

An invitation to take part in   
some research about the experiences of disabled people with the Police



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# What is this invite about?



This Easy Read invitation is about taking part in some **research** being done by the **Donald Beasley Institute**.



**Research** is when someone:

looks at what has happened

tries to find ways to do things better.



The **Donald Beasley Institute** is a place that does research into things to do with disability.

In this document we will call the Donald Beasley Institute the **DBI.**

When you see the words **we / us** in this invitation it means the DBI.



The research is about the experiences disabled people have had with the **New Zealand Police.**



The job of the **New Zealand Police** is to:

stop crime from happening

keep people safe

make sure everyone follows the laws of New Zealand

deal with people who do crime in the right ways.

The New Zealand Police are working with some researchers at the DBI on a study called:

**Understanding Policing Delivery**



The study will look at **bias** that happens in the police system.

**Bias** is when someone:

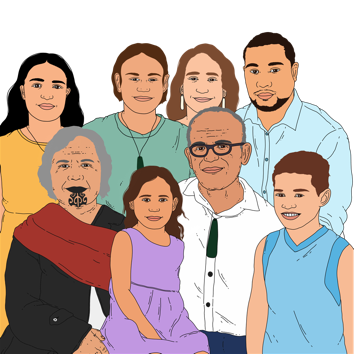
thinks 1 person is better than another person

does things that support the person they like

treats someone badly because of the way they think about them.

Bias can also mean someone experiences **discrimination**.

**Discrimination** is when people are treated differently because of things like:

how old they are

if they are disabled

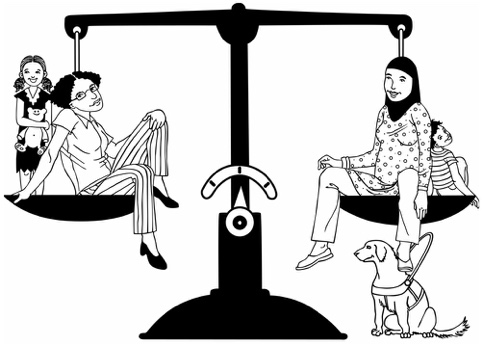
if they are Māori.

The study will support the New Zealand Police to find out about:

if there is bias in the Police system

where the most bias happens

how often bias happens.

The things they find out in the study will support the Police to make sure the Police services are

fair

**equitable.**

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**Equitable** means everyone has what they need to do well in the ways they need it.



The Police service must also be fair and equitable for:

tākata whaikaha

Deaf / deaf people

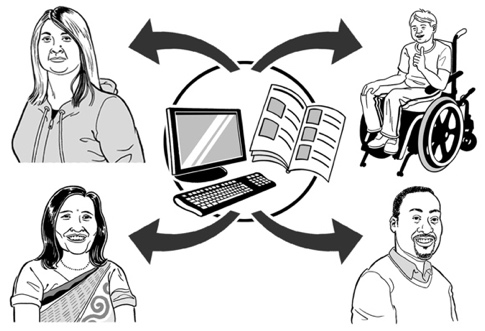
disabled people.

Police services that are fair and equitable to everyone would:

be **accessible**

think about all the different kinds of people in New Zealand

work to better support people who are often harmed by the Police.

**Accessible** means that it is easy for everyone to:

find the things / information they need

use the things / information they need

get around in ways they want to

communicate with other people.

# Who we want to hear from

  
We want to talk to 20 disabled people about their experiences of being:

stopped by the Police

**questioned** by the Police

**arrested** by the Police.



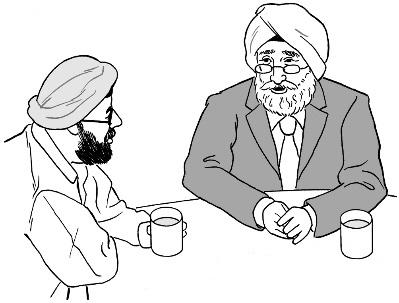
Being **questioned** means the Police ask you questions to find out if you know something about a crime.

Being **arrested** means the Police can take you to a police station because they:

found / saw you doing a crime

believe you have done a crime.

For this research we want to hear from:

* disabled people
* whānau / family of disabled people
* close supporters of disabled people.

Everyone who takes part in the research must be:



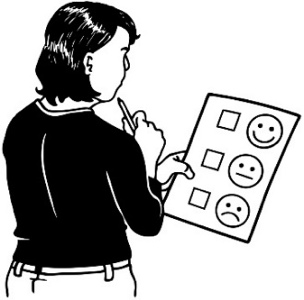
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aged 18 years old or older

able to give **informed consent** to take part.

**Informed consent** is when you:

say yes to something

****understand what it is you are saying yes to.



You do not have to take part in the research if you do not want to.

# If you want to take part in the research



You can tell us that you want to take part in the research by getting in touch with us.



Someone from the research team will send you a **Participant Interest Form**.



If you have any questions you can get in touch with **Lydie Schmidt** who is part of the research team by:

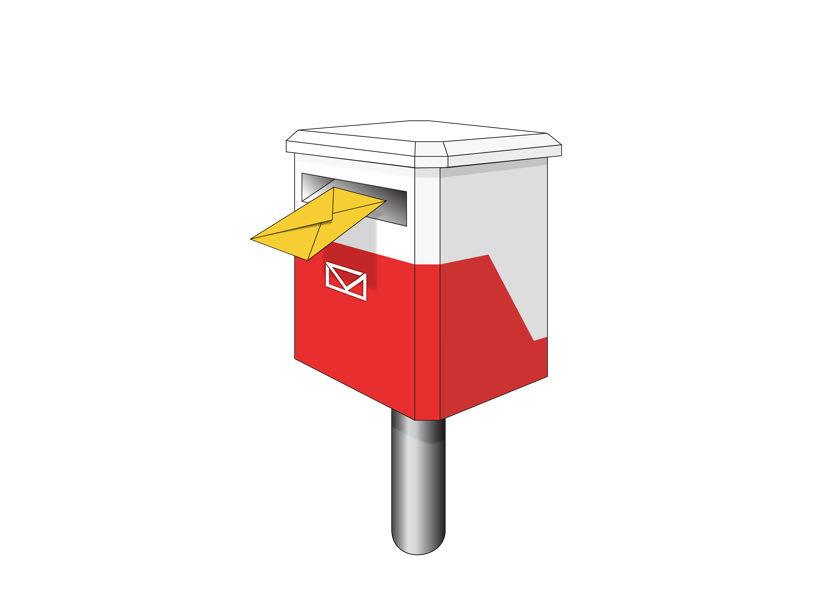
**phone** on:

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****You can also get in touch with the DBI research team by **post** at:

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You can also find more information on our website at:

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