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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.

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April 2015 edition of Networker Magazine

Our latest Networker Magazine is now available. The topic is 'Transition – the progression from school to community'. It can be a daunting process for many parents, so we thought some information was needed. [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.

SEMINARS/TRAINING

Two Transition seminars left for 2015 - Post schooling options and process for students with a disability

Transitioning from school life to life in the community can be a daunting yet exciting prospect. As well as giving you information in our recent April 2015 Networker Magazine we are also offering seminars for you to attend and get information. Note, this seminar is available at the actual Transition Expo (4th August) as well as the dates in the linked flier (daytime and evening options). Please [click here](#) to view dates. To book contact Disability Connect on 636-0351 or email admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz

Transition Expo 2015 – new venue - Mt. Eden War Memorial Hall, 489 Dominion Road, Mt. Eden

The 2015 Transition Expo will take place on Tuesday 4th August (9am till 2pm) at Mt Eden War Memorial Hall, 489 Dominion Road, Mt. Eden. ***Please note this new venue*** (due to circumstances beyond our control). We invite all parents, caregivers, students with a disability and education staff to attend this important FREE event to learn about post schooling options. [Click here](#) to view the flier including map link to venue and parking areas.

Chinese Families Autism Support Group 21st July, 9:30am-1pm at Te Tuhi (13 Reeves Road Pakuranga)

Disability Connect is delighted to announce the Chinese Families Autism Support Group meeting in July. The topic of this meeting is going to be on social and friendship skills. The presentation is by Arletta van den Bosch from Children's Autism Foundation. We welcome all Chinese families with children who have Autism to attend. [Click here](#) to view the English flier [click here](#) to view the Chinese flier.

Indian Families with Children of Special Needs Support Group 29th July, 9:30am-1pm at Nathan Homestead (70 Hill Road, Manurewa)

Disability Connect is pleased to announce the third Indian Families with Children of Special Needs Support group in July. The topic of this meeting is going to be on Transition from school to community. Lisa Martin, CEO from Disability Connect is going to present. Invite all Indian families with special needs children to attend. [Click here](#) to view the flier.

Altogether Autism Conference 22 - 23 July

If you relate to people on the autism spectrum in your work or personal life, or if you're on the autism spectrum yourself, this conference is for you. Its focus is to help you be upskilled, educate and aware, and the amazing line up of guest speakers are covering a wide range of topics. [Click here](#) to view their full programme.

ADSA Success in School course 3 August and 10 August

Auckland Down Syndrome Association are again running their Success in School-course (over two days), on Monday 3 and Monday 10 August, venue Waipuna Hotel in Mt Wellington. [Click here](#) for information regarding this 2-day course. To book please email clo@adsa.org.nz with the names, position and contact details of the people attending. This course is aimed at all teaching staff (SENCO's, teachers, teacher aides, specialist staff, occupational therapists and parent educators).

Free Traditional Chinese Medicine workshop for Chinese community on 18th July, 1pm-2pm at Independent Living Service (14 Erson Ave, Royal Oak)

Independent Living Service is offering a free workshop for Chinese community on 'Maintaining Health and Wellbeing from a Traditional Chinese Medicine perspective. For more details please [click here](#)

Individualised Funding workshop, 16th July 9:30am-3:30pm Auckland Deaf Society Conference room, 164 Balmoral Road

Auckland Disability Law and Public Service Association offer a workshop on Individualised funding. For more details of the programmes of the workshop [click here](#). Please RSVP to amy.ross@psa.org.nz for catering purposes by the 14th July 2015.

Children's Autism Foundation 'Dealing with Autism' workshop

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Holiday Programmes for children/youth with a disability – Papakura and Three Kings

Disability Connect is pleased to offer places available on our two holiday programmes at Rosehill Special School, Papakura and Sunnydene Special School in Three Kings. Both programmes charge 1x Carer Support Day plus \$20 activity costs per day of attendance. Rosehill programme is open to students aged 5yrs to 21yrs and the Sunnydene programme is open to students aged 12-21yrs. Contact Disability Connect for further information on 636-0351 or email admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz

Holiday Programme

Janet McVeagh – Recreation: please [click here](#) for information, [here](#) for enrolment form and [here](#) for parent agreement form.

Have a look [here](#) for their camps too.

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.

NOTICES

Auckland Council Ethnic Peoples Advisory Panel and Disability Advisory Panel vacancies

Auckland Council has started recruiting for vacancies on the Ethnic Peoples Advisory Panel (two vacancies) and Disability Advisory Panel (up to three vacancies). [Click here](#) for further information, [click here](#) for an application form and [click here](#) for the Code of Conduct.

