



Dare to Dream!

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A dream is something we hope for, long for or are ambitious for. It may seem difficult to accomplish, but once we achieve our dream, it's highly valuable to us. At Pathways we believe any dream, no matter how big or small, is relevant. We believe when a story is told and when there are others to hear, that dream becomes even more powerful.

We know from talking to people about what they want to achieve, that many don't have the courage to dream.

Pathways' Dare to Dream is about sharing stories and inspiring courage. It's about letting people tell their own stories, in their own way. It's about people sharing their stories to inspire others.

On Thursday 17 September our first Dare to Dream event was held in Wellington. Three wonderfully generous people agreed to talk about their journey of moving from residential support into the community. We heard about journeys through ill health and uncertainty about the future. We heard about dreams of study, employment, contact with family and independent living. We heard about people moving into their own homes in the community and having freedom to make their own choices. We heard about people following their dreams and making them a reality!

For those who spoke the common theme was the feeling of being supported to hope; supported to hope they'd get to where they wanted to be.

For those listening, especially people living in supported settings across Wellington, Dare to Dream was an inspirational evening. Many people walked away truly believing "I need to tell my story" and "I have to make my own story now."

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