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WORLD HEARING DAY, 3RD MARCH 2023

9:00AM - 1:00PM

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**NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR
Deaf & Hard of Hearing**

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Whether you are looking for ways to enhance accessibility in your organisation or are Deaf or hard of hearing and want to connect with the community, Listen Up 2023 promises to be an educational and inspirational day.

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With one in six New Zealanders living with hearing loss - **accessibility isn't just an option.**

Our Listen Up Conference 2023 shines a light on accessibility for your Deaf or hard of hearing employees and customers.

What is the cost of denying access through a lack of accommodation? What are the accessibility strategies you can put in place in your organisation to enable and empower?

Join Us

World Hearing Day (March 3rd) to discover how to transform your workplace into one that enables Deaf and hard of hearing employees and customers.

What's Included?

- Back by popular demand, Hilary Barry will be our conference MC for the day.
- Hear from a panel of exceptional speakers who have made accessibility a priority in their own organisations.
- Learn from industry leaders, like Auckland Transport, who are transforming their services to support people who are Deaf and hard of hearing.
- Take part in an interactive New Zealand Sign Language workshop provided by an NZSL expert.
- Free hearing screenings available to attendees.



What You Will Learn



- Understand how a lack of access can create costly barriers in your organisation.
- Learn new communication skills that support your valued team members and customers who are Deaf or hard of hearing.
- Discover accessibility strategies you can put into practice now.

MEET THE SPEAKERS

Hilary Barry MC for the Event



The very talented presenter and news reader Hilary Barry, currently the co-host of TVNZ's prime time show Seven Sharp, will be our MC for this event.

Natasha Gallardo Chief Executive, NFDHH



As Chief Executive of the NFDHH, Natasha, is dedicated to advocating for universal hearing healthcare and equitable access. Her own lived experience of hearing loss underpins her determination to ensure all Deaf and hard of hearing Kiwis have the opportunity to live their lives to the fullest.

Arash Tayebi CEO, Kara Technologies



Entrepreneur and CEO at Kara Technologies Ltd, Arash's cutting-edge work with digital avatars have the potential to revolutionize access to New Zealand Sign Language in the years to come.

Hope Cotton Student Advocate & Youth Advisor



Drawing on her own experience with hearing loss, Hope is dedicated to advocating for better access for the next generation of Deaf and hard of hearing Kiwis.

Dan Buckingham CEO, Able



From winning gold at the Athens 2004 Paralympics to CEO of Able, Dan inspires us to make accessibility an essential part of any digital offering.

Lucy Rei Head of Marketing, Triton Hearing



Lucy is passionate about partnering with Iwi to ensure hearing health solutions are accessible to Māori. She is driven by the goal to help people to re-connect with their whānau and the world they love.

Andrew Marshall Lead, Workplace Experience, AT



Andrew leads the Workplace Experience Team at Auckland Transport. His career has spanned across the globe with over 25 years experience in workplace strategy and design.

OUR PANEL SPEAKERS

- **Michelle Strawbridge**, Organisational Development Manager, Heartland Bank
- **Elizabeth Seymour**, People and Culture, AUT
- **Adele Edmonds-Woolf**, Organisational Development Practice Leader - Supportive Employment, People and Culture, Te Whatu Ora
- **Nathaniel Janke-Gilman**, Accessibility & Process Safety Lead, Meridian Energy

AGENDA

9:10 - 9:30am	Registrations open. Coffee and tea served. <i>Hearing screening kiosks provided by our event sponsor Triton Hearing.</i>
9:30 - 9:45am	Welcome & Introduction: Speakers Hilary Barry, MC and Natasha Gallardo, Chief Executive, NFDHH.
9:45 - 10:10am	Speaker: Hope Cotton // <i>Young and Deaf. How we can move beyond inaccessible systems to support the next generation of Deaf New Zealanders.</i>
10:10 - 10:20am	Breakout session: Lip Sync-Off!
10:20 - 10:40am	Speaker: Dan Buckingham, CEO, Able // <i>From Paralympian to CEO of Able - Making Media Accessible.</i>
10:40 - 10:55am	Morning Tea <i>Check your hearing at the kiosks.</i>
10:55 - 11:15am	Panel Discussion facilitated by Hilary Barry // Heartland Bank - Michelle Strawbridge, Organisational Development Manager / AUT - Elizabeth Seymour, People and Culture / Te Whatu Ora – Adele Edmonds-Woolf, Organisational Development Practice Leader - Supportive Employment, People and Culture / Meridian Energy - Nathaniel Janke-Gilman, Accessibility Lead, Process Safety Lead.
11:15 - 11:25am	Breakout Session: Connect the Dots.
11:25 - 11:40am	Speaker: Andrew Marshall, Lead of Workplace Experience, Auckland Transport // <i>Accessibility and the changes Auckland Transport has made. What can businesses do to support future workers?</i>
11:40 - 12:00pm	Speaker: Lucy Rei, Head of Marketing, Triton Hearing // <i>Breaking down the barriers to better hearing.</i>
12:00 - 12:10pm	Breakout Session: Check your hearing at the kiosks.
12:10 - 12:30pm	Speaker: Arash Tayebi, Co-Founder of Kara Technologies // <i>Re-imagining access to NZSL through digital innovation.</i>
12:30 - 12:55pm	NZSL Workshop: An interactive workshop on New Zealand Sign Language.
12:55 - 1:00pm	Closing Remarks: from Hilary Barry, MC. End of conference.

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