

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 May 2016

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In order to keep informed about important issues, seminars and changes to any seminars it is important that you LIKE us on Facebook !

Please visit our Facebook page [here](#) and 'like' us. You can follow us on Twitter [here](#).

Disability Connect news

Remember Disability Connect has a Disability 'Colleague' Social Worker.

This [social worker role](#) is to provide advocacy, support and practical help to families and individuals with a disability. Click on the link to find out more about this service which is free to families. We welcome new referrals either directly from families or from professionals.

Disability Connect is charging only \$20 per professional to attend our seminars (no charge to family members or individuals with a disability). This can be paid by cash, cheque (made out to our full organisation name Parent and Family Resource Centre Inc.) or direct debit. We do not accept credit card or Eftpos payments. We are happy to send an invoice at the time of booking. Payment is required prior to attendance.

Chinese Families Autism Support Group Meeting

Tuesday 17th May 2016 - 9:30am-1:00pm
Social Room, Te Tuhi, 13 Reeves Road, Pakuranga
Presentation: Social Stories by Sharon West from Idea Community Specialist Services interpreted into Mandarin. We welcome all Chinese and Asian families to attend. Have a look at the [English flyer](#) or the [Chinese version](#) for details.

Good news stories - Please

Feedback and good news stories about how we have helped you at some point over the last few years. Ph Gabi 636-0351 email admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz

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. The Chinese Families Autism Support Group runs every third Tuesday of the month. The Indian Families with Children of Special Needs Support group also runs monthly. All families with special needs are welcome to join the relevant support group. It is a great opportunity for parents to share their experience and network with each other. Please contact TingTing at Disability Connect for more information or bookings: 526 1298 (DDI)/636 0351 or sanny@disabilityconnect.org.nz

Transition Expo – 2 August 2016 – save the date!!! ["The progression from school to community life"](#)

Our popular Expo is happening again. We had such good feedback regarding the venue, we will again be holding it at Mt. Eden War Memorial Hall, 489 Dominion Road, from 9am – 2.00pm

SEMINARS/TRAINING/ CONFERENCES



Upcoming seminars by Disability Connect

“[Living Options](#)” is planned for 4 May 7-9pm and 18 May 12.30-2.30pm at Disability Connect premises at 3b Olive Road in Penrose.

“[Education Legal Issues](#)” seminars are scheduled for 10 May 12.30-2.30pm and 17 May 7-9pm, both at Disability Connect Premises at 3b Olive Rd in Penrose.

“[Planning for Adulthood](#)” (new and expanded version of our Trust and Welfare seminar) is scheduled for the 19 May at Mt Richmond School, 30 Albion Rd, Otahuhu and 24 May at YES disability Centre in Albany. Both will run 6.30-9.15pm

Next “[Individualised Funding including respite](#)” is planned for 31 May 7-9pm at Disability Connect Premises at 3b Olive Rd in Penrose.

There are also other dates for these seminars, click on the links for more info.

Children’s Autism Foundation – Term 2

They have a few workshops on offer, see [the flyer](#). And they are offering their popular “**Hands-On**” workshop in [Warkworth](#) and [Manukau](#).

Child Matters: new Child Protection courses

Go to their website for information:
<http://www.childmatters.org.nz/22/child-protection-training>

Portal is offering some workshops

Have a look at [these](#) and this one on [Stigma and discrimination](#).

Auckland Disability Law – Imagine better

One more workshop is planned for 24 May on Police and Court (your rights). Please contact info@adl.org.nz to register.

Mangere Community Law Centre and Auckland Disability Law would like to invite you to register for this [Law in a Nutshell programme](#) which is specially focused on disability and your legal rights. This free eight week programme runs every Wednesday, 9:30 am–12:30pm, starting 4 May 2016 to 22 June 2016.

UPCOMING EVENTS



The Auckland Regional Refugee Health Network (ARRHN) forum Wednesday 25 May

Titled “[Navigating disability services for adult former refugees](#)” this **free** forum will be at the Wesley Community Centre, Timohina Room, 740 Sandringham Rd ext, Mt Roskill and will run from 6.30-8.00pm (doors open at 6pm). *Light refreshments will be served.*

Plunket Fundraiser: What a Woman Wants Tuesday 10 May 2016 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

This might be a lovely idea for a **Mother’s Day** gift? Fantastic way to support Plunket parent groups in West Auckland and enjoy an entertaining evening with Lisa O’Neill, stylist, motivational speaker and author. Get some friends together for a great mid-week laugh at Salvation Army Auditorium: **532 Don Buck Road, Massey.**

TICKETS \$25 and include a complimentary dessert supper – enjoy spot prizes and \$1 raffle tickets. To book:

<https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2016/may/what-a-woman-wants> (service fee applies).

