

Livewire is...

...an online community for teenagers living with a serious illness, disability or chronic health condition.



“ The fact that we are chronically, seriously ill or have a disability is irrelevant. In the moment that we are laughing and chatting, we are just like every other teenager. ”

—Livewire member



Questions?

We're here to help. To speak with someone at Livewire please free call **0800 000 680** between 11am – 7pm or email livewire@starlight.org.nz

Join now!

Know someone who might love Livewire? It's easy! All they need to do is head to livewire.org.nz and click on 'join now' to complete the registration.

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keeping it real

- ★ Teens thrive on social interaction and peer support. Being **seriously ill**, having a chronic illness or disability can leave young people **feeling isolated and disconnected** from their friends.
- ★ Powered by the Starlight Children's Foundation, **Livewire.org.nz connects** teens living with a serious illness, chronic health condition or disability, and their siblings.
- ★ Livewire gives teenagers a place that's just for them; where they can connect with others who **just 'get'** what they're going through.
- ★ It's a fun and supportive place where they can **chat, share stories, get creative and just be!**

“Livewire has given me a chance to feel “normal”. It is the only thing that has actually ever made me feel normal. I don't think there is a better group to be a part of.”

—Livewire member

Why Livewire?

- ★ The Livewire community helps adolescents living with a serious illness, chronic health condition or disability feel connected, supported and **more positive** about their future.
- ★ Livewire is delivered by **trained Livewire chat hosts**, who create opportunities for teenagers to connect and engage in activities – whether that means introducing them to a new activity, or simply having a chat.

“I love being part of Livewire because the community is so tight knit! It has heaps of awesome blogs to read! I love it because I can finally talk to people who understand what I am going through without blank faces staring back at me!”

—Livewire member

- ★ It's a no pressure environment where teenagers have the **freedom to choose** when and how they get involved!
- ★ The safety of our Livewire users is our number one priority. Our trained chat hosts are in the chat room at all times, making sure the community runs smoothly and everyone has a **positive experience**.
- ★ Every member is validated before they can connect with other members, ensuring Livewire remains **safe and secure** for all.

What's on offer?

Livewire is about **fun, choice and freedom**. Members can choose to participate in a range of activities including:

- ★ Post updates on what's going on in their life
- ★ Write about topics that interest them
- ★ Read articles and stories that will inspire creativity, spark conversation and entertain
- ★ Participate in a range of activities from creative writing competitions to DIY videos
- ★ Visit the chat room and talk to others (Open 7 days a week)

