

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.

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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](#).

Embedded in the text of this E bulletin are links which open up to pages of more information. Any blue underlined text is a link and can be clicked on for fuller information. We do this in order to provide you with as much information as possible in our E bulletin.

We're delighted to announce Sanny Chan (our Disability Cultural Advisor her at Disability Connect) had a beautiful baby girl in April. We wish Sanny all the best and look forward to seeing her and baby soon!

Disability Connect news

Disability Connect AGM

Wednesday 17th August 2016, 6pm at Disability Connect, 3b Olive Road, Penrose. All welcome. More information [here](#) and board nomination form [here](#).

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.

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

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

SEMINARS/TRAINING/ CONFERENCES



Upcoming seminars by Disability Connect

“[Planning for Adulthood](#)” (new and expanded version of our Trust and Welfare seminar) is scheduled for 24 May at YES disability Centre in Albany, 6.30-9.15pm. We also have a daytime seminar 8 June 12.30-2.30pm at Disability Connect premises at 3b Olive Road in Penrose.

Next “[Individualised Funding including respite](#)” is planned for 31 May and 14 June 7-9pm at Disability Connect Premises at 3b Olive Rd in Penrose.

“[Education Legal Issue](#)” is scheduled for 7 June 7-9pm at YES disability Centre in Albany.

“[Work and Income Support](#)” seminar will be held on the 21 June 7-9pm at Disability Connect premises at 3b Olive Road in Penrose.

Children’s Autism Foundation – Term 2

They have some 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.*

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

Information will follow in due course.

NOTICES



Revision of the New Zealand Disability Strategy 2016 – Join the conversation

If you are a disabled person, have a disabled family member, or are involved in the disability sector, we want you to take part in the revision process. A campaign will run during April and May 2016, including public events and online surveys, so you can talk about what you want an inclusive New Zealand to look like, and what you think needs to be done to get there. For more information go to <http://jointheconversation.nz/newsletter-6-may-2016/>

Māpura Studios - Charity Art Auction

Māpura Studios and the Rotary Clubs of Mt Eden and Epsom will be hosting an art auction on 28 May at Pah Homestead, TSB Bank Wallace Arts Centre in support of Māpura's [Stroke Art Therapy Programme](#) and featuring works by renowned New Zealand artists. There will be a silent auction starting online 16 May and will close at the live event on 28 May. The live auction will be at Pah Homestead, TSB Bank Wallace Arts Centre – Saturday 28 May. These works can also be viewed online from 16 May. For information email info@mapurastudios.org.nz or call 09 845 5361

ADSA and 'Little shoppers'

ADSA has partnered with "Little Shoppers" as well as the Entertainment Book. Little Shoppers is a discount booklet with great offers from over fifty different companies for children's and baby products and services. (Over 50% off some of Auckland's major kid's attractions, and some incredible baby discounts!) (Including very cheap nappies from Baby Nappy NZ, nappy removal services, baby wipes, veggies delivered to your door, Kai Carrier food pouches etc. The booklet is just for children and babies, and each voucher can be used as many times as our customers would like for the one year duration of the booklet. \$10 of this booklet goes directly to ADSA. You donate instantly and get great discounts at the same time. If interested email clo@adsa.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/>

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.

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

"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](#).

ADHA/WDHB: Updates - NZ Health System videos (English & Mandarin) & factsheets

ADHB/WDHB have developed two **videos** on the NZ Health & Disability System: One in English - <https://vimeo.com/158429915> the other in Chinese (Mandarin) -<https://vimeo.com/165066759> NZ Health System **factsheets** developed by ARPHS are available in [English](#), [Arabic](#), [Spanish](#) and [Burmese](#).

Anxiety New Zealand are now offering services in Mandarin. Please read the information in this [letter](#). Phone (09) 846 9776 or 24-hour National Anxiety Line: 0800 ANXIETY (0800 269 4389) www.anxiety.org.nz

Kidpower – Healthy relationships – NEW!

A new resource for teens and adults with intellectual disabilities, this programme provides practical tools to build resiliency and to prevent bullying, violence and abuse.

The *experiential, success-based and interactive approach* helps the students learn and apply empowerment, self-advocacy, positive social interaction, and personal safety skills.

<http://www.kidpower.org.nz/healthyrelationships>

[Counselling Services and Support Groups](#)

[Disability Sector Project Information and research](#)

[Other organisations information](#)

[Playgroups, activities, after school and holiday programmes](#)

Please click on the above section links to see more information and providers

[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:

["Minister welcomes New Zealand Sign Language Week"](#)

["Airline Accessibility Remains An Issue"](#)

["Poor planning 'causing problems for disabled"](#)

["State-of-the-art new building opens to help people with disabilities"](#)

["Celebrating NZ success at the Invictus Games"](#)

["Yet another patch job for children with disabilities"](#)

["New Zealand's First Music Therapy Week Announced"](#)

["NZSL content offers Deaf community better legal information"](#)

["More books for visually impaired a step closer"](#)

["Asda held its first quiet hour for autistic and disabled shoppers - and now eight other shops are going to do the same"](#)

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](#) – May 2016

[Dotty Wobble](#) – May 2016

[e-cald news](#) – May 2016

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

["Every Kiwi Counts" - Disability Issues Newsletter - Hon Nicky Wagner](#) - May 2016 (you can sign up directly)

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

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

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

[Mapura Studios](#) – May 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](#) – April 2016

[Numicon](#) – Term 2 2016

[Office for Disability Issues – "join the conversation"](#)- May 2016

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

[Salisbury School newsletter – April 2016](#)

[Special Olympics Fanletter](#) – May 2016

[Tani Newsletter](#) – Autumn 2016

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

[YES e-news](#) – May 2016



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