

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

e-bulletin – week beginning 6 October 2014

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We have a new name!

Parent & Family Resource Centre is very excited to announce that as of the 1st October we are trading as **Disability Connect**. We feel it more aptly reflects the nature of our organization. You can still contact us in the usual way, and you'll be greeted with a "hello, this is Disability Connect...". Hope you will like the change as much as we do! Our address details remain the same – our new website address is www.disabilityconnect.org.nz and our email addresses have changed to disabilityconnect.org.nz – you can reach us in the first instance at admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz. But don't worry – any PFRC web and email enquiries will reach us, they are being redirected.

Procedure for obtaining tickets for Special Children's Christmas Party

In the future and in the spirit of fairness, we won't be email advertising Special Children's Christmas Party tickets as ticket numbers are so limited that it needs to be a fair and "instant" advertising method so we are putting a notice on our website at the Resources tab. And also we will post on our Facebook page on same day. Please keep an eye out for tickets on our website under Resources.

New Parents Support Group

Disability Connect is keen to establish a parent's support group. We would like to invite all parents of a child with a disability to come along to our first meeting on the evening of Thursday 16th October from 5.30pm till 7.30pm at our premises at 3B Olive Road, Penrose. Come and meet other parents and enjoy supper with us, network with parents with similar experiences and talk about what you would like from such a support group. [Click here](#) for more info. Please ring us on 636-0351 or email admin@disabilitysupport.org.nz to book.

SEMINARS/TRAINING

Legal Clinics at Disability Connect - Wednesday 5th November 2014 midday till 6pm

In addition to our regular Trusts and Welfare Guardianship Seminars, Disability Connect and Nan Jensen from Quinlaw Solicitors are now bringing you legal clinics. [Click here](#) for more information. These private confidential legal clinics offer the opportunity for families to

- 1) have their completed Trusts & Welfare legal documents checked over by a solicitor prior to lodging at the family court or;
- 2) consult with a solicitor regarding a more in-depth or ongoing legal issue related to disability.

There is a small cost for these consultations – bookings and prepayment for your consultation are essential – book an appointment anytime between midday and 6pm.

Trusts & Welfare Guardianship Seminars – only 3 seminars left for 2014 - book now to secure a place

Another popular series of seminars run by Disability Connect. Anyone with a child nearing 18yo will find this useful. The information is applicable to all disability (not only severe intellectual disability).

When: Wednesday 15th October 7-9pm
Where: Integrated Neurological Rehabilitation Foundation, 2 Claude Brookes Dr (off Edmonton Rd) Henderson

When: Wednesday 22nd October 7-9pm
Where: Rosehill Special School, 48 Rosehill Drive, Papakura

When: Wednesday 29th October 7-9pm
Where: Disability Connect premises, 3b Olive Road, Penrose

[Click here](#) for more info.

Individualised Funding including Respite – Disability Connect

We are running our third series of IF including Respite seminars during October and November 2014. This is the last round this year so grab a place soon! [Click here](#) for the details.

When: Thursday 23rd October 12:30–2:30pm daytime seminar
Where: Disability Connect premises, 3b Olive Road, Penrose

When: Wednesday 12th November 7–9pm
Where: Disability Connect premises, 3b Olive Road, Penrose

When: Wednesday 19th November 7–9pm
Where: Rosehill Special School, 48 Rosehill Drive, Papakura

When: Wednesday 26th November 7–9pm
Where: Yes Disability Resource Centre, 3 William Laurie Place, Albany

Raeburn House Seminars

Raeburn House is running a fantastic series of workshops to support the professional development of community workers and strengthen the capability of the not-for-profit sector. These will take place in October, at Marist NH Rugby Club, Albany on 14th until 17th October. [Click here](#) for details. And for details on Results Based Accountability (RBA) Workshops, [click here](#).

Muscular Dystrophy Association announces: The Life without Limits Neuromuscular Conference

This conference will be held 16-18th April 2015 at SKYCITY Auckland Convention Centre. It provides an opportunity for families affected by neuromuscular conditions, clinicians, researchers, and allied health professionals to get together, share progress and ideas and participate in informative breakout and training sessions. Please [click here](#) to see flyer.

