

**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 17 August 2015**

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## **SEMINARS/TRAINING**

### **Education Legal Issues – seminars coming up in September!**

Families have often voiced questions regarding disability in the education sector. Nan Jensen, who has been running our Trust and Welfare Guardianship seminars and Legal Clinics, specializes in Disability Law and is now running a seminar on legal issues in education. Questions on Section 9 and Section 10 appeals, stand downs and many more will be covered in this seminar. [Click here](#) to view flier and check on dates. To book phone 636-0351 or email [admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz](mailto:admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz)

### **Individualised Funding (IF) Including Respite Seminars**

The Ministry of Health Disability Support Services now include access to Respite (including Carer Support) under Individualised Funding, for eligible families. This creates new, flexible ways of taking a break. This seminar will explore all aspects of Individualised Funding including Respite. [Click here](#) to view dates/venues for our second series of Individualised Funding (IF) Including Respite seminars in 2015.

### **Children's Autism "Sensory Processing Workshops" 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

Please [click here](#) for the flyer and [here](#) for details about the workshop and [here](#) for funding application (They state in their newsletter: "Free of charge for families who pre-register"). Also, have a look at their "hands-on" workshops [here](#).

### **Children's Autism Foundation 'Dealing with Autism' workshop**

Will be held evening of 30<sup>th</sup> November at Manukau New Life Church, 12 Jellicoe Road, Manurewa. [Click here](#) for further details. Contact [admin@autism.org.nz](mailto:admin@autism.org.nz) to book. Free to family members, \$20 for professionals.

### **Community Inclusion workshops with Ric Thompson**

Imagine Better is offering a series of workshop on practical community building strategies and tools which is delivered by Ric Thompson. The topics include 'The Power of 10', 'The Art of Asking' and 'We are more than we think' in either Auckland, Bay of Plenty and Wellington locations. Limited FREE spaces for a disabled person and family member, a fee is involved for professionals. [Click here](#) for flier. For registration visit [www.imaginebetter.co.nz/events](http://www.imaginebetter.co.nz/events) or more information contact Erin Geaney at [erin@imaginebetter.co.nz](mailto:erin@imaginebetter.co.nz)

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## **ASOS SYMPOSIUM 2016 - Inclusion & Participation 21-22 April 2016**

"This symposium explores, at multiple levels, the social forces that shape participation and inclusion in contemporary western societies." [Click here](#) to view flyer.

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## **Public Health Association conference 7-9 September 2015 Dunedin**

[Click here](#) for information. The overarching theme of the conference is "Public Health is everybody's business". Meaning that only by working together across society can we achieve much more than the sum of our individual efforts. The Conference is meant to provide a window on what's currently happening across Aotearoa to improve the health of all New Zealanders and then to help everybody to think about how better to work together.

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## **Mental Health and Wellbeing of Young People Seminar 28<sup>th</sup> August, 9am-5pm Bruce Mason Centre (Corner Hurstmere Road & The Promenade, Takapuna Beach)**

Generation Next is offering a seminar to provide practically relevant information and strategies that can be applied to support young people achieve their potential. Topics featured include body image and disordered eating, videogame addiction, adolescent brain development, supporting young people with a learning disability and many others. [Click here](#) for more information.

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Special Education Update Forum 27<sup>th</sup> August**

Jubilee Hall 545 Parnell Road, Parnell 10am-1pm and Ministry of Education 16 Bishop Dunn Place Botany 6-8pm  
Special Education Update is looking at the whole education system including the Ministry's responsibilities - from early childhood, through to primary, secondary and tertiary education. They want a range of views to inform decisions about improvements. [Click here](#) for pre-reading and [here](#) for the invitation.  
RSVP essential: [sector.support@education.govt.nz](mailto:sector.support@education.govt.nz).

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### **FREE Going Bananas Show "The Search for the Banana Thief" 23/24 September 6pm at Avondale College**

Please [click here](#) for ticket request and information. You can also go to their website:  
[www.thegoingbananasshow.co.nz](http://www.thegoingbananasshow.co.nz)

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### **Janet McVeagh Recreation**

Boys only weekend in Orewa on 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> August. Have a look at the [flyer here](#) and [information here](#).

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## **NOTICES**

### **Nike's Latest Shoe Is for People With Disabilities**

Have a look at this article, very interesting read. Nike's new shoes are making headlines for more than just their flashy looks. The company's latest footwear, [the Zoom Soldier 8](#), is designed for people with disabilities. To read [click](#) on link: <http://themighty.com/2015/07/nikes-latest-shoe-design-is-for-people-with-disabilities2/#ixzz3iLuZaAld>

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### **Sensory Learning**

Have you seen the new Sensory Learning NZ website? <http://www.sensorylearningnz.com/home>  
The SLT<sup>NZ</sup> has been designed primarily for practitioners of students with Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties but I am sure parents will find this interesting?

