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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](http://www.disabilityconnect.org.nz) and our email addresses have changed to [disabilityconnect.org.nz](mailto:disabilityconnect.org.nz) – you can reach us in the first instance at [admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz](mailto:admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz). But don't worry – any PFRC web and email enquiries will reach us, they are being redirected.

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## **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.

## **SEMINARS/TRAINING**

### **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.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 7–9pm** at Disability Connect premises, 3b Olive Road, Penrose

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 7–9pm** at Rosehill Special School, 48 Rosehill Drive, Papakura

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 7–9pm** at Yes Disability Resource Centre, 3 William Laurie Place, Albany

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### **Epilepsy Association of NZ Inc, Auckland Branch: Understanding Epilepsy**

These seminars cover nature and causes of epilepsy, recognition of seizure types, first aid for seizures, seizure triggers, recording seizures, principles of anti-epileptic medication, life style issues. Please [click here](#) to view information about these free seminars, next one is 18<sup>th</sup> November.

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### **Muscular Dystrophy Association announces: The Life without Limits Neuromuscular Conference**

This conference will be held 16-18<sup>th</sup> 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. Also, [click here](#) to view their membership form.

### **Legal Awareness Workshop for Chinese Community (interpreted into Mandarin)**

Independent Living Service (ILS) is organizing a legal awareness workshop for the Chinese community. The speaker is New Zealand registered lawyer Gurbrinder Aulakh who is currently practising at CBD, Auckland ([www.aucklandcitylawyers.co.nz](http://www.aucklandcitylawyers.co.nz)). Interpreting will be provided for the workshop.

Time and date: 10-11am, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2014

Location: conference room, Independent Living Service, 14 Erson Ave, Royal Oak

For more information, please ring 09-6250312 for registration, seating is limited. If the phone is not answered, please leave your name and contact details on the answer phone. [Click here](#) to view flier in Mandarin.

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### **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 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Katherine@imaginebetter.co.nz) or phone 09 551 1563.

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### **Spirit of Adventure Trust announces the 5 Day Inspirational Voyage 16– 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.spiritofadventure.org.nz) or [click here](#) for the Inspirational Voyage info booklet. Applications close on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014.

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Janet McVeagh Halloween and Guy Fawkes weekend**

Have a look at their [info here](#) and the individual information sheet to be filled out [here](#).

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### **Child's Play O.T. workshop 15<sup>th</sup> November**

Making Sense of Sensory Processing Disorder workshop on how to better understand & support children with different needs. [Click here](#) for info.

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### **Manawanui InCharge – Sexuality Education workshop 17<sup>th</sup> November for families of young people with a disability**

Topics covered will include: Understanding and teaching boundaries - public and private, friendships and relationships, and definition of sexuality and where to get started.

Venue: Yarnton House Erson Ave Royal Oak. This workshop is being offered in the daytime and in the evening. For the registration form [click here](#) and more details about this workshop [click here](#).

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### **Halberg Sports Foundation**

St Kentigern Halberg Junior Disability Sports day on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November. [Click here](#) to view poster.

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### **Snow Sports Youth and Women Talent Identification Camp**

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

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### **Blind Cricket in New Zealand**

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

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## **NOTICES**

### **Research Participants needed**

Sue Spooner, PhD student at University of Auckland, is looking into the social effects of fulltime care on young adults with complex needs. She would like 5-6 young adults aged 20-30 who can talk about their experiences of the impact care has on their social world. [Click here](#) to view flyer.

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### **Parent Networking Support group 1<sup>st</sup> December**

Disability Connect is hosting another Parent Networking Support Group. [Click here](#) to view flyer.

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### **Independent Living Service**

The Independent Living Service had its grand opening of their brand new Botany Store on Saturday 18th October. The new store, based at Unit 7, 308 Te Irirangi Drive, Botany South features a huge range of assistive products to make daily living easier at home and in your community. You'll find a range of mobility scooters, wheelchairs and walkers (choose to hire or buy) as well as bathroom items, compression wear, cushions, grab bars, and lift/recliner lounge chairs.

