

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 9 November 2015

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Special Children's Christmas Party

It's that time of year again and we have requested tickets for this popular event. In order to distribute tickets fairly we have decided to let you know when we receive them via our website and Facebook. So check frequently and let us know how many tickets you need then (please supply all details requested or you might miss out).

Good news stories

We would love to collect feedback and good news stories from our membership about how we have helped you at some point over the last few years. All feedback welcome, please email to admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz or ring Gabi on 636-0351.

SEMINARS/TRAINING

Chinese Families Autism Support Group meeting: 17 November 2015 9:30am-1:00pm, Te Tuhi, 13 Reeves Road, Pakuranga, Auckland – topic "Sensory Issues"

CoCo Chiu, Occupational Therapist from Child Play OT will deliver this presentation starting promptly at 10am (presentation will be interpreted into Mandarin). Print copies of the presentation (in English) will be given to all attendees. For catering purposes it is important to register for this meeting. You can register in English or Chinese by emailing Sanny at Disability Connect sanny@disabilityconnect.org.nz You can also phone 636-0351 to book over the phone (English). [Click here](#) for a map link to the venue. [Click here](#) to view the flier in English or to view the flier in Chinese [click here](#).

CCS Disability Action - Leading Life Conversations Workshop 26 November 10am - 3pm 14 Erson Avenue, Royal Oak, Auckland

Find out how to capture your ideas about what is important to you and communicate with others about what you want and how they can support you. [Click here](#) for information and [here](#) the easy read flier.

The Health and Disability Commissioner's office - consumer seminar, 4 December 10am-12pm

The seminars will focus on the Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers' Rights, and what they mean for disabled people in particular. We will discuss what HDC does, what to do if you are unhappy with a health and disability service, and what happens when you make a complaint. This seminar is intended for disabled Asian consumers of health and disability services. It will be held at: Shanti Niwas Senior Centre, 14 Spring St Onehunga. [Click here](#) to view flyer.

Children's Autism Foundation "Hands on Autism" Workshops – one date left 14th November

To see the content and dates for these workshops, please [click here](#). [Click here](#) for the participant information sheet.

Children's Autism Foundation 'Dealing with Autism' workshop

Will be held evening of 30th 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

Diabetes New Zealand (Auckland Branch) have launched their 'Diabetes Action Month'

There is a national road show by the Mobile Diabetes Awareness Service. This van will tour several towns and cities, including our home base of Auckland. See [here](#) for road show venues. See website for a range of Campaign initiatives: www.diabetes.org.nz. Or [click here](#) for details about the campaign, [here](#) for the "know you risk" poster or [booklet](#). There is also an [invite](#) and a [fact sheet](#) for you to look at.

Janet McVeagh Programmes and Events:

City Slickers 18+ RAGLAN 20 - 22 November 2015: please [click here](#) for information and [here](#) for the enrolment form.

December Holiday programmes: [Click here](#) for information, [here](#) for enrolment form and [here](#) for the parental agreement form to be filled out.

And lastly have a look at their **Christmas Party** invite [here](#).

StarJam - End of Year Concert! 28 November 7pm, Victory Convention Centre, Beaumont St

StarJam provides performance and music opportunities for young people with disabilities and the StarJam Auckland End of the Year Concert is the culmination of a year's worth of efforts from their young people. Everyone is invited! There will be singing, dancing, drumming and more. Tickets are just \$10 for adults, and \$5 for kids. To get yours, go to: <http://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2015/starjam-2015-end-of-year-concert/auckland/freemans-bay> For their flyer [click here](#).

Halberg Disability Sports Foundation

They support a number of events and programmes and sent through a lot of flyers for you to look at. There is [Auckland Powerchair Football club](#), [Papatoetoe United Adapted Football Programme](#), [Have a Go at Wheelchair Tennis and Boccia](#), [Out and About - Amazing Race](#), [Saint Kentigern Halberg Junior Disability Sports Day](#) and [Trikes NZ coming to NZ](#).

They have also donated a beach wheelchair for hire in and around Tutukaka coast. For more information [click here](#).

And Halberg Sports also have organised a "Flight Centre Foundation Halberg Watersports Day" at the Tutukaka coast on Saturday 21 November 2015. [Click here](#) to view flyer. They are also looking for volunteers for the event, [click here](#) if you want to know more.

Circability are advertising a range of events:

Cirque du Soleil QUIDAM: benefit events for Circability on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th Feb 2016 at 8pm.

Diversity Week: 8-13 November, Victoria Park, Auckland - Featuring workshops, forums, exhibitions, lunchtime games and of course CIRCUS FIESTA!

Circus Fiesta Music Circus Mash-Up: Victory Convention Centre, 98 Beaumont Street, 13 November 12.30 and 7.00 pm. An all ages and abilities showcase celebrating inclusion and diversity. Part of Circability's Diversity Week 2015 – featuring workshops, forums and exhibits.

