

disability connect.

helping families

Vision

That people with disabilities and their families are able to lead the lives they want

Core Value

To respect and support choice

Mission

To lead change and influence change for people with disabilities and their families.

e-bulletin – week beginning 2 February 2015

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SEMINARS/TRAINING

IDEA Services – ASD Programmes

Has brought out their new activity programmes for 2015. These are for children, teens and young adults with Autism/Aspergers. [Click here](#) to view their brochure. Their "Drum for fun" group is starting 3rd February, so [click here](#) for more info. A "Social Skills group" focussing on the development of social interactions at varying ages is also starting so please view [here](#). And lastly IDEA services offer an "Early Skills Assessment" to help identify goals, [click here](#) to view flyer. Phone Robin Barnaby on 09 529 8755 or email robin.barnaby@idea.org.nz for more information.

3rd Asia Pacific Prader-Willi Syndrome Conference, 11th & 12th April 2015 Melbourne, Australia

Please [click here](#) to view flyer. There is an 'earlybird' discounted registration rate until the end of January 2015. More information can be found on the conference website: www.pwsconference.org

Children's Autism Foundation 'Understanding Autism' Seminars – March 2015 – Auckland-wide

These Children's Autism Foundation workshops are designed to support parents and professionals with practical and easy to understand information on autism. Proudly supported by Te Pou and Disability Connect. There are two options, full daytime seminars or shorter 2hr evening seminars.

Full day workshops:

Wednesday 18th March - Foundation of K Trust, Highbrook

Thursday 19th March - 111 Great South Rd, Greenlane

Friday 20th March - Wilson Centre, 1 St Leonard's Rd, Takapuna

To view the PDF flyer for the full day workshop click [here](#) and also [click here](#) for the registration

Cost - \$220/person, includes morning/afternoon tea, lunch & Paul Taylor's book on ASD

2hr workshops (7-9pm and 10am-12pm in Warkworth)

Wednesday 18th March - Manukau New Life Church, 12 Jellicoe Rd, Manurewa

Thursday 19th March - Integrated Neurological Foundation, 2 Claude Brookes Dr, Henderson

Friday 20th March - Windsor Park Church, 550 East Coast Road, Mairangi Bay, North Shore

Saturday 21st March - Warkworth, venue to be confirmed

To view the PDF flyer for the 2 hour workshop click [here](#) and also [click here](#) for the registration

Cost - \$59/person, includes supper/morning tea & Paul Taylor's book on ASD

Thanks to Te Pou complimentary payment of seminar fee may be available to parents or family members who book prior to 20th February 2015. To book email admin@autism.org.nz or phone 415-7406.

Individualised Funding including Respite – Disability Connect

We have planned our first series of IF seminars to be held March/April 2015. [Click here](#) for the details.

Free Settlement workshops for recent migrants

CAB is offering two free workshops in February on employment rights and human rights in New Zealand. Please [click here](#) to view flyer for more info.

Dental Health workshop for Chinese community 12th February 10-11am

As part of a series of workshops this workshop will focus on Oral Health. Please [click here](#) to view flyer.

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. Also, [click here](#) to view their membership form.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chinese Families Autism Support Group Meeting Tuesday 17th February 2015 – 9:30am till 1pm

Disability Connect is pleased to bring you the first Chinese Families Autism Support meeting for 2015. The topic of this Mandarin translated seminar is Individualised Funding including Respite. Please [click here](#) to view Chinese flyer and [here](#) for the English version.

Waitangi day 2015 – Free train rides for special needs kids

Come along with Manukau Live Streamers on 6th February 10am – 3.30pm for a day out. Bring a picnic and a caregiver! Ph Lynne (09) 5358577 for information or [click here](#) for information.

Onehunga Plunket are holding their Family Fun Day on the 28th of February.

This is their major fundraising event and a great day out for the family. [Click here](#) to view flyer.

Halberg Junior disability games meeting 15th February

Consider coming along to this upcoming gathering to find out more information about an Auckland team forming for the Junior Disability Games. [Click here](#) for attached poster. The concept of having both Counties-Manukau and Waitakere Wheelchair Basketball teams this year competing at the Junior Nationals we also be discussed.

Show your ability

Disability Equipment Expo 2015, equipment for younger and older disabled people and older persons care equipment- [click here](#) to view dates.

Boccia NZ 2015 Tournament

The dates are all finalised, so [click here](#) to view flyer.

Waitakere Health Links events in March 2015

'Medications' Forum-The Changing Landscape of Health Treatments -TUESDAY 3RD MARCH 2015, 11AM TO 1PM. From the Consumer Perspective: A unique opportunity for everyone to learn more about the key issues. Covering cost, changing brands, availability ease of access (internet). **The role of Pharmac:** what is its role, how does it work, what are the benefits, concerns from pharmaceutical companies TPP trade agreements etc.