Mind Over Manner WorkshopRealising The Potential of Differently Wired Minds

Tuesdays May 10 and May 24 from 7.30 to 9.30pm. Te POU Theatre, 44a Portage Road, New Lynn. For information contact sue@mindovermanner.co.nz or visit www.mindovermanner.co.nz

Altogether Autism Conference 19-20 July 2017 in Auckland – Save this Date!

Information will follow in due course.

NOTICES



New Zealand Health Strategy.

The Minister of Health, Hon Dr Jonathan Coleman has launched the refreshed New Zealand Health Strategy. Please click on this link to read the email the Director-General of Health, Chai Chuah has sent to many in the health and disability sector: (<http://createsend.com/t/i-272E15A10E7E8A97>).

Auckland Dyspraxia Support Trust - Family Camp 2016 13 - 15 May

Have a look at the info or email camp@aucklanddyspraxia.org.nz

DRIVING MISS DAISY

A new service providing transportation for the elderly, children, disabled and for anyone who is unable to drive. Their special service also provides assistance in and out of the car, going to appointments, shopping and company on outings. Special needs are catered for including assistance with a walker or wheelchair. Please call 0800 948 432 or look at [Franchise owners details](#) to see who is your area person. All Daisies are ACC Registered Vendors and they accept Total Mobility Vouchers in most areas of New Zealand.

InterACT 2016 – time to get involved!

Expressions of interest are being sought for involvement in InterACT 2016! which runs from 19-21 October at Corbans Estate Arts Centre Henderson. Fill out this form tinyurl.com/2016interact or visit <http://interacting.org.nz/interactfestival/>

Special Needs Cheerleading team at Pakuranga College!

Starting term 2 Thursdays 4-5pm phone 0211567428 for more information.

Dig It! community gardens in Royal Oak are fundraising to redevelop the gardens. CCS Disability Action are currently seeking donations via Givealittle page to create a site that meets the access needs of all people, including the elderly, children and people with a mobility impairment. Have a look at www.Givealittle.co.nz/cause/DigIt

The Attitude Group are very excited to launch "[The Toolbox](#)", a suite of short films revealing life's essential information - and it's all in New Zealand Sign Language! These are web-based video resources aimed at young Deaf people aged 16-24. The videos are designed to empower young people by increasing their knowledge and ultimately leading to greater participation and inclusion.

Māpura Studios

has openings in their Artist in Movement class (Mondays 12:30-2pm) for adults with disabilities and their Kids' Open Studio class for children aged 5-12 with ASD and other special needs (Tuesdays 4-5:30 pm). Both classes are taught at our studio in Fowlds

Park, St Lukes. They are also running a Music & Creativity Out West at Corbans Estate in Henderson (Thursdays 12:30-2). Please go to www.mapurastudios.org.nz for more info.

Support worker needed

A Howick family looking for an English speaking support worker for their 14 years old daughter with Autism between 3-6pm (e.g taking her to swimming, walks and other activities) 2-4 times/week. Some weekend work may be required, hours will be varied based on the activities. Family will pay \$18-\$20 (plus 8% holiday pay) based on experience, plus mileage, event entry fee etc. Full NZ driver licence essential. Also looking for overnight respite for 3 nights/month. Yvonne caiyuyang512@hotmail.com

Survey part of a PhD study "How does the need for fulltime care impact on the social interactions and activities of young adults with complex needs?"

The study aims to provide new insights and understanding of care and its influence on the social interactions and relationships of young adults with complex needs. The link to the information will also provide the link to the survey.

Auckland Down Syndrome Association - Job

Is looking for a Social Media and Library Liaison person. You find the job description at http://www.seek.co.nz/Job/30572136?_ga=1.264311563.503600807.1427923060

ASD Support Services - survey

David West, MA (Psych) Candidate, Massey University is looking to hear from caregivers of young children or young people (0-16) with ASD, to research how individualized services are for them. Participants are able to take part through an online questionnaire. Click on link above or go to: https://jfe.qualtrics.com/form/SV_1HXHrsMfkNrOBOB

Young Adult Research Participants wanted – University of Auckland

A study involving EEG for ASD adults and possibly young adults. They want to reach out to find participants as part of the preparation. This study aims to help improving diagnosis and treatment for ASD individuals. Participants and/or their caregivers are going to receive an informal telephonic report and a more formal written report if requested. Detailed reports fit for purpose such as to obtain benefit may also be obtained but will have a cost, though lower than the normal rate. Contact: Stephen Safford Wolfson 0211601914

"Creative Lives Project NZ"

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1660356754178749/?fref=ts>

This is a public group on Facebook for families looking at living options for their disabled family member. They are currently trying to find people who would share their success stories.

