



E-Bulletin - Week beginning 16 June 2014

Vision

Disabled people and their families are able to lead the lives they desire.

Core Value

Respecting and supporting choice

Mission

To empower disabled people and their families through leading social change.

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The School of Critical Studies in Education, University of Auckland and the Parent & Family Resource Centre invite you to this event:

'Disability Electoral Forum'

Are you being heard?

For individuals with disabilities and their families

Monday 30 June 2014

2 convenient times - 10.30am to 1pm and 6pm to 8.30pm

University of Auckland, Faculty of Education
Music Auditorium B Block (Gate 3)
74 Epsom Avenue Epsom
Parking in car-park building Gate 2

The Parent & Family Resource Centre invites you to our Disability Electoral Forum. Please [click here](#) to view an electronic version of this flier. The purpose of the forum is to provide families, whanau and aiga the opportunity to be heard regarding disability issues. We will collate your feedback anonymously and present this to political parties for follow up discussion at the second forum of this series on 1st September (time and speakers to be confirmed).

Participants will be encouraged to engage in 6 key topic areas (a 'round robin' style workshop) including:

Education - Early Childhood Education, Schooling and Tertiary
Needs Assessment & Service Coordination and Disability Support & Services
Housing and Accommodation
Income
Employment
Health and Wellness

At each discussion table we will provide an overview of policies, supports and services as it currently exists and compare this to how it works in practice for you, how support is accessed, what works well and what doesn't.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available during this workshop. An information table will contain copies of relevant print material. Space will be limited so please register early for this event by contacting: Parent & Family Resource Centre, Ph. (09) 636-0351, pfrcadmin@pfrc.org.nz

Please advise if a Sign Language Interpreter is required



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SEMINARS/TRAINING

Transition Expo 2014 – Central Auckland

The progression from school to community life. Hosted by Parent & Family Resource Centre (PFRC) and Ministry of Social Development (MSD). The seminar will be held on Tuesday the 19th of August 2014 at the Fickling Convention Centre, 546 Mt. Albert Road, Three Kings, from 9:00am - 2:30pm. For more information, [click here](#).

IF including Respite Seminars – Auckland Wide

The IF including Respite Seminars by the MoH are back for another series! There are 3 presentations remaining in the current series. [Click here](#) for more details and [click here](#) for the dates for the same seminar later in 2014 or to register, contact Virginia on 09 636 0351 or email pfrcadmin@pfrc.org.nz

Transition Seminars – Auckland Wide

Life after school on your mind? PFRC is running Transition seminars August/September this year. [Click here](#) for more info.

Trusts & Welfare Seminars – Auckland Wide

Another popular series of seminars run by PFRC. Anyone with a child nearing 18yo will find this useful. [Click here](#) for info.

Lifeline Aotearoa are offering a Suicide First Aid course – Central Auckland

This workshop will run 18th and 19th June. This is open to anyone, just [click here](#) for more info.

Working With Parents' Anger - Auckland 2014 – Central Auckland

Please [click here](#) information for a 2 1/2 day training workshop being offered in Auckland, 29th & 30th September and 1st December.

Auckland Down Syndrome Association Course – Central Auckland

Auckland Down Syndrome Association are running a course on "Success in School" on 4th & 11th August 2014. [Click here](#) for details.

Achieve 2B – Central Auckland

Julia Hartshorne from Whangarei is coming to Auckland on Thursday 19th June. She would welcome the opportunity to present her initiative about A2B (an inspiring intercultural exchange programme for high school students with disabilities). Julia is scheduled to present this initiative at Yanton House, 14 Erson Road, Royal Oak, Auckland at 10am. [Click here](#) for further information about the event and [click here](#) for more background information.

ImagineBetter Conference – Wellington

The title of this conference is "Moving On – Success in Transition". The conference will be held at Te Papa in Wellington from the 12th-14th of November 2014. The conference aims to identify strategies and approaches that enable people to create success through times of change. To read more about the conference, [click here](#). For registration information, contact Katherine Frame on Katherine@imaginebetter.co.nz or phone 09 551 1563.

