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Name of legal entity or fund holder applying	Event	Number Participants	Outcomes Achieved	Comments
Deaf Adventures Co.	<p>Although New Zealand is internationally renowned for our unbeatable scenery and adventurous activities, there are currently no tours around the country that are 100% provided in New Zealand Sign Language. Deaf Kiwis do not have equal access to exploring our backyard as many tourist businesses have either never worked with a Deaf guest before or are simply inexperienced in working with Deaf people.</p> <p>We aim to solve both of these issues by hosting "Discovering the South Island," a four-day tour that takes a group of Deaf/Hard of Hearing people (maximum of 20 people - including two Tour Guides) through areas of the South Island of New Zealand including Canterbury, Otago, and the West Coast. The purpose of this event is to be able to offer a tour completely accessible in NZSL, led by Deaf people and NZSL users themselves. This experience will not only give the Deaf community the opportunity to travel and learn about nature, New Zealand history, and Maori legends in NZSL, but also the organisations that we will work with an opportunity to become Deaf-aware as we promote NZSL and ensure that their activities are accessible for any Deaf guest in the future. Examples of the educational portion of the tour includes learning about the legends of Aoraki/Mt. Cook, the history of the oldest settlement in the South Island (Hokitika), and the impacts of climate change on our glaciers.</p> <p>Upon completion of this tour, the businesses that we have partnered with will have experience working with a diverse group of Deaf customers and NZSL users, thus enhancing their awareness and ability to accommodate Deaf guests in the future. Furthermore, participants will return home with a newfound knowledge and appreciation of our beautiful NZSL week celebration</p>	17	<p>Our NZSL Week Tour linked with points #1-3. Our participants used NZSL throughout the 4-day adventure at dozens of locations in the Canterbury, Otago, and West Coast regions. We also carried around a large sign that read "Deaf Adventures". Thus, NZSL and our Deafness was very visible everywhere we went - promoting and spreading awareness about sign language to every hearing person our group passed by. We also worked with various activity and accommodation companies that recognized the uniqueness of our culture and language. The activity guides that worked with us learned how to work and communicate with Deaf people by using facial expressions, gestures, or preparing information documents in advance for our Deaf guides. Most importantly, our Deaf group were able to access each of these important landmarks and activities directly in NZSL.</p>	<p>Deaf Adventures is eternally grateful to the NZSL Board and Deaf Aotearoa for funding this unique event and helping us kick-start our new company. We have received a lot of interest from Deaf people all around New Zealand for us to operate a NZSL Week Tour in both the North and South Islands during next year's NZSL Week. The participants from our recent tour are also keen for us to organise more NZSL Tours throughout the year. As adventurers ourselves, we have experienced many times where we have signed up for an adventurous activity only to completely miss out on the information that is given out throughout the activity, such as the health and safety briefing, interesting facts and stories in relation to the activity and general comments and guidance from instructors. We are so delighted to be able to change this "norm" for Deaf people, and wish to be able to continue influencing companies to become accessible for Deaf people, so that one day when Deaf people wish to try out an activity, they will have complete access to all information that is shared.</p>
Adam Jane (Emerge)		<p>Group of 8 Mental health clients including two staff attending Sky tower and went to Restaurant nearby for lunch together.</p>	<p>They enjoy the view and sharing knowledge been changed in last 10 - 20 years where some of them who been working construction building. This great way to connect one another and increasing New Zealand Sign Language. A lot of smiles while the viewing city winter season which change their mood patterns. Also, School children that been watching us and whispering each other about NZSL. Great to see that school learnt NZSL. Restaurant is the place where we share plating which is great example where clients can point using NZSL so increasing bond time to understand what they after, most of them never experience this before due their hearing family that mainly oral speaking not NZSL. This will help increase their family's wellbeing next level up.</p> <p>Staff is awareness over our group is Deaf and prefer to sit in circle where see each other face as our culture. I have said no need speak/ pen and paper for write as just point or use your expression how to describe food so client can see what food they after. This help Restaurant staff to prepare for their future customer and easy to describe food with their heart.</p>	<p>Good way to expose our languages to the community where Deaf community that need visit the places often which the place "activities" will see for their thinking may need go short course to attending NZSL class for their business benefits. Clients and staff would like to say big thank you for allowing us have funding during NZSL to grab this opportunity to experience flash restaurant due their background is poor social-economic that never been 5 star place.</p>
