

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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Community Disability Cultural Advisor sought at Parent & Family Resource Centre

The Parent & Family Resource Centre is seeking a Community Cultural Advisor to assist families from other cultures in Auckland who are raising a child with a disability, and who may be speakers of other languages. The role will involve coordinating the development and delivery of a range of services for the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse population of South Auckland including disability information and advice, disability related seminars and print publications. Ideally we are seeking a Mandarin speaking person with health/disability sector experience. Please send CV to Lisa Martin, Centre Director, Parent & Family Resource Centre, PO Box 13385, Onehunga, Auckland 1643 or email to lisa@pfrc.org.nz – this advertisement is now also listed on Seek and will be open until end August 2014.

SEMINARS/TRAINING

Transition Expo 2014 – Central Auckland – Last Reminder – Expo is next week – hope to see you there!!

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](#).

Skylight's workshop on SUPPORTING CHILDREN & TEENS THROUGH LOSS AND GRIEF

This *experiential and interactive workshop* will look at the challenging and disorienting experience of grief, loss and bereavement for children and young people, 29th August 9.30am -12.30pm. [Click here](#) for flyer and [here](#) for registration form.

Transition Seminars – Auckland Wide

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

The Circle of Courage Training and Development Trust

Is publishing the details of their 2014 workshop featuring **Dr. Larry Brendtro** and the NEW 'Rolling with Resilience' programme. [Click here](#) to view the flyer for the upcoming workshop. Spaces are limited, so bookings are essential and we highly recommend that you do so quickly. The flyer also contains the link to the online registration form.

Trusts & Welfare Seminars – Auckland Wide

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

Mind & Body

are advertising the up-coming NZQA Certificate in Peer Support (Mental Health) (Level 4) being held in Auckland beginning September 22nd 2014 and associated addiction funding available through Matua Raki. For enrolment criteria and more information email bailee@mindandbody.co.nz or visit their website www.mindandbody.co.nz. [Click here](#) to view course info.

The Spark Centre is excited to announce "The Artist in Movement" beginning in Term 3 and running for 10 weeks.

This is a new programme of music, movement and visual art for people with disabilities. [Click here](#) for more info.

Halberg Disability Sports

Have a look at their wheelchair basketball program. [Click here](#) to view their flyer.

Working With Parents' Anger - Auckland 2014 – Central Auckland

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

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.

NZ Disability Support Network Conference 2014 – The Good Life: Work, Home & Community

This will be held on 13th and 14th August 2014 at Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington. [Click here](#) for the all the details.

There will be weekly newsletters in the runup to the conference which we will include as and when they come in. [Click here](#) for the one dated 16th July and [here](#) for the one dated 23rd July. And there now is another update from the 30th July, [click here](#) to view.

Raeburn House has put out their term 3 courses:

[Click here](#) to view their brochure or go to their website www.raeburnhouse.org.nz. RBA training Tuesday 2nd September 9:30am-2:00pm at Corban Estate Art Centre in Henderson. \$50 (includes lunch and morning tea). Please call 441-8989 or email miriama@raeburnhouse.org.nz for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Snow Sports Youth and Women Talent Identification Camp (Snow Sports NZ in association with Paralympics)

Turoa Ski area, 29th, 30th and 31st August. [Click here](#) for Information.

Boccia NZ

Get your entries in for the biggest boccia competition to be held in New Zealand this year! Full details and entry forms are now available for the Boccia New Zealand National Championships: <http://www.boccia.org.nz/events4.html> To view Poster [click here](#). Interested in being a volunteer? <http://www.boccia.org.nz/volunteer-form---new-zealand-national-boccia-championships.html>

People First

Invitation to Zero Tolerance to Abuse and Beyond - Second Hui. [Click here](#) for flyer. Only limited spaces available to get in quick. The hui addresses bullying and harassment of disabled people.

Blind Cricket in New Zealand

The New Zealand Blind Cricket Association Inc Announces Blind Cricket NZ A vs Australia A Development Tour 2015. [Click here](#) to read more.

The Spark Centre Exhibition "Visual Perceptions" is running from 5th August to 28th September

Visual Perceptions showcases recent works created by members of the community of artists who practice at Spark Centre, reflecting the cultural and artistic diversity which exists within the group. [Click here](#) all the relevant information.

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.

Spirit of Adventure Trust announces the 5 Day Inspirational Voyage 16– 20th February 2015

The Inspiration Voyage is for youth between 16 – 20 years who live with a physical challenge. Participants come from all over NZ to take part in a 5 day voyage aboard our purpose built 45m tall ship Spirit of NZ. The focus of the program is to provide an opportunity to face challenges outside usual boundaries, gain confidence and achieve things that previously may have looked impossible. If you would like more information please see their website www.spiritofadventure.org.nz or [click here](#) for the Inspirational Voyage info booklet. Applications close on Friday 31st October 2014.

The Everyday OT

Running another Adventure Day Camp. [Click here](#) for information.

NOTICES

IHC Human Rights Complaint

In 2008 IHC lodged a complaint with the Human Rights Commission stating that Government policies and systems are resulting in discrimination of disabled children at their local school. Principals and teachers tell us that there are barriers to them being able to meet the learning and social needs of disabled children at their school.