SAVE THE DATE- 8-11 September 2014

Workshops by Dr Larry Brendtro on Resilience and RAP (Response Ability Pathways). Dr Larry will inform about the latest brain science research relating to the development of children and provide strategies to positively support young people experiencing conflict and challenges. [Click here](#) for more information.

Unitec Information Morning

Supported Learning, Department of Community & Health Services are offering a series of Information Mornings for the remainder of 2014. This is an event designed for students, their families, support people and teachers to come and find out about our programmes which cater to students who have special learning needs. [Click here](#) to view the upcoming dates for the information morning, and [here](#) for the registration form. Please contact Pat Ball Lecturer, Department of Community & Health Services, 815 4321 ext 8312, pball@unitec.ac.nz if you have any questions.

Acting Up

Acting Up is a new community group that provides drama education to youth with disabilities. They currently have vacancies in their Onehunga and Otahuhu classes. [Click here](#) for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Health and Disability Commissioner is hosting a conference "How do we all raise the volume of the unheard voice?" on Wednesday, 2nd July 2014 – Alexandra Park, Auckland. [Click here](#) for details on the conference and the registration forms.

Attitude Live Awards Nominations

The nominations for the 2014 Attitude Awards are now OPEN! [Click here](#) to go to Attitude Lives website. Make sure you spread the word and get people nominated who deserve to be recognised!

Raeburn House – Symposium

Please see the invitation attached for the upcoming In The Now Symposium. It will be based around the Five Ways to Wellbeing – more information is on their website <http://www.raeburnhouse.org.nz/community/conference>. [Click here](#) to view the poster.

Music and Fun Play Group 2014

This play group is for children between the ages of 0-5 with special needs and their parents/caregivers. The group is held every Wednesday from 9:30 - 11am in the school terms at the Courtyard Room, Community of St Luke, 130 Remuera Road, Newmarket. For more information, [click here](#), or contact Margaret Davidson nzmargaret@gmail.com or Marjorie Blakeley Blakeley.m@xtra.co.nz.

Upper North Island Boccia Champs

Anyone interested in giving boccia a go? Not sure what boccia is? Click here: <http://www.boccia.org.nz/about.html>. For those who are keen to give it a go, entry forms for the upcoming Upper North Island Boccia Champs to be held in Hamilton on 28th – 29th June are due 24th June. To more information and to enter please click here: <http://www.boccia.org.nz/events.html>

TAM (Take A Moment) photos and videos exhibition managed by IHC New Zealand

A free exhibition showcasing everyday living in and around New Zealand focussed on ability. [Click here](#) and [click here](#) for two relevant posters. For background information [click here](#).

A forum on Issues and solutions...”Economic Inequality: Effects on Children & Families” – Central Auckland

This forum will be held on 15th July 2014 7-9pm. For further details [click here](#).

NOTICES

Recruiting focus group participants for Quality Access to Primary Care research

In collaboration with the Independent Living Service Inc. (ILS), researchers from University of Auckland’s School of Population Health are seeking people ages 16-64 with lived experience of disability to take part in focus groups. They want to learn more about your experiences using primary health care services delivered by General Practitioners (GPs) and their practice teams. If you are interested in finding out more, please read the attached Participant Information Sheet or contact:

Tony Howe at ILS by phone (09) 625 0322, or email: tony@ilsnz.org

Focus Groups (16 – 64 years)

Auckland Central: Friday 30th May, 10am-1pm or 5pm–8pm at ILS, 14 Erson Avenue, Royal Oak, Auckland.
Auckland North: Wednesday 18th June, 10am-1pm at Yes Disability Resource Centre, 3 William Laurie Place, Albany.
Auckland South: Friday 20th June, 10am-1pm at Papatotetoe Sports Stadium, Sutton Crescent, Papatotetoe.

Youth Focus Groups (16-25 years)

Auckland North: Thurs 19th June, (time to be advised) at PHAB North, Yes Disability Resource Centre, Albany.
Auckland South: Friday 20th June, 6-9pm PHAB South, 35A St George St, Papatotetoe.
For those interested [click here](#) for more info.