Children's Autism Foundation – 'Join in Jumping Beans' Programme – Term 3 (starts week of 20 July)

Join In Jumping Beans is a fun, child-centred, physical development activity gymnastics which consists of a tailored version of the Jumping Beans East Auckland programme, which will assist children with autism to build their overall motor & social skills through repetitive movements, activities & action songs, in an environment that suits their needs. [Click here](#) to view the flier. Two locations – Ellerslie and Grey Lynn. Some financial assistance available for families towards fees for this programme. Booking essential, contact admin@autism.org.nz

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 or website www.edithsgarden.org.nz

Spark Centre - upcoming Exhibition 9 June - 19 July, opening night June 8th

Spark Centre of Creative Development is a creative space based in Auckland that provides programmes and activities in visual arts practice, creative expression, dance-movement, and art therapy for people living with disability and diversity. The exhibition Hush and Hum presents some of the different approaches to storytelling and constructing narrative, within recent works by individuals from the community of artists who practice at Spark Centre. [Click here](#) to view flier.

Spark centre is advertising: Kids open Studio Pukekohe

An open studio art group for children of all abilities aged 7 years plus; particular provision is made for children with diverse and complex needs. Have a look at their flyer [here](#).

SK Clothing

A small home based business who sell bandanas, feeders and wheelchair capes for people with disabilities. SK Clothing was established around 12 years ago and are now trying to grow the business and enable more people to find out about their products made here in New Zealand! [Click here](#) to view their Catalogue.

Dance Therapy NZ

Exciting news: Arts 4 Us Orakei is starting term three, this is a brand new programme at the Orakei Community Centre for school age children on the Autism Spectrum or with related disorders, such as ADHD or a developmental delay.

The programme is designed to support social skills and emotional literacy through art making. This programme combines the arts accessibility of our popular drop in 'Arts 4 Us' programme, with the individualised therapeutic support and small group size of our 'STARS' programme. Term 3 starts on 20th July. Due to the limited size of the group, prior registration is required, contact info@dancetherapy.co.nz.

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 to have background in early childhood and behavior management experience with children have Autism. Working hours: Monday to Friday 8:50am-5:50pm, Saturday work required. Please contact Jenny Huang if you are interested, phone: 021 781 518 or email: dingzhih0287@hotmail.com

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. 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.

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.

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.

Health Click – health education specialists

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

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.

Enabling Good Lives

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

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.

DigIt- Free Compositing Alternative workshop - 21st July, 10am-12noon

CCS Disability Action is running free workshop on alternative compositing for CCS Disability Action, volunteers, people from other disability organisations. Please contact Victoria Barrett at Victoria.Barrett@ccsDisabilityAction.org.nz or phone 09 625 9378 for registration. Also [click here](#) to for information.

Volunteering the driving force behind Blind Foundation

The Blind Foundation salutes its army of volunteers, who have shared more than 260,000 hours of their time over the past year to support New Zealanders who are blind or have low vision. [Click here](#) to see the full article

Boccia NZ

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

NZORD news this fortnight:

["Update on arrangements at NZORD"](#)

Scoop articles this fortnight:

["Homecare Medical announced as successful partner"](#)

["Volunteers a driving force behind the Blind Foundation"](#)

["Report on work to further the rights of Disabled People"](#)

["Halberg Sport for Life Charity Dinner Announced"](#)

NEWSLETTERS

[ADSA](#) – latest newsletter

[Children's Autism](#) – June 2015 newsletter

[Dance Therapy NZ](#) – June 2015

[Deaf Aotearoa](#) – June 2015 [Talk Hands](#) – Autumn Magazine [Announcement](#)

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

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

[Enable NZ](#) – Issue 2 June 2015

[Everyday OT](#) – May 2015

[Expressions](#) – Winter 2015

[FASD](#) – update April 2015

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

[Healthline news](#) – May 2015

[Independent Living Service](#) - May 2015

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

[Muscular Dystrophy Northern](#) – May 2015

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

[Numicon](#) – April 2015

[NZORD Newsletter](#) – June 2015

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

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

[Positive Behaviour Support Newsletter](#) - Volume 1, April 2015

[Recreate Newsletter](#) – June 2015 – **new layout and style!**

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

[Special Olympics Fanletter](#) – June 2015

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

[Tani Newsletter](#) – June 2015

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



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