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### **THE ASIAN NETWORK INC.(TANI) Regional Network Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> August 10am-12pm, Western Springs**

[Click here](#) to view flyer.

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### **Asian Youth wanted for survey**

Counties Manukau is running a project on stigma of mental health. Asians aged between 17-24 years with lived experience of mental health issues [Click](#) to view flyer. If you fill out the online survey you can even win a voucher!

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### **Teacher Aide wanted**

A Chinese parent is urgently looking for a teacher aide for her child who aged 6 years with Autism living in Flat Bush. Fluent in both English and Mandarin. Prefer background in early childhood and behavior management experience with children have Autism. Mon-Fri 8.50-17.50 incl Saturday. Ph Jenny Huang 021781518 or email [dingzhih0287@hotmail.com](mailto:dingzhih0287@hotmail.com)

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### **Edith's Garden Sanctuary**

Edith's Garden is a quiet, peaceful oasis in the heart of Auckland's suburbia (at the base of Mt. Wellington). Families and individuals are welcome to visit and enjoy being outdoors in a safe environment. This is a garden environment where visitors are welcome to plant their own fruit, vegetables or flowers – or sit back and enjoy the bird life. Elevated planter boxes are wheelchair accessible and are available for a small weekly donation. There is also the 'Hub' – an indoor area suited to craft work which can get messy. [Click here](#) for more info or contact Rosie Elder on 021 162 5124 or email [edithsgarden@outlook.com](mailto:edithsgarden@outlook.com) or website [www.edithsgarden.org.nz](http://www.edithsgarden.org.nz)

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### **Massey University**

Massey University are currently recruiting children with ASD aged between 2 1/2 and 6 1/2 years old to take part in the world's first randomly controlled research study with vitamin D and Omega-3 supplementation. Includes free assessment for your child worth \$800. To be part of this pioneering research register your interest at [www.massey.ac.nz/vidoma](http://www.massey.ac.nz/vidoma). More information on the study along with contact details are available on the website and [click here](#) for the information sheet. "Like" the facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/vidoma/>

Update information: This study is now extended to three to eight year olds. [Click here](#) for flyer and [here](#) for information sheet.

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### **Affordable Counselling Service**

Trisha Glover is in the final stages of completing her Diploma in Psychosynthesis Counselling and is offering counselling services for individual family members living with a person with a disability at a sliding scale rate of \$30 - \$50 per session. She holds clinics in Marua Road, Ellerslie. 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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### **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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### **Health Click – health education specialists**

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

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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 flyer, [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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### **Enabling Good Lives**

Have you heard about this cross-government disability initiative in Waikato? [Click here](#) for information.

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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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### **Boccia NZ**

Remember to sign up for their Rolling Newsletter. Go to: <http://www.boccia.org.nz/>

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### **Auckland Down Syndrome Association**

All information and their current news can be found at <http://www.adsa.org.nz/How+we+help>

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**Scoop articles this fortnight:**

["Successive Governments fail disability sector"](#)

["NZRDA's Gingerbread Horse Campaign"](#)

**News:**

["Disabled protest advisor job cuts"](#)

["AUCKLAND COUNCIL CHANGE CHALLENGED BY DISABILITY GROUP"](#)

["POOR SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN WITH FOETAL ALCOHOL DAMAGE"](#)

["Wellington hospital criticised for a failure to diagnose meningitis"](#)

# **NEWSLETTERS**

[Carers NZ](#) – latest newsletter

[CCS disability action “what’s new in the library”](#) – July 2015

[Children’s Autism](#) – August 2015 newsletter

[Dance Therapy NZ](#) – June 2015

Deaf Aotearoa Community Weekly – [early](#) August 2015 [Important Announcement](#)

[Disability Support Network Regional](#) – March 2015 and [normal newsletter June 2015](#)

[Enable NZ](#) – Issue 3 August 2015

[Expressions](#) – Winter 2015

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

[Integrated Neurological Rehabilitation Foundation](#) – April 2015

[Ministry of Health NGO newsletter](#) – July 2015

[News from the land of Be](#) – July 2015

[Numicon](#) – Winter 2015

[NZORD Newsletter](#) – June 2015

[Open for better care E-update](#) – July 2015

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

[Raukauri Music Therapy Newsletter](#) – Winter edition

[Recreate Newsletter](#) – June 2015

[Spark Centre](#) – Quarterly Newsletter July 2015

[Special Olympics Fanletter](#) – July 2015

[StarJam Spread Winter edition – e-chat](#)

[Tani Newsletter](#) – June 2015

[Waitemata DHB CALD CCW newsletter](#) – June 2015

[Wilson Home e-news](#) – 17 June 2015

[YES disability e-news](#) – July 2015



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