

Social connectedness amongst older people in New Zealand: Implications for ageing in place and service delivery



Key research aims

- To examine how social isolation and loneliness are understood and experienced by Māori, Pacific, Asian, and NZ European older people.
- To identify factors which contribute to, and protect against, social isolation and loneliness.
- To investigate the ways in which Age Concern NZ's volunteer visiting service might contribute to addressing social isolation and loneliness in older adults.

Delivery and Implementation plans

- Working with Age Concern NZ, and building engagement with other key stakeholders into the project, will support translation of findings into practice in the short to medium term.
- A key feature of dissemination will be the preparation of 'digital stories' from a sample of older interview participants.
- Digital stories will be screened at hui in Wellington, Auckland and Gisborne. Study participants and key stakeholders will be invited.

Caring for whānau

Stories about end of life caregiving, tangihanga and bereavement

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Digital storytelling workshop participants and instructors

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CxeV17ab9Fw>

Current/potential linkages with other Ageing Well NSC projects

- F) Retirement Villages (Connolly)
- G) Risk factors in reduced social engagement (Jamieson, Keeling)
- ?A) Independence and Housing Tenure (Saville-Smith et al)