

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 currently on Seek and Trade Me websites and will be open until 29th August 2014.

SEMINARS/TRAINING

Portal Workshops with Michael Kendrick

Portal welcomes Michael Kendrick to New Zealand. Michael will be presenting two workshops 8th and 9th September 2014. These workshops are focusing on supporting families and individuals with disabilities to better manage their own daily supports and other tasks. [Click here](#) for details.

Autism New Zealand welcomes Craig Smith to present a seminar on “Our Way of Thinking” on Thursday 28th August 2014.

Craig will discuss the approaches that Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) takes to implement a comprehensive approach to student education, with a particular emphasis on utilising student interests as a key measure of student engagement. Also the current narrative of how his school utilises creative pedagogical approaches, including new approaches utilising the iPad, to meet both individual education goals and academic class outcomes for our children. [Click here](#) for further details.

Grief Centre - Upcoming Support Groups

A General Bereavement Support Group which will be held in Henderson, Tuesday evenings, [click here](#) and a Suicide Bereavement Group which will be held in Ponsonby, Wednesday evenings, [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 – some spaces left on remaining seminars in Papakura, Henderson, Albany and Penrose

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.

Disability Seminar: Funding, Support and Transitioning – Beachlands / Maraetai – Thursday 4th September 6.30pm

This seminar will present information on Ministry of Health, Education and Work & Income supports for a family raising a child with a disability and also information on post schooling options for students with a disability. Beachlands School Staff Room, 18 Bell Road, Beachlands. [Click here](#) to view the flier.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Working with Parents' Anger course for practitioner's

Will be held in Auckland 29th & 30th September and 1st December. [Click here](#) for the detailed flyer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Election event for people interested in the disability sector (Wellington) - IHC, CCS Disability Action, People First, DPA & NZDSN

Hosting a Disability Election event held on Thursday 11th September at 2pm at the ASB Sports Centre, Kemp Street, Kilbirnie, Wellington. [Click here](#) for further details.

Auckland Council will be inviting applications for positions on the Disability Advisory Panel from 18th August 2014 to 31st August 2014. [Click here](#) and [here](#) to view flyers or go to this website www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/advisorypanels. [Click here](#) to read the scoop article about this.

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

Turoa August 2014, Cardona September 2014 and Mount Hutt June 2015. [Click here](#) for information.

My Voice Matters – 30th August 2014 – AUT Auckland City

Would you like to learn more about how political parties plan to support your needs if in government? You are invited to a free forum where you can hear directly from politicians. [Click here](#) for the details.

Election Workshop for young voters with Intellectual Disability – 26th August – Yarnton House, Royal Oak

People First are running an Election Workshop for young people aged 18yrs and over who identify as having an intellectual disability. This workshop explains why and how to become registered to vote. [Click here](#) for more info.

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.

Blind Cricket in New Zealand

Announcing Blind Cricket NZ A vs Australia A Development Tour 2015. [Click here](#) to read more.

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.

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>

NOTICES

Scoop articles this fortnight:

Deaf Aotearoa pleased with renewed government commitment to disability rights, [click here](#) to read.
Ground-breaking new research into changing the way society thinks about disability. [Click here](#) to read.
Creating an inclusive society for disabled people, Labour Party release, [click here](#).
Vast Improvements Possible for Children with Dyslexia, [click here](#) to read.
Disabled Person's Organisations report sent to UN, [click here](#) to read.
Urgent Action Need on Accessible Housing, [click here](#) to read.

FRANCOSS at risk of closing down – meeting 27th August

Here is what Glenn wrote: *I have decided to resign as chair of FRANCOSS wef August 31st. I have been given a considerable amount of advice and even instructions on how to keep FRANCOSS going but virtually no support. We have no secretary or treasurer and therefore cannot operate legally. We have money to employ a co-ordinator but as the last two exec meetings were inquorate we have not been able to employ anyone!*
Rather than close FRANCOSS down I am giving the membership a last chance to save it, the Stevenson Room is booked from 1pm Wednesday 27th August, if you care about FRANCOSS please attend and help to rebuild this essential community support.

Doctoral research into Young Carers in New Zealand – participants wanted

Lauren Hitchin is a doctoral student researching young caring in New Zealand - Lauren is looking for participants. [Click here](#) for information, [here](#) for her story. Below is an explanation of the research from Lauren:

“Not much is known about New Zealand young carers, and as such, my research examines the experiences and needs of current and former New Zealand young carers, as well as service and agency representatives who might work with young carers. My thesis examines the ways in which participants’ insights can inform care policies and services in New Zealand. I really hope that my study will lead to recognition and support for New Zealand young carers, and lead the way for further research on ways to help young carers in their crucial care roles.

I will carry out one 1-hour interview with participants, in person or over Skype (whatever works best for them). The location of the interview can be anywhere that suits the participant (I can travel anywhere in New Zealand), for instance at a library, their home, or my home. It will be an informal conversation-type interview, where we discuss their caring experience and the things that would have helped them. We can also discuss life after being a young carer if they are a formal young carer, and their experience with young carers in their agency if they are a service or agency representative. I will use a pseudonym (made-up name) for each participant when I write about young caring in my thesis – this is to protect their privacy. All together I will interview 30 people, and I will put all their stories together and pull out the big themes, which is what I will write about in my thesis. This will also enable me to make concrete recommendations to key stakeholders (e.g. Ministry of Social Development) to help support young carers. I am one of my own participants, as I will write about my own young caring experience throughout my thesis.”

NZORD - the New Zealand Organisation for Rare Disorders

NZORD completed a survey of the main political parties and concluded that “Political parties back calls for a rare diseases policy and action plan”. [Click here](#) to have a closer look.

Labour Party's Policy on disability issues

[Click here to view.](#)

NGO Health & Disability Network

ComVoices is conducting a snapshot survey of the community sector environment and invites all community organisations to take part. Complete the online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FJ3L8XX>. Over the past few months ComVoices has received feedback from community organisations who say they are finding it increasingly difficult to make ends meet. The survey aims to take a snapshot of where the sector is at and gain greater clarity about the current situation. Results will be shared via the ComVoices network and will help support messages to politicians both prior to and following the Election. The survey is short and should take about 5-7 minutes to complete.

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.

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.

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

The Open Day will be 30th August 2014. [Click here](#) for further information.

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 Borokin 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. [Click here](#) for further 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.

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.

Parent to Parent matching database

Parent to Parent 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

Parent to Parent are also thrilled to present the first instalment of their Family Video Stories, [Click here](#) to view.

Waitemata DHB

Please read their news on the Launch of the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Family Violence Resource for Practitioners [here](#).

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](#).

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 online 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 posted their August 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.

Boccia Get Rolling Newsletter

[Click here](#) for their Get Rolling newsletter or visit Boccia's new-look website <http://www.boccia.org.nz/>.

ADCOSS Community Network Newsletter

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

Disability Support Network

Have a look at their newsletter [here](#) dated 5th August.

Wilson Home Update

[Click here](#) for the week of the 13th August.

Ministry of Health NGO newsletter - August 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.

Disability Support Services Group's e-Newsletter.

[Click here](#) to view issue 54.

Health Quality & Safety Commission

For their July/August issue 35 e-update please [click here](#).

Parent to Parent enews

[Click here](#) for the August 2014 enews.

From the PFRC Team

Lisa, Virginia, Gabi and Nicola

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