Inclusion Planning Meetings: First Tuesday of every month 12.00pm - 1.00pm at Circability Centre

[Click here](#) for flyer and more links.

NOTICES

Have you heard of DottyWobble?

DottyWobble is passionate about providing a means of communication and learning to those who have not previously had this or who are struggling with their current supports. While products/services started off as a means of providing resources for autistic children they grew quickly into helping anyone with any learning or communication difficulties. Have a look at their website <http://dottywobble.com/> and their newsletter below.

Self-Expression Group: The dancing Soul – Saturday 10.30-11.30am, St Heliers Community Centre

Dance and movement Therapy for kids with special needs. [Click here](#) to view flyer.

Spark centre - Māpura Studios

Spark centre's now has a new name- Māpura Studios. Māpura is a Te Reo Māori word meaning fire, flame, or ... spark! Check them out <http://www.mapurastudios.org.nz>

Epilepsy Association of New Zealand Information Evening 16 November 7.30pm

This will be held at the Potters Park Event Centre, 164 Balmoral Road, Balmoral. [click here](#) for information.

Counties Manukau District Health Board - Warm Up Counties Manukau

This programme is to ensure that you and your family are better prepared for winter, so please consider whether or not you are eligible for the **free** retrofitting insulation programme. You must: live in the Counties Manukau, Papakura, or Franklin area, live in a private home built prior to 1st January 2000, must have a Community Services Card and priority will be given to families with children (*under 17*) or older adults (*over 65*) living in the household with health conditions. Please [click here](#) for information leaflet and [here](#) for application.

NZCare respite at Hobsonville have spaces available

If you are interested please contact Taikura Trust and follow the normal process.

Attitude Live - survey

How do you access disability and aging information and advice? Are you happy with it? Would you like something different? Attitude live has developed a survey to gather some information. It won't take long but is worthwhile doing. <https://attitudelive.typeform.com/to/DEYX0h>

Tours for people with disability

We have been sent information about tours in NZ and Australia for people with some (mild) form of disability. Have a look at these brochures and please note they are not suitable for people needing one-on-one care. [Vivid Sydney May 2016](#), [Major NZ Tours and Cruise](#), [Hawkes Bay and Scenic Safari Tours](#) and [NZ Tours](#).

Accounting Services (for Individualised Funding)

Vimlesh Nadan has an accounting qualifications and can provide accounting services to parents who use Individualised Funding to pay their support worker. He does payroll, PAYE and Kiwi-saver for his own daughter's support worker. Contact him on 0210574124 or email nadan2fj@yahoo.com for an appointment.

Support groups – Disability Connect

Disability Connect offers cultural special support groups to families with children of special needs as part of the CALD service (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Disability Information and Advisory Service) for different ethnic groups. We have a Chinese Families Autism Support Group that runs every third Tuesday of a month and an Indian Families with Children of Special Needs Support group which runs monthly. We welcome all families with special needs to join the relevant support group. It is a great opportunity for parents to share their experience and network with each other. Please contact Sanny at Disability Connect for more information or bookings, phone 09 526 1298 (DDI)/09 636 0351 or sanny@disabilityconnect.org.nz

Safari Multicultural Playgroup

Safari Multicultural Playgroup will launch a new location in Papatoetoe. They welcome families from all cultural backgrounds living locally, as well as former refugee families living outside of Papatoetoe. Please [click here](#) for information of this playgroup.

New playgroup for pre-schoolers with ASD / Aspergers / ADHD - & Siblings

Every Wednesday during school term 12.30-2.30pm (BYO lunch). St Columba Presbyterian Church Pakuranga playgroup and crèche area. Cost \$2 per family. 480 Ti Rakau Drive next to the ice rink. Contact Talita De Lange 021 132 8697. Email: specialkids.families@gmail.com

Child's Play O.T. Holiday Programme January 2016

[Click here](#) for information about the programme from 18 -22 January 2016.

Lifekidz after school and holiday programmes

Have a look at their website <http://lifekidz.org.nz/> you might like what you see. Or look [here](#).

GlowKids launching a Sensory Kindy

Have you heard about Glowkids? It is an Auckland based service providing assessment, advice, early childhood education and therapy for children. Have a look at their website www.glowkids.org.nz. They are now offering sensory Kindy sessions, [click here](#) to view flyer.

The Pure Food Co - Smooth Puree Meals

The Pure Food Co produces texture modified foods that are delicious, nutritious, affordable, and effortless to prepare. Designed specifically for those who experience eating difficulties, The Pure Food Co provides a top quality selection of proteins, vegetables, and carbohydrates that cater to a wide range of needs. Through these smooth puree meals, The Pure Food Co aims to help people thrive when they are at their most vulnerable. Check them out on: <http://thepurefoodco.co.nz/>

NZSL Encounters at Auckland Zoo

Auckland Zoo has teamed up with New Zealand Sign Language interpreting students from AUT, who will interpret Auckland Zoo's animal encounters on 10 October and 14 November. Have a look [here](#).

