

Raewyn is the parent of a teenage boy with Aspergers Disorder. Having travelled the journey of confusion, despair and battling the system, as well as encountering fabulous other parents and professionals on the way, she now wants to help other parents, particularly those much less advantaged than herself.

Raewyn also has extensive professional experience of working on disability issues in the NGO and local government sectors in the UK and New Zealand. She was Research officer for the All Party Disablement Group in the British Parliament, Head of Research and Policy in the Disability Unit at the Greater London Council and set up and managed the Disability Unit at the London Borough of Brent. Her general skills and strengths include research, analysis, strategic planning, programme management, policy advice and advocacy and campaigning. Currently, Raewyn is Senior Policy Advisor in Community Policy and Planning at Manukau City Council.