

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 18th July 2016

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Disability Connect news

Disability Connect Free Transition Expo **2nd August 2016 9am-2pm !!!!!!!**

"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. Click [here](#) to view confirmed stall holders

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 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: 5261298 (DDI)/6360351 or tingting@disabilityconnect.org.nz

Chinese Families Autism Support Group Meeting

Tuesday 26th July 2016 – 9:30am till 1pm Social Room, Te Tuhi 13 Reeves Road, Pakuranga. Elisa Slaat from Children's Autism Foundation will present the topic of practical strategies for dealing with sibling issues. Parents will learn what information should be provided to siblings; how to balance different needs; what concerns siblings; and how to improve sibling relationship.

SEMINARS/TRAINING/ CONFERENCES



Disability Connect Seminars – Series 2

August seminars:

“Education Legal” on 4 August 7-9pm at Nathan Homestead, 70 Hill Road, Manurewa and 23 August 12-2pm at Disability Connect premises, 3b Olive Road, Penrose.

“Transition” 7-9pm on 9 August at MPHS Hub West, 27 Corban Ave, Henderson, and 24 August Nathan Homestead, 70 Hill Road, Manurewa.

“Work and Income Supports” on 10 August 7-9pm at our **new venue in East Auckland** at the Highland Park Community House, 47 Aviemore Drive.

“Planning for Adulthood” on 16 August 6.30-9.30pm at YES Disability Resource Centre, 3 William Laurie Place, Albany.

“Living Options” on 30 August 12-2pm at Disability Connect premises, 3b Olive Road, Penrose.

Autism Spectrum Disorders Workshop Wellington, 18 August 8.30am-4.00pm

FREE to Attend, Registration is essential

This workshop will have a mix of presentations and working groups.

“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.

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>

Autism NZ National Conference: 19-20 August, at Shed 6, Wellington Waterfront. Registrations are now open

The theme for this conference is *“Empowering people living with Autism”*. Keynote speakers, Dr. Karen Pierce and Eric Courchesne, are directors at the University of California’s Autism Centre of Excellence. The aim of this world-leading centre is for its research to identify and treat those at risk of autism as early as 12 months. Workshops will cover core areas of empowerment: Empowering People with Autism, Empowering Parents and Family/Whanau, and Empowering Professionals.

For more details go to

<http://www.autismnz.org.nz/conference-2016/home>

Free Auckland Training Opportunity for People with a Disability, 10 August 9.30am-3pm

CCS Disability Action is offering an exciting opportunity for disabled people to take charge of their wellbeing and in their relationships with support staff. CCS Disability Action, 14 Erson Avenue, Royal Oak, Auckland. **Please RSVP your attendance by 27 July to:** Auckland@ccsDisabilityAction.org.nz or phone 625 9378

Mind over Manner Workshop - South Auckland, 26 July 10am-2.30pm

This is a specialist workshop series designed for parents, family, and all professionals working with those teenagers who think and learn differently.

Talking Trouble Workshops 19 or 21 August

TTANZ is concerned with the language skills of vulnerable children and young people. For some children talking and understanding others’ talk are challenging tasks. Spotting who those children and young people are and having a tool box of practical strategies to help is the aim of this workshop.

Parents Workshop “Attuning to your Child” 18 August 6.30-9pm

Dance Therapy NZ invites parents of special needs children to this workshop. Click on link for information.

Makaton Workshop For Beginners

Thurs 28th July, 11th August, 25th August, 8th September 2016 6-9pm

Includes instruction in the use of NZ Sign with the Makaton Vocabulary

Ph [09 818 7115](tel:098187115) Email makaton@clear.net.nz

Manawanui In Charge workshops by Simon Duffy and Michael Kendrick November 15 and 18 which would be of interest to disabled people, families and staff. Have a look at the information on the [Workshop on Citizenship](#) and [registration](#) as well as the [information](#) and [registration](#) for workshop on Limitations.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Foetal Anti-Convulsant Syndrome NZ (FACS NZ)

Is offering: "Foetal Anti-Convulsant Syndrome – What is it?" This is a thought provoking presentation that will expand your knowledge of what Foetal Anti-Convulsant Syndrome is. There will also be the introduction of the Sodium Valproate Toolkit, which is a prevention initiative by the FACS Project Team. 23 August 2016 at 6.30-8pm, Ellerslie War Memorial Hall (in the Committee Room), 138 Main Highway, Ellerslie. RSVP to denise@facsnz.com or just turn up on the day.

