

## Janelle's story

### An Easy Read case study



Janelle was born without a fibula – a bone in your lower leg.

When Janelle was 6 years old, she had her foot removed.



She didn't know any people with disability when she was growing up.

But she still played tennis with other children.



Janelle explained that in the 1980s, there weren't many supports and services to help people with disability.



When Janelle was younger, she had lots of surgeries.



And her parents changed parts of their home to support her.



Now, Janelle is a mother.  
She has two sons who are 10 and 12 years old.



Janelle said the Disability Gateway would have been good for her family.



She also said siblings of people with disability need support too.



Janelle works in childhood education.

She sometimes sees children and families like hers.

Janelle said she can help those families by sharing the Disability Gateway with them.



Janelle manages her disability on her own.

But in the future, she:

- might need more support
- can use the Disability Gateway to find support.



She said,

“I am proud of my disability. Resources like the Disability Gateway have contributed to this.”