Be.Leadership programme: 2016 Applications open

Be. Leadership is a one-of-a-kind programme in New Zealand, taking participants through a year of exploration of different perspectives, questioning, laughter, self-discovery and accessibility focused leadership. It is specifically crafted to suit the diversity of the access community. It advances a more accessible society and a dynamic community of leaders. To apply please visit: <http://www.beaccessible.org.nz/be-leadership>

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 9am-6pm including Saturday 9am -12 pm. Ph Jenny Huang 021781518 or email dingzhih0287@hotmail.com

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. 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

MyCare – new service in the home care sector

MyCare is a new online space to connect Kiwis seeking or offering home-based services (paid or voluntary). It works closely with the national not for profit Carers New Zealand and other community organisations. Currently MyCare has opened its website for pre-registrations of those offering services, and people who are seeking help of various kinds. [Click here](#) to view flyer.

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, Eilerslie. 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.

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.

Boccia NZ

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

Health Click – health education specialists

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

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.

Auckland Down Syndrome Association

All information and their current news can be found at <http://www.adsa.org.nz/How+we+help>
[Click here](#) to view their Christmas invite. ADSA are also already advertising for their Success in School course starting February 2016. [Click here](#) for information. ADSA is also asking for help for their Buddy Walk <http://www.adsa.org.nz/BuddyWalk.html>

NZORD – Annual Report

Not a newsletter this time, have a look at their annual report [here](#).

Scoop articles this fortnight:

["Blind Foundation celebrates Marrakesh Treaty announcement"](#)

["Feedback sought on access to books for visually impaired"](#)

["ANZ is banking on accessibility and diversity"](#)

["Government Plan on Data Could Make Disabled People Invisible"](#)

["Wheelchair warrior proves attitude is everything"](#)

["Dress for Success Auckland Presents Cocktails in the City"](#)

["A disability event with a twist"](#)

["DPA response to remark made by Kim Campbell"](#)

["Spinal injury 'Show Off' Day"](#)

["Disability Sector Welcomes Working Party on Wages"](#)

Other articles of interest:

["No slowing Liam down now"](#)

["Government Study Suggests Autism Overdiagnosed"](#)

["Parents Of Kids With Disabilities Buck Divorce Trend"](#)

["Obesity More Common Among Kids With Autism, Study Finds"](#)

["National Partnerships to strengthen advocacy"](#)

["Systemic barriers' holding dyslexic kids back"](#)

["Man with Crohn's disease shares photo to show what 'invisible illness' really looks like"](#)

["Help make New Zealand more accessible"](#)

["Drug offers hope for spinal patients"](#)

["WANTED: Talented Presenter \(Must Be Deaf!\)"](#)

Websites of interest

- www.offthepage.co.nz easy to read, high interest books for low level readers, suited to readers with any reading disability, struggling readers or adults learning to read. Also [click here](#) for their general info.
- <http://www.aucklandzoo.co.nz/sites/plan-your-visit/visitor-information/accessibility-info> Accessibility, disability and mobility information for Auckland Zoo visitors
- <http://www.education.govt.nz/news/consultation-workshops-to-support-the-education-act-update-1989/> Consultation workshops to support the Education Act Update 1989
- <http://www.abilityadventures.co.nz/> Ability Adventures – Exploration, adventure and discovery through travel

NEWSLETTERS

[Altogether Autism Journal](#) – Spring 2015

[Carers NZ](#) – latest newsletter

[CCS disability action "what's new in the library"](#) – September 2015

[Children's Autism](#) – October 2015

[Deaf Aotearoa Community Weekly](#) – November 2015

[Disability Support Network newsletter](#) - November 2015

[Dotty Wobble](#) – November 2015

[Expressions](#) – Spring 2015

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

[IHC Hot Issues Newsletter](#) – October 2015

[Independent Living Service Newsletter](#) – October 2015

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

[Muscular Dystrophy Northern newsletter](#) – November 2015

[National Health IT Board newsletter](#) - August 2015

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

[Numicon](#) – Spring 2015

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

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

[Recreate Newsletter](#) – Term 4 2015

[Spark Centre/Mapura Studios](#) – Quarterly Newsletter September 2015

[Special Olympics Fanletter](#) – October 2015

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

[Tani Newsletter](#) – Spring 2015

[Tūrangawaewae: Human Rights Commission News](#) – September 2015

[Vidoma Newsletter](#) - Spring 2015

[Wilson Home e-news](#) – 14 October 2015



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