

# 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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***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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 and South Asian 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](mailto:sanny@disabilityconnect.org.nz)

### **Chinese Families Autism Support Group Meeting**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016 - 9:30am till 1:00pm, 13 Reeves Road, Pakuranga. Using stories is an effective method to help social learning. Through this workshop, parents will learn how to write social stories to help their child, young person or adult understand rules, expectations and prepare for changes or events.

### **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**

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

Our first “[Transition seminar](#)” is scheduled for 5 July 7-9pm Mt Richmond School, 30 Albion Road, Otahuhu.

### **Child Matters: new Child Protection courses**

Go to their website for information:

<http://www.childmatters.org.nz/22/child-protection-training>

### **“Ice-Breaker” Anti-Bullying Workshops for Young People**

A workshop designed by *The Cube and Yes Disability* delivered by six young leaders from within the disability sector. Have a look at the [flyer](#) for contact details.

### **MIOMO – Parenting workshop**

Yvonne Godfrey’s [parenting workshop](#) runs on Thursday 16th June at 7:30pm at The Parenting Place in Greenlane. This would be a valuable event for any parent of Tweens, Teens and YA’s . Click on to the blue link above to learn more about it and to book. She is offering another [workshop here](#). This one is on Life Skills & Leadership for Youth 16+ years.

### **Parenting course for new immigrants**

This one is at Raeburn house and will start 13 June for 4 Mondays. Please see [flyer](#) for information.

### **Auckland Down Syndrome Association’s “Success in School-course”, August 1 and 8, Waipuna Hotel**

For information please go to:

<http://www.adsa.org.nz/Education/Courses.html>

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**



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

Information will follow in due course.

### **Attitude Awards 2016**

Nominations are sought for this year’s Attitude Awards. In 2016 they intend to have a strong focus on cultural representation and are actively reaching out to community groups to ensure a broad ethnic representation at the awards. They are particularly keen for the Maori, Pacific and Asian communities to participate. [Click here](#) to view more details.

## **NOTICES**



### **Marks and Spencer Special Needs clothing**

There's a new special needs clothing line at Marks and Spencer. The clothing is available for aged 3-8 yrs and has tube feed access vests, and bodysuits and sleep suits with poppers for easy nappy changing. The items are NZ\$7 - NZ\$15, and the extra good news is that M&S do free delivery to NZ when you spend over \$50 (on any items). Go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1690790521200836/> (you will need to join the group), or look on the Marks and Spencer shopping page <http://www.marksandspencerlondon.com/nz>

### **Autism NZ**

Autism NZ are planning a hui 21 June 12.30-3pm in Whangarei. Please check details on [flyer](#).

### **Flatmates wanted**

25 year old male with high needs been assessed for CICL and would like to begin a life living in his own home with his own peers. If you are interested and live in the Pukekohe area please email [fiona@nzboer.co.nz](mailto:fiona@nzboer.co.nz)

### **Volunteers needed for photo shoot**

Auckland City Council looking for Aucklanders of different ages, genders and ethnicities with different access needs.

### **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](mailto: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](http://tinyurl.com/2016interact) or visit <http://interacting.org.nz/interactfestival/>

**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.

### **"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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**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](#).

**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](http://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>

### **Expressions of Interest for The Living Well Centre – Consumer Representative**

There is a growing need to invest in an integrated service & facility for Community Wellbeing, Specialised Rehabilitation & Sports & Recreation. A consumer representative is being sought for the working group and steering group. Please refer to the [flyer](#).

### **TeAta West-Auckland Mental Health Support Trust**

This is a support service that offers a safe place for members to come along and have the opportunity to socialize, learn and participate in a variety of events, workshops, programs and activities. The [timetable](#) for activities gives you an idea of what is available, contact them for their current program.

## Websites of interest

### 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*

- <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/gathering-information/> an opportunity to share your experience and to help shape how the Government implements the Enabling Good Lives approach for disabled New Zealanders.
- <http://www.swimspiration.co.nz/disability-swim-wear.html> Swimwear for children and adults with a disability

### **Articles of interest:**

["Successful first step in building new disability strategy"](#)

["Report identifies solutions to keep people with MS at work"](#)

["Julian Raphael's entry receives SOUNZ Community Commission"](#)

["Recognising service to the disabled community"](#)

["Tight Deadline For Free Home Insulation Applications"](#)

["Project Team formed for FACS Prevention"](#)

["Ford Eyes Workers With Autism"](#)

["Starjam creates strong bonds"](#)

["Online Autism Training Shows Promise For Families"](#)

# **NEWSLETTERS**

[Carers NZ](#) – latest newsletter

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

[Children's Autism](#) – May/June 2016

[Dance Therapy NZ](#) – April 2016

[Deaf Aotearoa Community Weekly](#) – June 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)

[Expressions](#) – Winter 2016

[Getting around](#) – Total Mobility Newsletter – Issue 1 April 2016

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

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

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

[Mapura Studios](#) – May 2016

[Ministry of Health NGO newsletter](#) – May 2016

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

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

[Numicon](#) – Term 2 2016

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

[Parent to Parent newsletter](#) – May 2016

[Phab – Quarterly Newsletter](#) – Issue 1

[Salisbury School newsletter – April 2016](#)

[Special Olympics Fanletter](#) – June 2016

[Tani Newsletter](#) – Winter 2016

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

[YES e-news](#) – May 2016



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