Epilepsy New Zealand

Epilepsy NZ Auckland Branch invites you to attend a talk by Dr Peter Bergin – an internationally acknowledged expert “Epilepsy Related Issues” Tuesday 4th November 2014, 7.30pm. For details [click here](#). They are also offering a [parent support evening](#) and a [youth group afternoon](#).

Imagine Better 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.

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.

IDT – 2014 Conference “Soul Work – Going to the heart of IDT”

The conference is to be held on 7-9 November, 2014 in Auckland. Please [click here](#) at the detailed information.

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](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Janet McVeagh Labour Weekend camp

[Click here](#) for Labour weekend camp information and [click here](#) for the enrolment form.

Halberg Sports Foundation

St Kentigern Halberg Junior Disability Sports day on Wednesday 26th November. [Click here](#) to view poster. Also, Sailability event on 18th October. [Click here](#) to view poster.

Changing Minds “Mad about Madness” Film Festival

The festival is being held through the week of national mental health awareness week 7th – 11th October 2014 at Academy Cinema: Central Library Building, 44 Lorne St, Auckland CBD. All details are [h re](#).

Annual InterACT Disability Arts Festival – West – October 2014

After an enigmatic season in 2013, the annual InterACT Disability Arts Festival is back with a diverse and exciting new free programme of performances and workshops at the Corban Estate Arts Centre from 22nd to 24th October. This will mark the fourth year for the festival, and it builds on the success of years gone by to be the biggest and brightest yet. [Click here](#) to view the media release and [here](#) to view the poster.

Snow Sports Youth and Women Talent Identification Camp

(Snow Sports NZ in association with Paralympics) Mount Hutt June 2015. [Click here](#) for information.

Blind Cricket in New Zealand

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

NOTICES

Health Click – health education specialists

Have wonderful resources for people with intellectual/learning disabilities aged 11+. [Click here](#) for details on their resources.

We Connect Now Website

We Connect Now is dedicated to uniting people on issues which affect people with disabilities, with emphasis on college students higher education & employment. [Click here](#) to access the website and [here](#) for their facebook page.

Scoop articles this fortnight:

“Disability Advisory Group seeks new members” [Click here](#) to read

“Blackmores Supports Arthritis New Zealand” [Click here](#) to read

“Attitude in global spotlight- again” [Click here](#) to read

“Disability Rights: UN releases Concluding Observations” [Click here](#) to read

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.

Countdown Kids Hospital Appeal

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

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."

ADSA

[Click here](#) for all the events being held in and around Auckland. [This link](#) will take you to some of current surveys and research. Any other queries please contact clo@adsa.org.nz.

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.

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. Also [click here](#) to view their *Family Video Stories*.

Habitat for Humanity is offering

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

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@disabilityconnect.org.nz for more information.

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.

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.

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 DISABILITY CONNECT 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.

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.

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

Click on each Newsletter to read.

[ADSA – latest newsletter](#)

[Boccia Get Rolling Newsletter](#)

[CCS Disability Action](#) – September 2014

[Complex Care Group - August \(and Explore presentation\)](#)

[Disability Information Service Fortnightly Sector Up-Date](#) – 1 October 2014

[Disability Support Network](#) – 10 September, 2014

[Disability Support Services Group's e-Newsletter](#) - August

[Expressions](#) - Spring 2014

[Health Link North](#) – October 2014

[Health Quality & Safety Commission E-update](#) – September 2014

[Hopeworks Foundation](#) – issue 2

[Information 4 Disability - Snippets](#) - vol 20 issue 3

[Ministry of Health NGO newsletter](#) - September

[Muscular Dystrophy Northern](#) - August

[News from the land of Be](#) - September

[Numicon](#) - Spring

[NZORD Newsletter](#) - August

Parent to Parent enews – [September #1](#) and [September #2](#)

[Recreate Newsletter](#) – Term 4

[Special Olympics Fanletter](#) - October

[The Enable New Zealand Information Team](#)

[Wilson Home Update](#) – October



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