



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 16 March 2015

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SEMINARS/TRAINING

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:

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 13th March 2015. To book email admin@autism.org.nz or phone 415-7406. **Book now! Places are filling fast.**

Numicon course for teachers, teacher aides and parents working with special needs students

Full day course 24th March 9.30am – 3pm. Please [click here](#) to view flyer.

The Asian Network Inc. (TANI) - 13th Annual Asian Forum on "Women's health & wellbeing"

Tuesday, 21st April 9:00am – 3:30pm at Fickling Convention Centre, 546 Mt Albert Road, Three Kings.

[Click here](#) for flyer and [click here](#) for registration form.

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

Individualised Funding including Respite – Disability Connect

Book now on our popular IF seminars to be held March/April 2015. [Click here](#) for the details.

Tilting the Seesaw Programme

Autism New Zealand is also offering this new programme which can provide support specifically for primary school teachers, teacher aides, RTLBs, and SENCOs. *Tilting the Seesaw* is a six-week programme where participating primary school staff come together to learn and try strategies on how to include a child with Autism more fully in everyday school activities. [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

FAST Family Collective: Saturday, 11th April, 2015, 6pm

Invite you for a gathering at Disability Connect Centre, 3b Olive Road (up driveway), Penrose, Auckland. Its purpose is "to begin a journey to build a richer life for your family member with a disability", [click here](#) to view information.

ADHB support group invitation 24th March 11am – 1pm

Madeleine Sands presenting overview of the Child development team. [Click here](#) for flyer.

CCS Disability Action turns 80 and will celebrate with a free Family Fun Day 29th March 1-3pm

[Click here](#) to view flyer.

IHC is excited to bring our *Take a moment with us* exhibition to the New Zealand Steel Gallery in Pukekohe from Saturday 23rd May to Saturday 20th June 2015.

[Click here](#) for information.

Vagus Centre hosting Vagus Day -19th April 2015 10am - 2pm at Mt Albert Memorial Hall.

The aim is to promote family harmony through interactive games and exchanging ideas with the experts. Free admission. Language: English / Mandarin [Click here](#) to view flyer.

Also: "Traffic Lights" Parenting programs will resume from March till June 2015. The focus on parenting programs will be on specific age groups (preschool; school age; teenage) and single parents. [Click here](#) to view flyer in Chinese and [here](#) in English.

The Vagus Centre continues to provide a FREE counselling service to Chinese Individuals/ families having difficulties in relationships and parenting issues. For details contact Amy Wang at (09) 624 4639 or email info@cmh.org.nz

Website: www.cmh.org.nz

Epilepsy NZ free seminar 24th March

Seminar on Understanding Epilepsy on Tuesday 24th March 2015 from 10am to 12noon at Western Springs Community Hall, 956 Great North Road, Western Springs. As numbers are limited please phone 0800 20 21 22 (leave contact details), or email auckland@epilepsy.org.nz one week before the seminar to confirm your attendance. [Click here](#) for information.

Auckland Down Syndrome Association BUDDY WALK – Sunday 22nd March 2015

Use these links for information: www.adsa.org.nz click on Buddy Walk and <http://www.everydayhero.co.nz/event/buddywalk2015> . [Click here](#) to view flyer and [here](#) for the sponsorship form.

Boccia NZ 2015 Tournament

The dates are all finalised, so [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.

Waitakere Health Links Open Day 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. [Click here](#) to view flyer.

NOTICES

Kidspower

has developed a resource to help teach personal safety and violence prevention to teens and young adults with cognitive learning disabilities – *Healthy Relationships*. A trial version is available on their website <http://www.kidpower.org.nz/healthyrelationships> and is available in either hardcopy or online formats. [Click here](#) to view flyer. All enquires please contact Kidspower 0800 KIDPOWER or email Fiona fionabryan@kidpower.org.nz.

Idea Services

Would like you to have a look at their ASD services:

Arts Therapy -Person centred individual arts therapy sessions for children and young people aged 3-19 years of age with ASD, verbal or non-verbal. Arts therapy uses creative processes, including art making, drama, music and dance/movement within a therapeutic relationship to enhance the physical, mental and emotional wellbeing of the child/young person (ANZATA).

Social Skills Development Groups -We offer a range of options including Play Programmes (4-5 and 5-7 years), Friendship Development Groups (8-10 years) and Youth Programmes (11-13 and 14-16 years).The groups aim to provide a structured environment in which young people with ASD can connect with others, engage socially while having fun and develop their social skills.

Drum for Fun - Social drumming groups for Young People with ASD (10-19 years). A collaborative and interactive process where young people have opportunities to take turns in leading, following and communicating with each other.

Contact: Robin Barnaby - Phone: 09 529 8755 - Email: Robin.barnaby@idea.org.nz Website:

<http://www.ihc.org.nz/our-services/specialist-services/autism-programmes/asd-auckland-programmes/>

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

The December 2014 edition of the Networker magazine is available from Disability Connect – 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.

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/>

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

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

Interacting Theatre

Interacting theatre runs community classes for young people with a disability throughout Auckland in drama and film making. [Click here](#) to view classes. All classes run throughout term times and cost \$10 per class. These are fun, interactive workshops led by experienced tutors that encourage confidence, relationship building and communication skills.For details www.interacting.org.nz or call Paula 8495595 or email interacting@ihug.co.nz

EverydayOT offering a variety of services this year

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

Citizen Advocacy Auckland (INC)

Is seeking to recruit new advocates. Do you want to make a positive difference in the lives of people with a disability? [Click here](#) for information.

Short term accommodation/board and support needed

Young adult male with an intellectual disability who has been accepted into Touch Compass and is in Auckland for up to a fortnight in May, July, August, September and October is looking for somewhere to stay. He lives in Christchurch and doesn't know anyone in Auckland. Can anyone help or does anyone know of somewhere/someone we can contact. Please call Gabi 636 0351 or email gabi@disabilityconnect.org.nz

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.

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.

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, Eilerslie, 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.

NZORD press releases:

[*"World Birth Defects Day is launched - time for action on prevention and care"*](#)

Scoop articles this fortnight – click on title:

[*"More dogs for epilepsy charity"*](#)

[*"IEAG calls for action on ERO Report"*](#)

[*"CCS Disability Action welcomes new ERO report"*](#)

[*"I Am Able" theme of Disabled Persons Assembly forum"*](#)

NEWSLETTERS

[ADSA – latest newsletter](#)

[Boccia Get Rolling Newsletter](#)

[CCS Disability Action](#) – December 2014

[Dance Therapy NZ](#) – December 2014

[Deaf Aotearoa](#) – March 2015

[Disability Information Service Fortnightly Sector Up-Date](#) – 19 February 2015

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

[Disability Support Network](#) – March 2015

[Everyday OT](#) – March 2015

[Expressions](#) – Autumn 2015

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

[Health Click](#) – December 2014

[Health Quality & Safety Commission E-update](#) – February/March 2015

[Information 4 Disability - Snippets](#) – January 2015

[Ministry of Health NGO newsletter](#) – February 2015 [Chair update](#) – February 2015

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[Recreate Newsletter](#) – Term 4

[Skip e-news](#) – December 2014

[Special Olympics Fanletter](#) – March 2015

[SONZ Global News](#) - December 2014

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