EyeFilms Productions	<p>EyeFilms wanted to create 10 different videos and showcase 10 different scenarios of Deaf and hearing people communicating using NZSL. We managed to create 7 different videos because of the short timeframe.</p> <p>Here are the links:  Jack's Cafe - <a href="https://vimeo.com/556763418/726c11e4cb">https://vimeo.com/556763418/726c11e4cb</a>  Police Station - <a href="https://vimeo.com/553133659/4452556044">https://vimeo.com/553133659/4452556044</a>  Rebecca and Matthew - <a href="https://vimeo.com/549171997/8889e19c31">https://vimeo.com/549171997/8889e19c31</a>  Ricoh - <a href="https://vimeo.com/548764165/145b1706cc">https://vimeo.com/548764165/145b1706cc</a>  Chris and Tama - <a href="https://vimeo.com/548757809/60d6aba0ee">https://vimeo.com/548757809/60d6aba0ee</a>  Sarah and Manan - <a href="https://vimeo.com/548756503/6f8109c764">https://vimeo.com/548756503/6f8109c764</a>  Levi - school and work (unable to complete)  Signing pilot - unable to film in time due to permissions  Signing kindy teacher - unable film in time due to illness on week of filming  McDonalds - unable to film in time due to permissions. McDonalds went ahead with their own filming which took our contribution and added signed English videos (not NZSL). This ended up with considerable sunk costs that we were not able to recover.</p>	<p>Each video was different, in total of all 7 videos we had around 12 people involved. There was quite a bit of work that did not result in a video product because we were trying to complete it all in a short timeframe.</p>	<p>EyeFilms were able to link our project with all of the above.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We were able to bring awareness to other organisations about how NZSL is a better tool for the Deaf community to communicate with.</li> <li>2. Our Deaf community were involved in the videos and felt empowered to share their experiences and show how proud they were to use NZSL with the hearing community. They shared the videos we posted on our Facebook page! the views and likes kept going higher.</li> <li>3. When we filmed at Jack's, the staff and public were really interested in how we communicated in NZSL. Staff were astounded that learning NZSL actually breaks barriers for the Deaf community.</li> <li>4. The hearing people in some of the videos were blown away with how easy it was to learn some signs and learn about Deaf culture. They were really keen and wanted to continue learning.</li> <li>5. We were able to film at a workplace, school and Police station. It was a great experience working with all sorts of different people and organisations.</li> </ol>	<p>We would love to continue this project next year. We would also like to be able to have more time to put a project together and contact people to get the best chance of creating more videos than this year, as well as getting more people involved.</p> <p>Community Feedback: Verbal feedback about the videos was that they appeared very professionally produced with dignity compared to other slapstick style work, incorporating an underlying message that Deaf were business owners, contributing members of society and on an equal footing with hearing people. The Ricoh video was sent to their international branches. Chris and Tama's video got a lot of Maori connections and several positive comments were made. A lot of people liked the fact that Deaf people can have their own business. There was a positive attitude towards Deaf access and role modeling. All the videos had a great positive underlying message</p>
Tauranga Deaf Club	<p>We want to organizing Family Fun day to get together and it will be advertised on Deaf Kids which lots of people follow that. Deaf children, CODA and APD kids get together to make new friends and learn bit of NZSL and have fun games. BBQ will be provided also will have face painter too.</p>	22	<p>Everything is going well and smooth. Everyone loves it and lots of communication and chatting and playing. Lots of fun and they enjoy their food plus we give some prizes for winning and lollies for kids.</p>	<p>Having funding is a big help to us to build a community to get together and know each other and keep sign lives.</p>

Deaf Wellbeing Society (DWS)	Deaf Wellbeing Society Incorporated offers fortnightly are and craft days. Due to communication barriers many Deaf have not have the opportunity to experience certain techniques. We try to access Deaf teachers, however if there is no one with the skill we do invite hearing teachers (NZSL trainee interpreters). Making crafts can be fun and the side benefits are relaxation and social interaction.	27	Celebrating NZSL & realising NZ is a supportive country for Deaf communication. Our activity was relaxing, creative and made us proud. #2 – Deaf Wellbeing Society creates a ‘Deaf positive’ space with our fortnightly ‘Drop in centre’. #5 – Our Deaf Drop in centre uses members of the Deaf community to teach other Deaf. DWS encourages all members to volunteer and be positive role models. #1 – Our event is advertised on Facebook and our weekly newsletter – this is sent out to Deaf and hearing communities.	