Also, ILS has a ground floor, dual office space available at 14 Erson Avenue, Royal Oak. Located near Auckland motorway systems, based in the Auckland District Health Board area and near Auckland Airport, this space is ideal as a base for reaching your community or inviting clients to meet with you.

The 46 square metre office space includes a kitchenette with direct access to two recently renovated, shared toilet facilities (1 is fully accessible). This vacancy is ideally suited to a social service or disability support service organisation. For more information please email [julianne@ilsnz.org](mailto:julianne@ilsnz.org) or phone 09 625 0311.

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### **Trust Life's Journey - new book**

Nicola Clark has written an honest and at times raw and emotional account of her journey with her son Thomas. Nicola shares the highs and lows of living with a boy with disabilities. This inspiring book will invoke many different emotions. [Click here](#) to view front cover of book and [click here](#) to view back cover. If you would like to order a copy of the book you can do so via Disability Connect - please [click here](#) to access the order form - email your order form to [admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz](mailto:admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz) Orders will be fulfilled after 5 November 2014.

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### **Accommodation needed:**

Young female student with Autism is looking for accommodation in North Shore, Auckland from January next year. Ideally within bus distance to Massey University, Albany. Has some supported independent living 12 hrs a week. Is looking for somewhere autism friendly perhaps a nice family environment or in a flatting environment with other disabled female individuals with similar needs. Please contact [admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz](mailto:admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz).

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### **Chinese Autism Support Group meeting**

The next support meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 18 November at the Nathan Homestead, 70 Hill Road, Manurewa. As usual we will meet in the theatre room, adjacent to the car park facing Hill Road.

Tea and Coffee will be available from 9.30am and the meeting will start at 10am and run through to 1pm. Lunch will be provided. [Click here](#) to view the flier in English and [click here](#) to view in Mandarin.

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### **ADHB South Asian and other Parents support group meeting**

South Asian and other families of children with special needs/disabilities are inviting for their end of year support group meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014. [Click here](#) to view flyer.

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### **TANI – (Asian Network Inc)**

Is inviting to their next general meeting. [Click here](#) to view flyer. And a workshop in Hamilton [click here](#).

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### **Health Click – health education specialists**

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

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **ADSA**

[Click here](#) for all the events being held in and around Auckland.

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### **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](mailto:matchingandinfo@parent2parent.org.nz). Also [click here](#) to view their *Family Video Stories*.

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**Habitat for Humanity is offering**

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

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**The Health Quality & Safety Commission**

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

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**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](mailto:gabi@disabilityconnect.org.nz) for more information.

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**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](mailto:ian.kimg@orcon.net.nz).

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**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.

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**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](mailto:tglover@ihug.co.nz) for more information or to book a session.

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**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](http://www.qualityrehab.co.nz) or contact 0800 557 556.

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**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](mailto:estelle.swan@englishlanguage.org.nz) or via phone on 523 0071.

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**Scoop articles this fortnight – click on title:**

[\*"Accessibility Audit Reports Received"\*](#)

[\*"Network established to support families"\*](#)

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# **NEWSLETTERS**

[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](#) – 31 October 2014

[Disability Information Service Quarterly Newsletter – Spring Digest](#)

[Disability Support Network](#) – 22 October, 2014 and [September/October](#)

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

[Expressions](#) - Spring 2014

[Health Link North](#) – October 2014

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

[Hopeworks Foundation](#) – issue 2

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

[Ministry of Health NGO newsletter](#) – September/October

[Muscular Dystrophy Northern](#) – October 2014

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

[Numicon](#) – October 2014

[NZORD Newsletter](#) - August

[Parent to Parent enews](#) – October 2014 and second one [here](#)

[Recreate Newsletter](#) – Term 4

[Special Olympics Fanletter](#) - November

[The Enable New Zealand Information Team](#)

[Wilson Home e-news](#) – 22 + 29 October



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