

# 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**

### **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.

**Chinese Families Autism Support Group** runs every third Tuesday of the month. Please contact TingTing at Disability Connect for more information or bookings: 5261298 (DDI)/6360351 or [tingting@disabilityconnect.org.nz](mailto:tingting@disabilityconnect.org.nz)

**Indian and South Asian Families Support Group** 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 Asoka at Disability Connect for more information or bookings 09 636 0351 or [asoka@disabilityconnect.org.nz](mailto:asoka@disabilityconnect.org.nz) Our next meeting is 25<sup>th</sup> August – Mt Richmond School, 30 Albion Road, Otahuhu. 5.30-8pm. Topic is an Open Forum by Lisa Martin (Disability Connect CEO) – Navigating the Disability Sector and Hyma Danthala (Auckland DHB) Cultural aspects. Click here for our [flier](#)

### **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.

## **SEMINARS/TRAINING/ CONFERENCES**



### **Disability Connect Seminars – Series 2**

#### **August/September seminars:**

##### **“Education Legal”**

*East Auckland* – 14<sup>th</sup> September, 7-9 pm, Highland Park Community House, 47 Aviemore Drive, Highland Park.

*North Auckland* – 20<sup>th</sup> September, 7-9pm, Yes Disability Resource Centre, 3 William Laurie Place, Albany

##### **“Individualised Funding including Respite”**

*North Auckland* – 7<sup>th</sup> September, 7-9pm, Yes Disability Resource Centre, 3 William Laurie Place, Albany

##### **“Living Options”**

*Central Auckland* – 30<sup>th</sup> August, 12-2pm, Disability Connect premises, 3b Olive Road, Penrose.

##### **“Transition”**

*South Auckland* – 24<sup>th</sup> August, 7-9pm Nathan Homestead, 70 Hill Road, Manurewa.

*Central Auckland* – 13<sup>th</sup> September, 12-2pm, Disability Connect premises, 3b Olive Road, Penrose

##### **“Work and Income Supports”**

*West Auckland* – 6<sup>th</sup> September, 7-9pm, MPHS Hub West, 27 Corban Ave, Henderson

*South Auckland* – 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 7-9pm Nathan Homestead, 70 Hill Road, Manurewa.

**(Click on the links for more dates)**

**Auckland Communication Workshop**, 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> September, Connection, 2157 East Coast Road, Silverdale. There will be 3 days to observe Elizabeth Vosseller who works with students to build a purposeful motor skills for independent spelling to communicate. We welcome family members, caregivers and professionals who may want to reinforce therapeutic activities for home or school. For more information please contact [gktc.jeanne@gmail.com](mailto:gktc.jeanne@gmail.com)

#### **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**

**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.

#### **Raise your Bar workshop - 26 August 10am-3pm**

CCS Disability Action, 14 Erson Avenue, Royal Oak. An opportunity for young disabled people to work together to identify goals in a creative and supportive environment.

#### **“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 [flier](#) for contact details.

#### **The MHS Consumer Forum – Living Authentic Lives.**

Changing Minds is the biggest Mental Health Conference in Oceania being held on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, Langham Hotel, Auckland 9am-2.30pm. For more information and to register please visit [www.themhs.org](http://www.themhs.org). New Zealand has seen major reform in the last twenty years to the way people access mental health and addiction services. As we face changes to our population, systems, workforce and the work the sector does, every part of the system in New Zealand is rethinking its approach. People: authenticity starts in the heart aims to focus attention on all the people involved in the system – people who access services and their families and whānau, people delivering services, people who help guide and shape these services, and people in our communities.

#### **Conferences outside of Auckland**

**2016 Arts Activated conference**, ‘Pathways to Practice’, 20 and 21 September at Carriage works, Sydney, Australia. [Programme and registrations](#) now available

**Transformative Change Workshop** – November 2016. Presented by Te Aroha Noa and Practice Research and Professional Development Hub, Massey University, Palmerston North. 7-9<sup>th</sup> November. For more information click [here](#)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**



**Fun Day Out for our Special Children** – Access for All - Sunday 4th September, 11am-3pm, North Shore Event Centre. More information is at [www.fundayout.co.nz](http://www.fundayout.co.nz) or to see [flier](#)

### **Auckland Disability - Law on the Shore**

Auckland Disability Law's new legal education series is coming to the North Shore Events Centre. Auckland Disability Law's new legal education series is coming to the North Shore Events Centre! Sessions include: Police and Courts (Rights & Advice); Starting Work (Pre-Employment Rights & Discrimination); and Your Rights as a Consumer. Please look at their [flier](#) for more information.