Manawatu Deaf Society	Kahoot Quiz Night	8 people played Kahoot quiz game also 20 members turned up when haven't been to the Deaf Club for ages.	Bringing our members back into the clubroom after a hard year last year over COVID. Everyone was communicating and being so happy using NZSL to understand each other so well. We had three hearing people there and they enjoyed meeting the Deaf members and communicate with each other in NZSL. There was no barrier in the communicating and the Deaf members encouraged them to keep learning NZSL	Please in advance give us more time to reach a wider audience
Wellington Deaf Society Incorporated	Our Grant application was originally for one event for up to 60 people. However, we ended up utilising the funds to create 3 Wellington events for the Wellington Deaf Society members and the community.  The 3 events were:  Event 1: New Zealand Sign Language Evening at our Deaf Club. An event where we welcomed our local community to come along and learn NZSL and celebrate NZSL Week with the Wellington Deaf Society. We had 2 taster classes running throughout the evening as well as NZSL activities such as – Put the games in alphabet order (NZSL cards), Pretend Bar- Ask me the sign for a drink, Scavenger Hunt NZSL Bingo for the kids, Ask me the Sign for? Display of the NZSL Dictionary App and resources to take away.  Event 2: Mid-Week Member Lunch at our Deaf Club. We held a mid-week lunch to celebrate NZSL Week. Members mainly senior were able to come together to our new Deaf Club and enjoy lunch. The outcome of this event is the Wellington Deaf Society are now setting up a new regular monthly Morning Tea group for our Wellington Deaf Community.	Event 1: We had about 110 adults and approx. 40 children at our NZSL Evening. It was a fantastic turn out of the Wellington Deaf Community as well as many hearing coming along to celebrate and learn NZSL. Event 2: Lunch had 21 senior Wellington Deaf Society members Event 3: 16 members plus 1 interpreter	All three events had links to one or more of the 5 points. Our NZSL evening linked to all 5 points. We advertised in the local newspaper, flyers and through community social media. This raised awareness to the local community that the Wellington Deaf Society have a new building/base in Johnsonville. We welcomed both Deaf and Hearing to come along and celebrate NZSL week together. Our Deaf Community used NZSL and shared and taught hearing people on the evening. We provided resources and information for many hearing that were wanting to continue to learn more NZSL. Our other 2 events were a chance for our Deaf Community to come together to use and share NZSL, learn new skills and strengthen the community of NZSL users.	Feedback from the NZ Sign Language Evening has been extremely positive. The hearing community that went have continued to praise the event and are wanting to continue to learn more NZSL, including hearing children that were keen to learn. I predict that if the Wellington Deaf Society held a similar event next year for NZSL Week, that we would continue to get a fantastic turn out. From “word of mouth” in the hearing community that went along, I predict more friends and family will turn up next year to experience our event.  -It was fantastic to see visitors learning and understanding more about being in a Deaf environment. One example was a man who wore hearing aids and could not hear anything if he removed them. He was loving being surrounded by Deaf people, as he had never experienced being amongst a group of Deaf people and seeing people use NZSL. This made him want to learn more and feel more confident to come again.  -From our Mid-Week Lunch event we are now starting a monthly morning tea group. Meeting monthly, we are using this opportunity to educate to our Deaf members, who are mainly senior. For example, our first morning tea group next month, we are arranging someone to come along and talk to the senior Deaf about the Covid Vaccine. A great opportunity while everyone is together.
