others who have common interests in



Create a collective voice

achieving positive systems change.

~ Opportunities to learn effective leadership skills which can impact disability services at all levels.

~ Experiences that lead to personal growth through contact with national leaders in the intellectual disabilities field, reading from disability literature, group exercises, class assignments, and public policy projects.

~ Links with a growing international network of Partners graduates.

Scheduled Programme Dates for 2007

27/28 April
25/26 May
22/23 June
20/21 July
17/18 August
14/15 September
12/13 October
9/10 November

Location
Wellington

Venue
Yet to be announced

Partners
In
Policymaking

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Partners In Policymaking

A programme designed to achieve policy and systems change involving persons with intellectual disabilities and their families.



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What is the Partners in Policymaking Programme?

Partners in Policymaking is an international leadership training programme for people with intellectual disabilities and their parents. Partners is designed to educate and empower participants to achieve systems change at local and national levels. This is a unique training programme that



Join others in learning

encourages participants to alter the future...it is designed for the next generation.

Participants will attend 128 hours of instruction over 8 weekends (Fri/Sat), approximately one weekend session each month. **All costs covered!!**

Upon graduation Partners will be competent in the following areas:

* History of services and perceptions of people with intellectual disabilities;



Knowledge is power

- * Understanding of self advocacy, independence, and parent movements;
- * Inclusive education;
- * Identifying critical disability issues at the local and national levels; designing strategies for effective systems change, community organizing and advocacy organisations;
- * Assistive technology and positioning techniques for people with intellectual disabilities
- * Supportive/competitive employment, and supportive living options;
- * Effective strategies for meetings, and government processes;
- * Importance of whole life planning, and knowledge of family support.

Who Can Participate?

This exciting course is being held in Wellington. A maximum of 16 participants will be selected to attend the leadership programme. We invite the following people throughout NZ to apply:

m Parents of children with intellectual disability

m Adults with an intellectual disability

We welcome both men and women from culturally diverse communities

Attendance at all sessions is mandatory!



Send for or post an application now to SAMS details on back page-->>

Only one individual per household will be selected to attend.