'Open Day' Run in conjunction with a 'WDHB Patient Experience' Focus - WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH 2015

Hosting Hospital Open Days each year enable Waitakere Hospital staff to meet and network with organisations who provide health services to patients leaving hospital and support them to stay well in the community. The Open Days are well attended, attracting new organisations each time. Non Government Organisations (NGOs) are not-for-profit and provide support and services in the community. Come along and find out about the health services and support available you and your family in the community.

Parent2Parent Sib-Support

Is running an Auckland Sib-Camp in March 2015 – [click here](#) to view flyer.

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

Networker Magazine – December 2014 – topic: 'Living Options for a Person with A Disability'

The December 2014 edition of the Networker magazine is now available – the topic is 'Living Options for a person with a disability' (information on Residential Care, Supported Living, Choice in Community Living and Family Governed Models). Please [click here](#) to view a PDF version of the magazine. If you prefer a print copy please contact us on phone 636-0351 or email admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz. Please forward this Networker magazine link to all who may be interested and include in E bulletins and websites. The magazine is also available on our website under the Resources 'Networker' tab.

Ministry of Social Development is inviting your input

Public consultation is sought on New Zealand's Fifth Periodic Report under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. [Click here](#) to view flyer.

Dance Therapy New Zealand

Offers a weekly arts therapy programme in Mt Albert for home-schooled kids with special needs and their peers. The programme runs on Tuesdays, 1.30-2.30pm at the Mt Albert YMCA. Places are still available for Term 1, so if you think this might be a great fit for your child please contact DTNZ: admin@dancetherapy.co.nz, 09 636 3029. Additional details are available on their website: <http://www.dancetherapy.co.nz/arts-therapy/about/>

Accommodation needed:

31 year old male with Down syndrome moving to Auckland is looking to join others in a flatting situation. Preferably in the North Shore area as he works in Glenfield. He has already been flatting for 6 years with 10hrs/week Supported Living. Please contact Lisa or Gabi at Disability Connect (09) 636 0351 or email admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz.

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.

Acting Up! Free workshops

Acting Up! Is a non-profit that provides drama workshops and performance opportunities to young people with special needs in Auckland. Has spaces in their North Shore, West and Central Auckland workshops starting in February. Workshops are taken by experienced and qualified tutors, supported by volunteers – they are fun, creative, educational and FREE! For more info and to enrol contact Miranda at actingupnz@gmail.com or ph 021843782

EverydayOT offering a variety of services this year

Please [click here](#) to view their email.

Dance Therapy NZ

Is offering a Stars dance course in Onehunga for children with Autism starting early 2015. [Click here](#) to view flyer.

Kaleidocare – Inclusive Community Services Vocational Programme

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.

Health Click – health education specialists

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

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.

ADSA

[Click here](#) for various events being held in and around Auckland. Or visit their website <http://www.adsa.org.nz/> for all sorts of useful information.

Habitat for Humanity is offering

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

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.

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 flyer, [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.

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*.

Scoop articles this fortnight – click on title:

["Disabled people want work"](#)

["The other housing crisis"](#)

["Kelmarna Gardens rises to challenge of finding new funding"](#)

NEWSLETTERS

[ADSA – latest newsletter](#)

[Boccia Get Rolling Newsletter](#)

[CCS Disability Action](#) – December 2014

[Dance Therapy NZ](#) – December 2014

[Deaf Aotearoa – Talk hands](#) – Christmas newsletter

[Disability Information Service Fortnightly Sector Up-Date](#) – 2 February 2015

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

[Disability Support Network](#) – December Regional and [issue 39](#)

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

[Expressions](#) – Summer 2014/2015

[Halberg Disability Sport Foundation – Junior Disability Games Newsletter](#) – January 2015

[Health Click](#) – December 2014

[Health Link North](#) – October 2014

[Health Quality & Safety Commission E-update](#) – January 2015

[Information 4 Disability - Snippets](#) – December 2014

[Ministry of Health NGO newsletter](#) – November and [update from the new chair](#)

[Muscular Dystrophy Northern](#) – October 2014

[News from the land of Be](#) – December 2014

[Numicon](#) – January 2015

[NZORD Newsletter](#) – December 2014

[Parent to Parent enews](#) – January 2015

[Recreate Newsletter](#) – Term 4

[Skip e-news](#) – December 2014

[Special Olympics Fanletter](#) – December 2014

[SONZ Global News](#) - December 2014

[Wilson Home e-news](#) – January 2015



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