Southland Deaf Community inc	Ten Pin Bowling To promote NZSL	30	As a community it was a way of members and students being able to use NZSL with one another. For Deaf people able to meet students and to encourage more people to learn NZSL	Thank you to NZSL Board, we all had a most enjoyable time
Bay of Plenty Association for Deaf Children Inc	To gather families from all over the Bay of Plenty with children who are Deaf/HOH together. We plan to celebrate NZSL week with our new first sign users with our past first sign users. It's a great time to connect families in our region, to practice/use NZSL, support families and to have lots of fun.	8 families/17 children	Although, we do not have any children/families who attended the event that only sign. I saw many of the children signing but also the parents signing to their children, especially the young children. I know I got all the children's attention while they were playing - signing that the food was ready - they all understood that in a very noisy environment :) It was wonderful to see all the children playing - I saw a young boy talking to one of the children who has CI - this young boy was so intrigued and the boy with CI was telling him all about his ears. Very special moments	We would like to thank you for the support from Deaf Aotearoa and the funding given by the NZSL board. Without funding like this, it makes it very difficult to do activities on our very small limited annual income. These events are so important to our families. Many Families were very thankful for the day and all the children had an absolute blast.
Merge NZ	Merge NZ wants to support NZSL Week's theme for 2021 “NZSL is for Everyone”. The purpose of our event is to encourage practice and at the same time introduce/share the language to new people. This event will allow all NZSL students to come together to practice and polish up the language. While attending the event, we encourage every NZSL user to bring a guest (preferably has no prior knowledge of NZSL). The idea is when the NZSL students/users practice, the invited guests will have a learning session with a qualified tutor for approximately 30 minutes.  Merge NZ has taught NZSL, shared NZSL, but to normalize NZSL which is our goal, practice is needed. Practice leads to improvement which leads to confidence, which leads to active usage in the language and create awareness in the hearing community and encourage learning. It is the same as learning any new language, the improvement of any language is the constant use of it with lots of practice. ‘Knowledge is of no value unless you put it into practice – Anton Chekhov  While recognizing the importance of practice, we also want to share this beautiful language to friends and family, so the idea of inviting a guest to try out NZSL will be an opportunity for NZSL to be showcased to the wider community and spread the message that ‘NZSL is for Everyone’, thus lifting the status and profile of NZSL as an official language of New Zealand.	21 people attended the first NZSL Club • 70+ responded to NZSL Club survey • Approx. 3,000 people saw NZSL Club news/post on social media.	1. To lift the status and profile of NZSL as an Official Language of New Zealand – a language for all New Zealanders to use and share. Create taster session to share with the invited guests and encourage them to continue learning. Empowering NZSL Club guests to become leaders for their local areas. 2. For Deaf community members to use and share NZSL. There were 2 Deaf community members, who lived in that area and they came to support the purpose of NZSL Club. It was humbling having Deaf people present. 3. For hearing people to meet Deaf people, breaking down barriers. Inviting the community (hearing and Deaf) to the meet up and signing together, thus breaking down barriers. 4. For more hearing people to have some experience of NZSL, with a view to some choosing to continue their learning and engagement. That's exactly what happened. There were 2 groups of people in this session. One group is the NZSL learners/users and the other group is “newbie” with no prior knowledge of NZSL. The NZSL learners/users were encouraged to invite their friends/family who are the newbies. The newbies attended the taster session, enjoyed the teaching and got interested to continue learning. Their friends who invited them to the session already had NZSL knowledge were excited to see their “newbie” friend caught the NZSL bug and they will be the practice partners for their new learning friends. It is a win-win situation. 5. To highlight the use and learning of NZSL in education, government services, and social and community contexts. These 21 participants came and some of them were working in education and health services. There were some conversations about how to incorporate NZSL in their work. Some serious conversations were held with NZSL club advanced students.	Our plan was to organise 4 events during NZSL Week but due to time and human power constraint, we only managed to organise 1 which was successful. However, we are still interested to organise 3 more especially after the positive feedback that we have received, we are even more determined to do so.

