

Minnie Baragwanath



Minnie Baragwanath has played a leading role in affecting social change for disabled New Zealanders over the last decade with roles that have included working in the media as well as community and policy development in local government.

Her innovative approach to problem solving and social change has led her to become increasingly interested in how New Zealand can strengthen itself socially, economically and culturally. She believes our future leaders will need to be the ones who can work comfortably and creatively across traditional sectors, unleashing the wisdom and the resources that lie within the private, public and not for profit arenas.

Minnie has a Bachelor of English Literature, a Bachelor of Communication Studies and has recently completed a post graduate diploma in Economic Development where she has explored:

- Disability through an economic development lens
- The Social economy and the value that social entrepreneurs bring to the New Zealand economy.

Minnie is also a graduate of the Leadership New Zealand programme and attended the Tamarack Communities Collaborating Institute in Canada in 2007.

She has also recently established her own social innovation agency called Alchemy.