

New Chair of Trustees appointed at leading Autism charity.

[Autism Unlimited](#) is pleased to announce the appointment of Lesley Longstone as the new Chair of its Board of Trustees.



Lesley brings over 30 years of experience in education, health and youth policy to her new role chairing the Christchurch-based charity in its mission to create opportunities for autistic children, adults and families.

"I'm thrilled to be joining Autism Unlimited and working alongside such a dedicated team," said Lesley. "I'm looking forward to continuing my voluntary work in the charity sector and making a difference for the autism community."

Lesley has previously held senior roles at the Department of Education and served as Vice Chair of Trustees for another autism organisation. This experience has fuelled her passion for empowering autistic individuals.

"What I've seen at Autism Unlimited is a true person-centred approach that supports autistic children, adults and families," she said. "I'm excited to help the charity grow and extend its reach, so we can champion even more autistic people."

Autism Unlimited provides bespoke educational services, preparation for adulthood, independent living skills, training and career development for the autism community.

Under Lesley's stewardship, the charity aims to continue its innovation and development to realise its strategic goals of empowering autistic children and adults.

"We're thrilled to welcome Lesley to Autism Unlimited," said CEO Siún Cranny. "Her experience will help us develop more exceptional services tailored to each individual's needs. She will be a wonderful advocate for our community."

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