IHC Update

This year IHC has filed an amended complaint with the Human Rights Review Tribunal in response to an original complaint in 2008. They are looking for new evidence from families and schools. IHC has developed a [survey for families](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RS7KFRM) <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RS7KFRM> to complete so they can record family experiences of the treatment of disabled children at school. IHC invites you to complete the survey and provide details of the particular difficulties. Once you have completed the survey IHC Advocates will make contact to confirm your willingness to provide evidence and explain the next steps. Please assist IHC by sharing this survey with other families. More information about IHC’s Education Complaint can be read here: <http://www.ihc.org.nz/campaigns/education-complaint/can-help-involved-ihcs-education-complaint/> If you have questions or concerns you wish to discuss please call Director of Advocacy Trish Grant on 04 495 2773 or email trish.grant@ihc.org.nz

IHC has also developed a survey for the education professionals and others that become involved in the school lives of disabled children and young people; teachers, teacher aides, Board of Trustee members, principals and therapists for example. Please click on <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/IHCEducationC2> if you are interested in taking part.

Disability Action Plan

The Disability Action Plan presents priorities set by the Ministerial Committee on Disability Issues for action that advance implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the New Zealand Disability Strategy. These priorities emphasise actions requiring government agencies to work together, as well as with disability sector organisations and others. [Click here](#) for more info.

Call for Abstracts - Centre for Asian and Ethnic Minority Health Research National Symposium

The CAHRE Symposium will focussing on "Working together to Improve Asian and Ethnic Minority Health and Wellbeing". The Symposium will be held on the 4th of July 2014 at the University of Auckland Tamaki Campus, School of Population Health. [Click here](#) for more information regarding important dates and deadlines.

Downs Syndrome AU

Is distributing the "Happy Strap" (a medical Aide to support low muscle tone) across Australasia. [Click here](#) for info.

Supporting Families with Mental Illness – North

This is a support group for family members who are supporting loved ones with mental illness. The group is held every second Tuesday of the month from 6:45 - 9:00pm at Lion Foundation House, 3 William Laurie Drive, Albany. To register please contact Merle or Margot on 09 414 2423 or email merle@sfauckland.org.nz or margot@sfauckland.org.nz. For more information, [click here](#).

Counselling Service – South

Kim Gregory is a counsellor who has had personal experience with disability. She has a son who is on the Autism Spectrum and has worked in the Disability Sector in various capacities over the past few years. [Click here](#) for more information about Kim, or contact her on 09 296 7587 or email her on ian.king@orcon.net.nz.

Caregiver Wanted – North

A family are looking for someone to help them in their home with their 4 year old son who is on the severe end of the Autism Spectrum and is non-verbal. The family also have 2 neuro-typical children aged 6 and 2. They require help from 3:30 - 6:30pm, Monday-Friday, with duties such as child-minding, helping with housework (vacuuming, fold washing, light cleaning etc) and sole charge of the child before the bedtime routine. Someone who has an understanding of Autism and experience with children on the spectrum is required. If you're interested, please contact Virginia on pfradmin@pfrc.org.nz for more information.

English for Everyday Life/English for Work – Auckland Wide

[Click here](#) for more information on English classes for (new) migrants being run by English Language Partners New Zealand. Alternatively you may contact Estelle Swan on estelle.swan@englishlanguage.org.nz or via phone on 523 0071.

Affordable Counselling Service

Trisha Glover is in the process of acquiring her counselling certificate and is offering counselling services for individual family members living with a person with a disability at a (flexible) rate of \$25 per session. She will be holding clinics in Marua Road, Ellerslie, as well as some sessions at the PFRC office, 3B Olive Road, Penrose. For more information, [click here](#). Please contact Trisha on 021 142 3851 or email her on tglover@ihug.co.nz for more information or to book a session.

Grief Centre Support Groups

The Grief Centre runs a variety of support groups which aim to explore the loss and grief in different ways. For more information on the times and locations support groups are held, [click here](#). To register, please contact The Grief Centre on 418 1457 or email info@griefcentre.org.nz

Free Counselling – Raeburn House

Raeburn House is pleased to offer a no-cost counselling opportunity to members of the Auckland North community. Sandra Hill is a Raeburn House staff member with an extensive background in working with diverse people and communities, and is currently studying towards her Post-Graduate Diploma in Counselling. Sandra is supervised by a registered professional and is offering free counselling at Raeburn House as a part of her study programme. [Click here](#) for more information.