IHC has now engaged Frances Joychild QC, to argue the case before the Human Rights Review Tribunal. To assist Frances, we need your help again. We are wanting to gather evidence on how the mainstream education system is currently treating children with disabilities.

We welcome contact from families, principals, boards of trustees, principals' associations, teacher unions, teacher aides, trainee and newly graduated teachers, academics, therapists and other disability or education groups who wish to be involved. The experiences of professionals involved in the school system is a critical part of the complaint.

IHC has developed two surveys to assist us in our gathering of evidence. Parents who have already responded to the family survey have provided some extremely moving and compelling accounts of discrimination that clearly illustrate the problems the complaint aims to address. More family stories are still required. We would appreciate you encouraging families of school aged disabled children and young people to complete the **family survey**: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RS7KFRM>

IHC has also developed a survey for the professionals who are involved in the lives of disabled children and young people. We hope that you will join us to address what has become a serious human rights issue for one of the most vulnerable groups in our community. IHC would appreciate you asking your colleagues and other professionals who you think would support the complaint to complete the **Professionals Survey**: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/IHCEducationC2>

More information about IHCs 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 (04) 495 2773 or email trish.grant@ihc.org.nz

NHITB/ HINZ Clinicians Challenge 2014 - Now Open for Entries

Clinicians' Challenge is an opportunity for clinicians to suggest new ways of using information systems to improve patient outcomes. [Click here](#) for information or contact Linda McKay at linda@no9productions.co.nz, or on (09) 445 0425, (0274) 476 6077.

Read this scoop article on Tariana "Turia: Signing of Agreement on Disability Issues"

[Click here](#) to read her speech about celebrating the success of the Disability Action Plan

Countdown Kids Hospital Appeal

Read [here](#) about how Countdown stores are working alongside their local children's wards to host fundraising activities.

Doctoral Research

The School of Counselling, Human Services and Social Work invites you to a Doctoral presentation by Hemant Thakkar – 'When I am no longer alive: Understanding the aspirations and apprehensions of the parents of severely disabled young adults'. Wednesday 27th August midday at Faculty of Education, 74 Epsom Ave, Auckland. [Click here](#) to view the flier.

Kaleidocare – Inclusive Community Services

New centre based vocational programme based in Pukekohe for Very High Needs young adults with a disability – opening January 2015. [Click here](#) for more information.

I Am Auckland Youth Voice Award won by Deaf Aotearoa

[Click here](#) for the Scoop article on Deaf Aotearoa winning the Youth Voice category at the inaugural "I Am Auckland" awards, which recognises the best youth worker and organisation in giving young people a voice and creating opportunities for them to have their say. Deaf Aotearoa were nominated for their youth programme, Magnet, which enables young Deaf people to speak up about what matters to them. Through leadership camps and workshops as well as their transition service which supports students in their last year of school with work experience and entering tertiary education, Magnet helps young people explore and develop new opportunities, encouraging them to reach their full potential

The University of Auckland – Bachelor of Human Services (Youth Work & Disability Support Specialisations) offers an open day and evening

The Open **Evening** will be 12 August, 2014. [Click here](#) for further information. The Open **Day** will be 30 August 2014. [Click here](#).

Hon Tariana Turia - Minister for Disability Issues - 7 August 2014

Consultation Report on Access to Buildings for Disabled Responsive. [Click here](#) to read Scoop article. And [here](#) for the Report on Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Scoop article on the Human Rights Commission

Titled "Disabled people deserve better health and education" [click here](#) to read.

Scoop article: CCS Disability Action

Titled "Schools Still Failing Disabled Students" [click here](#) to read.

ADSA

ADSA's AGM will be held on Sunday 31st August at the Parent & Family Resource Centre, 3B Olive Road, Penrose. Time: 2–4pm. Guestspeakers: Strive members Sarah Jones, Alex Snedden and Edward Borkin to talk about the Success in School Course. RSVP to clo@adsa.org.nz. ADSA is looking for "fresh blood" as a few members standing down. If you are interested let Christel know or indicate your interest at the AGM.

In 2015 ADSA will be holding their **TENTH** Buddy Walk. If you are interested in joining the sub-committee please email clo@adsa.org.nz.

Interested in joining their Library sub-committee? Please email Diana Court library@adsa.org.nz

More volunteers are needed for Golf Day committee. Please email clo@adsa.org.nz to express your interest. Golf Day is planned for Sunday 23rd November.

ADSA is organising a Mothers' Weekend in Omaha, Friday 22nd August till Sunday 24th August. Click on the link below to have a look at the accommodation. Cost \$100 per person. <http://www.holidayhouses.co.nz/properties/15562.asp>. First come first serve! Ph Christel on 5270060 or email clo@adsa.org.nz

Habitat for Humanity is offering

"A brush with kindness", an essential home and preservation programme for homeowners who need help. [Click here](#) for information.

The Health Quality & Safety Commission

Is introducing Patient Safety Week – to be held this year from Monday 3rd to Friday 7th November 2014. Please [click here](#) to view info.