### **FASD Policy and Research Forum - World Fetal**

**Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day** – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 9am-12pm. Building 721, Room 201, University of Auckland, Tamaki Campus, 261 Morrin Road, St Johns.

**Jobfest** – The biggest event for employers and young people under one roof. 9.30am-2pm. 21<sup>st</sup> September, The Cloud, Queens Wharf.

**Mapura Studios – “So Much There Is”.** Please join in for this exciting and innovative exhibition opening on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August from 5.30-7.30pm, Studio One Toi Tu, 1 Ponsonby Road, Ponsonby. To see more information click [here](#).

**Minds and Hearts – Master Class. Children and adolescents with ASD.** Presented by Tony Attwood and Dr Michelle Garnett, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> September. For more information look at their [website](#).

### **My Voice Matters Campaign, Save the Date Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

My Voice Matters is a campaign to get disabled people, their families and allies involved in the 2016 Local Government Elections in Auckland. We want to ensure all people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to have a say in who is elected to lead the Auckland Council, and Auckland District Health Boards. We are providing a free, interactive and practical events and tools aimed at giving all people the confidence to vote, raise awareness of their right to vote and encourage people to understand their vote is important. To read a word doc version please click [here](#).

### **The golden years – Ageing and Down syndrome Thursday 22 September 2016**

Recommended for parents and families and anyone who in their day to day lives come in contact with older people with Intellectual Disability.

**Morning seminar** from 10.00am to 2.00pm

**Evening seminar** from 6.00 pm to 10.00 pm

Waipuna Hotel and Conference Centre, Waipuna Road, Mt Wellington.

### **TANI GENERAL NETWORK MEETING 7 September**

Western Springs Garden Community Hall, 956 Great North Road, Western Springs, 10am-12pm  
The meeting will broadly update you on social and health Status of our families and community!

## **NOTICES**



### **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](#)

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

For information go to [www.yourlocaldoctor.co.nz](http://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.

### **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).

### **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)

**FASD Action Plan – Launch of the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Action Plan** released this week by Hon Peter Dunne, Associate Minister of Health. It is exciting to see the much needed 'Whole of Government Approach' has begun to take shape. As part of its Te Kete Purangi Inclusive Education Guide for Schools, the Ministry of Education yesterday also launched online its much anticipated **Guide Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder: Strategies to Support Student**.

**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).

**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.

**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](mailto:Martine.Abel@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz).

**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/>.

**Thrive Clinic**

Thrive Clinic is a naturopathic practice, founded on the principle 'Supporting best-possible health outcomes for children and young people'. They support all children facing health challenges. Children with special needs, learning and behaviour disorders are their specialty. [www.thriveclinic.co.nz](http://www.thriveclinic.co.nz)  
Contact Debbie Walsh 021441220.

**Waitemata Health Link – Health Consumer Representative required**. For more details and description look [here](#).

## 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](http://www.outreachanimaltherapy.co.nz) see how [outreach animal therapy](http://www.outreachanimaltherapy.co.nz) can help

## Articles of interest:

*["A bolder approach needed for Disability Sector"](#)*

*["No houses available for disabled New Zealanders"](#)*

*["Arts Access Awards celebrate difference"](#)*

*["Accessible Properties committed to Quality Housing"](#)*

*["New Accessible Playground in Takapuna"](#)*

## **NEWSLETTERS**

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

[Carers NZ](#) – latest newsletter

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

[Children's Autism](#) – August 2016

[Dance Therapy NZ](#) – June 2016

[Deaf Aotearoa Community Weekly and Community Weekly](#) – August 2016

[Dotty Wobble](#) – August 2016

[e-Cald news](#) – August 2016

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

[Expressions](#) – Winter 2016

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

[Idea Services](#) – July 2016

[IHC newsletter](#) – June 2016

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

[Kiwi Families](#) – August 2016

[LeVA newsletter](#) – July 2016

[Mapura Studios](#) – June 2016

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

[Chair update](#) - August 2016

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

[Numicon](#) – Term 2 2016

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

[On the Radar \(Rare Disease Advocacy and Research\)](#)

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

[Magazine](#) – July 2016

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

[Raukauri Newsletter](#) – August 2016

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

[Special Olympics Fanletter](#) – August 2016

[Tani Newsletter](#) – Spring 2016

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

[YES e-news](#) – May 2016

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