

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF VOLUNTARY BODIES

Providing Services to People with Intellectual Disability

The National Federation of Voluntary Bodies is hosting a one-day information session with international speakers on two key topics:

“The New Zealand Experience of Individualised Funding”

And

**“Inclusive Vocational & Education Training:
Sharing a European and an Irish experience of good practice”**

When: Wednesday, 16th September, 2015

Location: Ashling Hotel Dublin

Time: **Morning session** 10.00 am – 1.00pm (Ms. Marsha Marshall)
Afternoon session 2.00 pm – 4.00pm (Dr. Wolfgang Plaute)

Cost: €25 Morning session only

€25 Afternoon session only

€40 discounted rate to attend both Morning **and** Afternoon sessions

An exciting opportunity has arisen to hear from two international speakers on topics of interest to National Federation members:

- **Ms. Marsha Marshall, CEO of Manawanui, New Zealand**
- **Dr. Wolfgang Plaute, Professor of Special Education and Inclusion, University of Education Salzburg and INVESTT European Project**
- *We will also hear about an Irish example of inclusive vocational and educational training - further details to follow shortly*

This 1-day information briefing will provide an opportunity for those working in the disability / social care sector to network, share information and hear from a range of experts on the themes of individualised funding and inclusive vocational and post-secondary education and training. Please click here for [ONLINE BOOKING](#)



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Further information:



Marsha Marshall is a Canadian import to New Zealand who describes herself as “*on a crusade to promote self-direction and individualised approaches*”. Her career extends over 25 years in health and disability, in both New Zealand and Canada, with a focus on creating programmes that transfer control over supports back to the person receiving them. Marsha is passionate about this approach because she has seen the transformational effect this has on people’s lives, in a variety of health and disability contexts.



Self-direction has been a part of all the roles Marsha has occupied in New Zealand, first at Starship Hospital setting up the Family Options programme, then at Waitemata District Health Board leading community and home care services, and then at the Ministry of Health where she led the team that expanded the Individualised Funding programme across New Zealand. Marsha continues this journey in her current role as the Chief Executive of [Manawanui](#) – New Zealand’s largest Individualised Funding Host.

Dr. Wolfgang Plaute is Professor of Special Education and Inclusion at the University of Education in Salzburg, Austria. His professional career started more than 30 years ago in the field of special education, first working for a parent’s organization called Lebenshilfe, where he was responsible for the housing programme in the Austrian state of Salzburg, before working for an organization in the German state of Bavaria. There he was responsible for research and the development of new inclusive services. Since 2013 he has been working at the University of Education in Salzburg and is the designated



vice rector for the education of teachers at primary and secondary level, both with a dedicated programme on inclusive education. Dr. Plaute is responsible for research and evaluation strands of the European project INVESTT. He will share information at the seminar on the INVESTT Project, which focuses on inclusive vocational training in Austria, Belgium, Norway and Slovenia. The educational approach is directly connected to the principles of universal design.

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