

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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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.

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
Independently of transition expo, we are also starting our transition seminars. The first "[Transition seminar](#)" is scheduled for 5 July 7-9pm Mt Richmond School, 30 Albion Road, Otahuhu.

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

Holiday Programmes

We've created a handy list of most Auckland Holiday Programmes for students with a disability. Please tell us if we've missed any off the list. Click [here](#) to view.

SEMINARS/TRAINING/ CONFERENCES



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.

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>

Makaton Beginners Workshop July

for Primary Carers Includes instruction in the use of NZ Sign with the Makaton Vocabulary. Saturday 2 July 9am-3pm and Saturday 9 July 9am-3pm. Primary Carers are family members and communication partners, who have frequent contact with children and adults with communication difficulties.

Cost \$100.00 per person/family or Koha, \$160 per professional for two day workshop

Ph 09 818 7115 Email makaton@clear.net.nz

Free Epilepsy Seminar 29 June 1.30-2.30pm

Orewa Community Centre, 40-46 Orewa Square Orewa. Ph 0800 EPILEPSY (374 537)

Early Childhood Seminar - 6 July 4.30pm in J1 Lecture theatre at Epsom Campus.

Associate Professor Sheila Degotardi (Macquarie University Australia) presenting her research "*Learning to talk or talking to learn? How interactions can support language development and collaborative learning in infant-toddler programs*".

Please register: <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/early-childhood-seminar-series-2016-tickets-21739926706>

Autism NZ National Conference

Empowering people living with Autism - Friday 19th and Saturday 20th August 2016 at Shed 6, Wellington Waterfront. For more details click here

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



Autistic Talent Gala 2016

is 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

"Zarzuela Girls! And Friends" Show 10 July 5pm

At the Dolphin Theatre Onehunga. This is a one hour classical Spanish Dance show. It includes local artists like special guests Jack Campbell singing Opera and Richard Aylett playing flamenco guitar, plus six dancers from the dance school run by Amira Brock.

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.

International Asian and Ethnic Minority Health and Wellbeing Conference 2016 – Call for abstracts

This conference will be held on September 6-7 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, and abstract submission, please visit <http://cahre2016conference.nz/>

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



Counties Manukau Special Needs Support Group - PACT 311 Great South Road, Papatoetoe, 9.30am-12pm

Meet others who are raising children with a variety of disabilities. Please bring a small plate to share if you are able to. There is a play area for kids. On the 5th July the speakers will be Robyn and Asoka from Disability Connect. Come and meet other families.

Dyslexia Support

Do you struggle to comprehend or remember what you read? Maybe your mind drifts and you lose track of time? Others may not be able to read what you've written? Could it be that you have a degree of Dyslexia? Contact Christine: 444 1215

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

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.

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.

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, vegetables 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

HOT OFF THE PRESS! PHAB holiday program

Tuesday-Friday both weeks 8.30am-4.30pm
Please contact (09)4887490 or chewy@phab.org.nz

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](#).

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/>

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.

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>

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. Also look for information on www.teata.org.nz

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

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.staydry.co.nz/shop/> for various incontinence products, look at kids underwear range.
- <http://www.swimspiration.co.nz/disability-swim-wear.html> Swimwear for children and adults with a disability
- <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

Articles of interest:

["Caring for the carers"](#)

["Benefits from change to Carer Support Services"](#)

["If you are a young person, diagnosed with arthritis"](#)

["UN Youth congratulates Robert Martin"](#)

["IHC Congratulates Robert Martin on UN Committee Election"](#)

["NZ disabilities rights pioneer elected to UN Committee"](#)

["'Holiday' wins IHC Art Awards"](#)

["Children learning to live bravely"](#)

["Apple Adding Accessibility Features"](#)

["A very different playground"](#)

["New Zealand Youth Week Award for StarJam volunteer"](#)

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

["Employers urged to hire disabled"](#)

["Choosing the right care for you"](#)

["Companies Find Hiring Those On The Spectrum Has Vast Benefits"](#)

["More With Developmental Disabilities Medicated, Study Finds"](#)

["Celebrating volunteers in the disabled community"](#)

["Disabled man Keegan Lewis to release album of original songs"](#)

["Special chairs work wonders at Hamilton School"](#)

NEWSLETTERS

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

[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 [Tribute to Graeme Kennedy](#)

[Dotty Wobble](#) – June 2016

[e-cald news](#) – June 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

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

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

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

[Mapura Studios](#) – June 2016

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

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

[News from the land of Be](#) – May 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

[Salisbury School newsletter](#) – May 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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