Waitemata DHB

Please read their news on the Launch of the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Family Violence Resource for Practitioners [here](#), also note their Refugee Health Network forum on Family Violence [here](#). Just a quick read what it's all about [click here](#).

Young man wanting to go flatting

Poly-Emp has a client wanting to go flatting with another person. He would like to live in either Otara, Papatoetoe or Otahuhu. He would like to move into an established flat but before he does that he would like to build up a friendship with his future flatmates. Please contact Poly-Emp on (09) 968 8765 Ext 7320 or PRFC for contact details.

Children's charity @Heart Inc renamed Heart Kids New Zealand

@Heart Inc, the only charity in New Zealand that provides lifelong support for Kiwi kids with an inborn or acquired heart defect has recently changed its name to Heart Kids New Zealand Inc (Heart Kids NZ) for the full article [click here](#).

Raise Up Mt Roskill has changed names

Raise Up Mt Roskill have changed names to **Raise Up Puketapapa**, and have moved to YMCA at Lynfield Recreation Centre. To celebrate they are having a onesies party on the 16th August. [Click here](#) to view the invitation flier.

"Acceptance and belonging for special needs students in New Zealand schools"

A presentation of a research project by Julie Alesech at the AUT Postgraduate Symposium on 22nd August 1:30 -1:55 pm, at WG308, Level 3, WG Building, AUT City Campus.

Special Olympics and Snow Sport NZ

A memorandum of understanding between two of New Zealand's leading national sports organisations provides both with a pathway to extend snow sport offerings to New Zealand's disabled community. To view the article please [click here](#).

Caregiver Needed – North Shore

Do you know somebody who can help this family: 4 year old (ASD, non-verbal) and 2 neuro-typical children 6 and 2yo. Help is needed 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. An understanding of Autism and experience with children on the spectrum is helpful. If you're interested, please contact Gabi on gabi@pfrc.org.nz for more information.

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.

Do you own a rental property in the Maungakiekie-Tamaki area?

Or are you renting and want to let your landlord know about this offer from the council to subsidize insulation for the house to make it warmer and healthier to live in? Then [click here](#) for the flyer.

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.kimg@orcon.net.nz.

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.

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.

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.

Parent2Parent matching database

Parent2Parent has a database matching families with similar conditions, sometimes they find it difficult to find matches. If you are interested please contact them: ph 07 853 8491 or Toll Free 0508 236 236, email: matchingandinfo@parent2parent.org.nz

NEWSLETTERS

The Enable New Zealand Information Team – Newsletter

Welcome to the first issue of this Newsletter, to view [click here](#). It is intended that this newsletter will be sent out on a bi-monthly basis. It will also be available on line on the [Weka website](#), please feel free to forward on to any of your contacts. If you have any queries or comments regarding our newsletter please email info@enable.co.nz.

Information 4 Disability

Have a look at their newsletter called SNIPPETS. [Click here](#) for vol 20 issue 3 newsletter.

Special Olympics

Have brought out their July Fanletter. Lots to read so [click here](#) to view.

Muscular Dystrophy Northern

To have a read of their August newsletter please [click here](#). For anyone interested in purchasing an Entertainment Book there is free postage until the 15th August, click <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/940r90> and here <http://www.buzzthepeople.co.nz/helpfundraise.aspx?s=3082E89E> to be taken to our fundraising page.

Office for Disability Issues Newsletter

[Click here](#) for the July 2014 edition.

Boccia Get Rolling Newsletter

[Click here](#) for their Get Rolling newsletter. Also, 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/>.

Deaf Aotearoa NZ

[Click here](#) for their July 2014 newsletter "Talk Hands".

ADCOSS Community Network Newsletter

[Click here](#) for their July 2014 edition.

Disability Support Network

To look at their conference in Wellington 13/14 August titled "good life: work, home, community", have a look at their conference website, [click here](#). And more in their newsletter [here](#) dated 5 August. And [here](#) is another newsletter, issue 36 dated August 2014.

News from the Land of Be.

[Click here](#) for Be. Accessible July Newsletter continuing the focus on leadership.

Children's Autism Foundation Newsletter - July

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

Wilson Home Update

[Click here](#) to read the Wilson Home e-newsletter for the week of 23rd July and [click here](#) for the week of the 6th August.

Ministry of Health NGO newsletter - July 2014

For their recent update please [click here](#).

Recreate Newsletter

Recreate have now released their Term 3 Newsletter. [Click here](#) to view the newsletter. Please note that this may take a few seconds to download due to the file size.

Newsletter from Health Click.

Health Click produces engaging, safe and informative New Zealand made health education resources. They'd like to tell you about some brand new, unique educational resources developed with the help of teachers, parents and young people. [Click here](#) for their message and their new EBook for young people with intellectual/learning disabilities.

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.

Disability Support Services Group's e-Newsletter.

[Click here](#) to view issue 53.

Numicon Winter News

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

Interactive Drawing Therapy Newsletter

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

From the PFRC Team

Lisa, Virginia, Gabi and Nicola

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