

Applications are open for the Emerging Director Award for people with Disabilities



Tiffiney Perry, Life Unlimited Board Trustee

Two years ago Enrich+ partnered with the Waikato branch of the Institute of Directors to offer an emerging director award – Disability sector which allows an aspiring director with a disability, or with a close family member who has a disability, to take a place on a board for a year. This proved very successful and Life Unlimited is pleased to be the host organisation for the award in 2018-19.

Life Unlimited Charitable Trust offers health and disability information, advice, and equipment to enable people to live the life they choose. Everything Life Unlimited does helps create opportunities for people to make and be in control of their own life choices

John Dobson, Chair of Life Unlimited says that the Emerging Director award is designed to foster upcoming talent in governance.

“As well as sitting on the Life Unlimited Board for a year, winners will also receive the opportunity to be mentored by an experienced director for one year, funding for

governance development, and a complimentary one year Institute of Directors membership” says John.

Opportunities for people with a disability or their family to become board members are very rare. This award provides a platform for people interested in governance to get a foot in the door.

“We are looking to promote a cohort of emerging director talent in the Waikato that will want to utilise the award process as their platform for a governance pathway and who understand the opportunity which it brings” says John.

Tiffiney Perry is a trustee on the Life Unlimited Board, and she also lives with a disability.

“I think this award is encouraging for disabled people who are considering a step up to becoming a board member in their community or in business. I sit on a number of boards myself and the experience is extremely rewarding but can also be intimidating when you first start out” says Tiffiney.

“By partnering with Life Unlimited and the Institute of Directors the recipient of this award will receive financial assistance to put towards gaining more tools to sit on their chosen board. This along with the valuable mentoring of Life Unlimited Trustees and our experienced Chair John Dobson will result in gaining the confidence that will set this recipient up for future boards and management roles of their choosing” says Tiffiney.

Applications for this year’s awards are now open, and close at 5pm on 23 July 2018. To obtain an application contact Megan Beveridge, Institute of Directors Waikato Branch Manager, waikato@branchiod.org.nz.

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