Therapy 4 Children Service

Quality Rehabilitation Services Ltd are a Paediatric Team of Occupational Therapists, Speech Language Therapists and Physiotherapists that provide services Auckland-wide. To view the information flier, [click here](#). You can also visit their website on www.qualityrehab.co.nz or contact 0800 557 556.

Access 2020 Disability Strategy

The Electoral Commission has finalised its disability strategy, *Access 2020*, and you can read it [here](#) or on the Commission's website www.elections.org.nz/resources-learning/voters-disability. *Access 2020* continues the improvements made over the past three elections and aims to reduce barriers that disabled people may encounter when enrolling and voting at elections. The Commission's priority is to reduce barriers to participation by developing programmes and processes that enable New Zealanders living with an impairment to fully access our services.

Lifetime Homes by NZ Federation of Disability Info Centres

A Lifetime home has just been completed a three bedroom home with full accessibility. If you are interested, [click here](#) for more information and [click here](#) for photos.

NEWSLETTERS

Community Network Newsletter April 2014

[Click here](#) for this official newsletter from Auckland District Council of Social Services (ADCROSS).

Special Olympics Fanletter

Special Olympics have brought out their recent newsletter. [Click here](#) for a read.

Wilson Home Update

[Click here](#) to read the Wilson Home e-newsletter for the week of the 5th June.

Boccia Get Rolling Newsletter

[Click here](#) to read the latest update from Boccia. Boccia are now accepting membership applications that will run through until June 2015. To find out more, [click here](#), or visit Boccia's new-look website <http://www.boccia.org.nz/>

Recreate Newsletter

Recreate have now released their Term 2 Newsletter. [Click here](#) to view the newsletter. Please note that this may take a few seconds to download due to the file size.

Parent to Parent Update

[Click here](#) to read the May 2014 e-newsletter from Parent to Parent.

Spark Centre Newsletter

To read the May and June 2014 Newsletter from the Spark Centre, [click here](#) & [click here](#) respectively. For more information about classes run by the Spark Centre in 2014, [click here](#). Please note these file may take a few seconds to download due to their size.

Open for better care E-update - Issue 10

[Click here](#) for their latest newsletter.

Unique Families Newsletter June 2014

This newsletter might be of interest for some. [Click here](#) to read.

Expressions Magazine

[Click here](#) to read newest edition of the Sands Expressions Magazine.

News from the Land of Be.

[Click here](#) for their newsletter.

TANI Newsletter

To read the Autumn 2014 Newsletter, [click here](#). Please note that this file may take a few seconds to download due to its size.

Community Scoop Website

Have you heard of Community scoop website? Often it reviews the latest on disabilities and social policy. [Click here](#) to check it out.

ADSA latest news

[Click here](#) to view their website.

Whanau Marama – Parenting Courses and more

For April 2014 on line newsletter featuring Term 2 courses on all aspects of Parenting, [click here](#).

MASADA Update

A newspaper article on the programmes offered by MASADA to North, East and South Auckland, [click here](#). [Click here](#) for their GET SET programme.

Health Quality and Safety Commission NZ Update

To view Issue 33 of the electronic update, [click here](#)

Linkage May Newsletter

[Click here](#) for the May newsletter about growing great services.

West Link Family Services Newsletter

Another newsletter for you to look at. [Click here](#) to view.

DIGEST Autumn 2014 Disability Information Service News

For the Otago DIGEST newsletter [click here](#).

Disability Support Services Group's e-Newsletter.

Issue 53 is now available on MoH website <http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/disability-services/disability-support-services-newsletter> or [click here](#).

Numicon Winter News

[Click here](#) for their latest news.

Choice in Community Living May 2014 Update

[Click here](#) for an update from the providers and users inspiring stories.

NZORD – NZ Organisation for Rare Disorders Newsletter 2014

6 June 2014 newsletter can be seen by [clicking here](#).

ARMS newsletter

[Click here](#) for the details.

Interactive Drawing Therapy Newsletter

[Click here](#) for their newsletter and new training schedule.

From the PFRC Team



Lisa, Virginia, Gabi and Nicola

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