Autistic Talent Gala 2016

Now open for entry and the deadline for applications is July 31 2016. The selected participants will be invited to join the final competition to be held in Hong Kong on 26 November 2016. For information please email: info@ananedu.org.hk

International Asian and Ethnic Minority Health and Wellbeing Conference 6-7 September 2016

At the University of Auckland's Tamaki Campus. It is hosted by the Centre for Asian and Ethnic Minority Health Research (CAHRE) and eCALD®, bringing together health practitioners, service providers, service managers, policy makers, researchers, community leaders and students to share their knowledge and experiences in Asian and ethnic minority health. The conference offers an invaluable opportunity to connect with local and international participants and build multidisciplinary, inter-sectoral and community networks. For more information about the conference go to <http://cahre2016conference.nz/> [EARLYBIRD REGISTRATION NOW OPEN](#)

New Zealand International Film Festival (NZIFF)

Screening *Doglegs*, a provocative documentary about members of a Tokyo fight club where the disabled enter the ring to battle each other and the able-bodied, presented by guest expat Kiwi filmmaker Heath Cozens. [Dates](#)

NOTICES



Colleen Brown's BLOG "Out of Sight out of Mind?"

Colleen is an advocate, writer and speaker in the disability sector. She is on the CMDHB and Chair of Disability Connect. She is passionate about social justice. She is mother to four adult children, one of whom, Travers, has a disability. She now writes a blog for Attitude Live.

Honouring the Best of Us

The New Zealander of the Year Awards celebrate those people who use their passion for New Zealand to make our country a better place. These awards are your opportunity to honour extraordinary Kiwis whose selflessness, creativity, and vision make us proud to call New Zealand home.

2016 Arts Activated conference, 'Pathways to Practice', 20 and 21 September at Carriageworks, Sydney, Australia. [Programme and registrations](#) now available.

Driving Miss Daisy

A 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/>

Info on peoples' experience of air travel, particularly with physical disabilities, wanted

Have you had experience with traveling in a wheelchair containing some battery types? Or know how such equipment can be transported for import and export purposes? Or have suggestions around traveling with medication and medical devices, mobility and hearing dogs etc? Contact Martine Martine.Abel@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

[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)

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.

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>

Flatmates wanted

25 year old male with high needs been assessed for CIOL 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

Literacy North Shore

Do you know a young person who is finding it difficult to find work or get accepted into training programmes? Literacy North Shore are now taking enrolments for their Upskilling Young People Group. All enquiries to: Literacy North Shore 444 0420 or email admin@literacynorthshore.org

Asian new migrant & student media campaign (ADHB) – update

For information go to www.yourlocaldoctor.co.nz to be viewed in either English, Chinese or Korean, and go to the *Useful Links* page to access the **Healthcare - where should I go?** campaign materials in English, Simplified Chinese, Korean, and Hindi, and videos on the NZ health & disability system plus other health services and resource links.

Applications open: Parnell Festival of Roses Sunday 13 November, 10.30am – 4pm

Applications close on Monday 19 September at 5pm. We invite you to complete the expression of interest form. Click on the following link: [Stall application form](#)

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

- <http://aucklanddisabilitylaw.org.nz/> free legal services to disabled people associated with their disability legal issues
- <http://www.staydry.co.nz/shop/> for various incontinence products, look at kid's underwear range.
- <http://www.calmyou.co.nz/> sensory empowerment products, weighted blankets & weighted vests
- <https://www.dme.co.nz> Durable Medical Equipment Ltd (DME) - Complex Rehab equipment, offer everything from complex wheelchairs and seating through to the ideal fork and everything in-between.
- <http://www.mindovermanner.co.nz/> specialist workshop series designed to engage and develop communication capabilities of those who learn, think and work differently
- www.outreachanimaltherapy.co.nz see how [outreach animal therapy](http://www.outreachanimaltherapy.co.nz) can help

Articles of interest:

["Outward Bound Low Impact Course Scholarships Available"](#)

["Jordan Nguyen - creating a mind controlled wheelchair"](#)

["Chef shares kitchen secrets with disabled"](#)

["Nutrition could help Autism"](#)

["Boccia: the ball sport only the most special people can play"](#)

["Microsoft announces wheelchair avatars for disabled Xbox One gamers"](#)

["Little girl born without a hand gets Disney Frozen themed prosthetic arm"](#)

["Skateboard Clinic Teaches Kids With Disabilities Life Skills"](#)

["First mobility action teams up and running"](#)

["Minister launches EmployAbility"](#)

NEWSLETTERS

[Altogether Autism Journal](#) – Issue 2 2016

[Carers NZ](#) – latest newsletter

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

[Children's Autism](#) – July 2016

[Dance Therapy NZ](#) – June 2016

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

[tribute to June Batten](#)

[Dotty Wobble](#) – July 2016

[e-cald news](#) – June 2016

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

[Expressions](#) – Winter 2016

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

[open for better care](#) – May 2016

[IHC newsletter](#) – June 2016

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

[LeVA newsletter – July 2016](#)

[Mapura Studios](#) – June 2016

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

[Chair update](#) - June 2016

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

[Numicon](#) – Term 2 2016

[NZ Disability Support Network](#) – May 2016

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

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

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

[Recreate NZ newsletter](#) – term three 2016

[Salisbury School newsletter](#) – May 2016

[Special Olympics Fanletter](#) – July 2016

[Tani Newsletter](#) – Winter 2016

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

[YES e-news](#) – May 2016

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