Counties Manukau District Health Board - Warm Up Counties Manukau and now also Tamaki.

This programme is to ensure that you and your family are better prepared for winter. To be 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.

For people in the Tamaki area please contact Tevita.Malolo@tamakiregeneration.co.nz

The Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board and Puketāpapa and Whau local boards are also offering this scheme for rental properties (Landlords AND tenants can apply). Contact healthyrentals@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz or phone or text 0508 ECO DESIGN (0508 326 337).

Accounting Services (for Individualised Funding)

Vimlesh Nadan 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.

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. Phone 09 523 0071 or email joan.goddard@englishlanguage.org.nz

St Lukes -Early Childhood Centre

Did you know they also take disabled children for an hour or two while you do your shopping (no nappy change)? It's not specified on their website <https://www.westfield.co.nz/stlukes/services/all-services/st-lukes-shoppers-creche/657> but just ask about it.

Skylight's 2016 brochure

Skylight is a national not for profit trust that enables children, young people, their family/whanau and friends to navigate through times of trauma, loss and grief. They facilitate access to expert information, education, professional services and support. They also educate, train and support professionals, agencies and individuals who assist those dealing with trauma, loss, and grief.

Accessible Arts calling for proposals for papers, presentations or workshops to present at the **2016 Arts Activated conference**, 'Pathways to Practice', 20 and 21 September at Carriageworks, Sydney Australia. Click on link for [info and registration](#).

Counselling Services and Support Groups

Disability Sector Project Information and updates

Other organisations information

Playgroups, activities, after school and holiday programmes

Websites of interest

- <https://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
- <http://www.access4all.co.nz/> Accommodation & Activities for people with reduced mobility
- <http://www.oysternz.co.nz/> Oyster Accessible Travel offer a comprehensive booking site and travel guide for travellers with extra mobility needs.
- <http://www.staydry.co.nz/shop/> for various incontinence products, look at kids underwear range.
- <http://www.enablinggoodlives.co.nz/gatheringinformation/> an opportunity to share your experience and to help shape how the Government implements the Enabling Good Lives approach for disabled New Zealanders.

Articles of interest:

["Disability Advocates See Opportunity In Self-Driving Cars"](#)

["Sign Language projects receive \\$1m"](#)

["NZ Health Strategy promises a better deal"](#)

["Speech: Launch of NZ Health Strategy"](#)

NEWSLETTERS

[Achieve 2B Newsletter](#) - February 2016

[Carers NZ](#) – latest newsletter

[CCS Disability Action Information Service newsletter](#) – April 2016

[Children's Autism](#) – April 2016

[Dance Therapy NZ](#) – April 2016

[Deaf Aotearoa Community Weekly](#) – April 2016

[Disability Support Network newsletter](#) - February 2016

[Dotty Wobble](#) – April 2016

[e-cald news](#) – April 2016

[Enable NZ Newsletter – Kia Maro](#) – February 2016

[Health Quality & Safety Commission E-update](#) – April 2016

[Independent Living Service Newsletter](#) – March 2016

[Interacting Newsletter](#) – February 2016

[Muscular Dystrophy Northern Newsletter](#) – April 2016 and [Chairperson's report](#)

[Mapura Studios](#) – February 2016

[Ministry of Health NGO newsletter](#) – April 2016 [Chairs update April 2016](#)

[Ministry of Health e-Health update](#) – April 2016

[News from the land of Be](#) – March 2016

[Numicon](#) – Term 2 2016

[Parent to Parent newsletter](#) – April 2016 #2 and the [Magazine](#) is out too

[Plunket e-news](#) – April 2016

[Salisbury School newsletter – April 2016](#)

[Special Olympics Fanletter](#) – February 2016

[Tani Newsletter](#) – Autumn 2016

[Turangawaewae March: Human Rights Commission News](#) – March 2016

[YES e-news](#) – April 2016



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