NZSLTA (NZ Sign Language Tutor Association)	<p>Online Deaf Deaf World event – Saturday 12th June at zoom link NZSLTA Northern Branch organized their first online Deaf Deaf World event. NZSLTA Northern Branch organizes this event every year but it is normally face to face. Online events for sign language are becoming more popular. Northern Branch thought it would be a good opportunity for NZSL students taught by Northern Branch tutors to access this event. I sent out a doodle poll to the Northern Branch NZSL tutors, 12 tutors signed up unfortunately of these 12, three of them had their plans changed e.g. offered overtime at their main job, clashes with personal events and has other commitments. We provided three separate training sessions before the online Zoom event. This was for the tutors to be prepared for how the event would proceed, we wanted to make sure that the tutors had the right resources. The tutors then picked one activity shop to be the host of.</p>	<p>Approx 42 NZSL students 9 NZSL tutors 1 interpreter 3 observers – 1 was from the UK BSL (British Sign Language) Tutor Association. They requested to observe as they would like to set up something similar in the UK. Branch sent their apologies as no one was able to attend. 30 NZSL students 4 NZSL students sent me messages when the event was open saying that they were having difficulty accessing the zoom call. This was not something that I could assist with as the problem was with their devices.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Our event was advertised via word of mouth, facebook tagging, a facebook event link, we also printed over 100 flyers to give out to NZSL classes, We spoke to everyone we could about the event. We also sent out reminders to staff / colleagues at Deaf workplaces. The promotion of this event went very well. The NZSL profile was lifted due to the many participants that enjoyed the event.</li> <li>2. Northern Branch always gave opportunities to both NZSL tutors and NZSL students to learn from each other, what it means today living in the hearing world as a Deaf person, what if the roles were reversed and the majority population were Deaf how would the hearing population feel. The tutors and students get to meet each other outside of the classroom (onsite or online) and to connect with other students and tutors, also other Deaf Community members. Our NZSL Tutors are always proud to teach NZSL students, in the hopes that the students encourage others to come along and learn our language.</li> <li>3. Similar to the response to point 2 above. We received a lot of feedback from a variety of NZSL students – youth, young adults, school students, college students, night class students and university students. They really enjoyed the pretend shops and meeting a variety of Deaf people. To gain an understanding that we don't all sign the same, there are different styles (accents).</li> <li>4. We feel that this type of event helps the students with their NZSL skills.</li> <li>5. Deaf Deaf world plus NZSL classes help NZSL learners to join the Auckland Deaf community to teach / understand each other. Northern Branch encourages all tutors to support NZSL students. Helping them to understand better and learn more about the real Deaf people and sign language.</li> </ol>	<p>We hope to be able to provide this event again next year during NZSL Week.</p>
NZSLTA (NZ Sign Language Tutor Association)	<p>Onsite Deaf Deaf World event – Friday 14th May at Auckland Deaf Society  NZSLTA Northern Branch organizes a Deaf Deaf World event every year. The event in 2019 was cancelled three times due to COVID-19 the 2019 one was cancelled. To make sure that we had one this year we sent out a doodle poll to find out what the tutor interest would be like. The response was great 19 tutors signed up and picked one activity shop to host.</p>	<p>Approx 120  18 NZSL tutors  2 volunteers  90 NZSL students  10-15 Deaf participants supporting  1 x sign language interpreter and  1 volunteer student interpreter</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Our event was advertised through word of mouth, facebook tagging, a facebook event link, we printed over 100 flyers to give out to NZSL classes, and as mentioned talked to everyone we could about the event. Sent our reminders to staff/colleagues at Deaf workplaces. The Promotion of this event went very well. The NZSL profile was lifted due to the many participants that enjoyed the event.</li> <li>2. Northern Branch always gives opportunities to both NZSL tutors and NZSL students to learn from each other – what it means in living in today's world for Deaf community members using the Deaf Deaf World event. The tutors and students get to meet each other and then also helps the students to connect with the Deaf Community more. NZSL Tutors are always proud to teach NZSL students, in the hopes that the students encourage others to come along and learn our language.</li> <li>3. Same as above number 2. We received a lot of feedback from a variety of NZSL students – youth, young adults, school students, college students, night class students and university students. They really enjoyed the pretend shops and meeting a variety of Deaf people. To gain an understanding that we don't all sign the same there are different styles.</li> <li>4. We feel that it helps with their NZSL learning skills.</li> <li>5. Deaf Deaf world plus NZSL classes help NZSL learners to join the Auckland Deaf community to teach/understand each other. Northern Branch encourages all tutors to support NZSL students. Helping them to understand better and learn more about the real Deaf people and sign language.</li> </ol>	
Fiona Damm	<p>The quiz night is to promote New Zealand Sign Language within the Deaf Community together with the Sign Language students of Waikato.</p>	<p>Event ongoing - completion due september</p>		
Wellington Association for Deaf Children	<p>To create a fun family friendly day out for families of Deaf and Hard of Hearing children and the Deaf Community from the Greater Wellington and Manawatu area.</p> <p>The event will have a special focus on children and young people and be open to registration to the Wellington Association for Deaf Children community and their families, Deaf Aotearoa First Signs families and the wider Deaf Community in the Greater Wellington and Manawatu area. The main event will be free to attend for up to 200 people (RSVP required).</p> <p>The location has been chosen especially as it is mid-way between Wellington and Palmerston North to get as many people together as possible. Petrol vouchers (on application) will be available for 20 families to assist with transportation costs.</p> <p>The event will be held in a public venue. Nga Manu are very excited about the opportunity to have the event onsite. We hope to run two NZSL taster classes, open to the public that are visiting the sanctuary that day.  This will run along side the main family event.</p> <p>Holding the event at a venue that is open to the public will help hearing and Deaf, no signers, beginning signers and full signers meet together in a relaxed and fun setting.</p>	<p>Waiting for report</p>		
Hawkes Bay Deaf Club	<p>Working Bee Group in NZSL</p>	<p>Event waiting to complete due to weather - rescheduled</p>		
Nelson Deaf Community Incorporated	<p>We want to organizing Family Fun day to get together and it will be advertised on Deaf Kids Nelson which lots of people follow that. Deaf children, CODA and APD kids get together to make new friends and learn bit of NZSL and have fun games. BBQ will be provided also will have face painter too.</p>	<p>Waiting for report</p>		

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Deaf Deaf World Events	<p>Approx 46          6 NZSL tutors          3 Non- NZSL tutors          2 volunteers          29 NZSL students          5 Deaf participants attendance          1 x sign language interpreter</p>	<p>. Our event was advertised through, facebook tagging, a facebook event link between NZSLTA and NZSL Central Branch, we emailed flyer to each tutors to pass on to their students at their NZSL classes, and as mentioned talked to everyone we could about the event. Sent our reminders to staff/colleagues at Deaf workplaces. The Promotion of this event went very well. The NZSL profile was lifted due to the many participants that enjoyed the event.</p> <p>2. Central Branch tried their best to give opportunities to both NZSL tutors and NZSL students to learn from each other – what it means in living in today's world for Deaf community members using the Deaf Deaf World event. The tutors and students get to meet each other and then also helps the students to connect with the Deaf Community more. NZSL Tutors are always proud to teach NZSL students, in the hopes that the students encourage others to come along and learn our language.</p> <p>3. Same as above number 2. We received feedback from a variety of NZSL students –young adults, and night class students. They really enjoyed the pretend shops and meeting a variety of Deaf people. To gain an understanding that we don't all sign the same there are different styles. They learnt the barriers Deaf faced when in emergency eg: Fire.</p> <p>4. We feel that it helps with their NZSL learning skills. Hoping they would spread out to other people to learn sign language.</p> <p>5. Deaf Deaf world plus NZSL classes help NZSL learners to join the Auckland Deaf community to teach/understand each other. Northern Branch encourages all tutors to support NZSL students. Helping them to understand better and learn more about the real Deaf people and sign language.</p>	<p>The grant that was given was to cover Northern, Central and Southern Branches. The Central Branch Committee is concerned about the other areas – Hawkes Bay and Taranaki. We are planning to have another Deaf Deaf World event in Wellington on 3rd September. This will be replaced with Online DDW as Wellington prefers Face to face where students can come.</p>
Deaf Deaf World Events	Event still to be held		

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