

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

### **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](mailto:tingting@disabilityconnect.org.nz)

### **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.

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

16<sup>th</sup> August 9:30am-1:00pm, Social Room, Te Tuhi, 13 Reeves Road, Pakuranga  
At some stage of family life cycle, parents may want to seek a way of easing their disabled youth into semi-independent living which involves choice, control and flexibility. Our meeting will enable families to envision a richer future for sons and daughters who have a disability. [Chinese flyer](#) and [English flyer](#).

## **SEMINARS/TRAINING/ CONFERENCES**



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

#### **August seminars:**

**“Education Legal”** on 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.

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

#### **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.

#### **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>

#### **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.

**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.

#### **Making Rights Real Webinar series August 18th**

IHC Advocacy would like to invite you to an exciting series webinars focused on the Human Rights of People with an Intellectual Disability.

You can register for one or all three of the following webinars:

##### **12:30 – 1:30: PPPR Act**

This webinar aims to clarify some of the legal and other issues related to consent and supporting decision making for families and paid supporters of people with intellectual disability. This information aims to strengthen your advocacy and support for people with intellectual disability.

##### **1:45 – 2:15: Financial decisions and consents**

Information about access to supports and entitlements. Tips on working with organisations and agencies when consent or eligibility is challenged.

##### **2:30 – 3:00: Medical Decisions and Consents**

IHC Advocacy often takes enquiries concerning medical consents. We encourage practices where people with an Intellectual Disability are supported to make decisions about their own health. This webinar aims to encourage supporters to be well informed advocates.

To secure your place please email

[community.advocacy@ihc.org.nz](mailto:community.advocacy@ihc.org.nz) with your name and the title(s) of the webinar(s) you would like to attend.

For further information please contact Melinda Coxsey on 027 282 7037 or Carolyn Stobbs on 04 438 1427 or email [Carolyn.Stobbs@IHC.ORG.NZ](mailto:Carolyn.Stobbs@IHC.ORG.NZ)

#### **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.

#### **Strengthening Your Wellbeing and Voice 10 August 9.30am-3pm**

Two workshops, “Five Ways to Wellbeing” and “Let’s get real’: Disability Building Your Voice with Support Staff”

Please register [Auckland@ccsDisabilityAction.org.nz](mailto:Auckland@ccsDisabilityAction.org.nz)  
09 625 9378

**Join The Conversation** – have your say on the revised draft Disability Strategy. [Click here](#) for further information on the Manukau meeting Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August 10am till 1pm, Vodafone Events Centre, 770 Great South Road, Manukau.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### **SAVE THE DATE:**

**Monday 19th September 2016,**  
**[My Voice Matters Mayoral Candidate Forum](#)**  
**[Click here to view the full flier](#)**

**To have YOUR say on who becomes the next Mayor of Auckland.**

### **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

### **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](mailto:denise@facsnz.com) or just turn up on the day.

### **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**

### **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!

### **Spirit of Adventure - Inspiration voyage 2017**

This special five day voyage provides an opportunity for physically challenged young New Zealanders to take part in an adventure of a life time.

## 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.

### **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/>

### **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)

### **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.

### **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

### **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.

### **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 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)

### **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](mailto:admin@literacynorthshore.org)

### **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.

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

## **Articles of interest:**

["People with intellectual disabilities still seen as 'other'"](#)

["New Emojis Depict Range Of Abilities"](#)

["Southland woman and her pack of dogs help disabled and kids learn to read"](#)

["South Auckland factory appealing for 40 intellectually disabled prospective employees"](#)

["Minister launches EmployAbility"](#)

["Patumahoe man champions the abilities of disabled workers"](#)

["Mother awarded \\$207k for caring for disabled son"](#)

["Mind over Manner"](#)

["Fashion's Newest Frontier: The Disabled and the Displaced"](#)

["Second round of consultation for new disability strategy"](#)

["Mental capacity law needs updating"](#)

["Accessible Properties opens new homes in Auckland"](#)

["Why is anticipatory grief so powerful?"](#)

["Young chef with autism lands dream job at top Sydney restaurant Catalina"](#)

["Paralympic participation at Rio Olympics" \(You tube clip\)](#)

["CE challenges all leaders to front-up for hard-of-hearing"](#)

["Heart Kids Awareness Month Starts Today"](#)

["Volunteers needed for appeal week"](#)

## **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](#) – August 2016

[e-cald news](#) – June 2016

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

[Expressions](#) – Winter 2016

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

[open for better care](#) – July 2016

[Idea Services](#) – July 2016

[IHC newsletter](#) – June 2016

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

[Numicon](#) – Term 2 2016

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

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

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

[Magazine](#) – July 2016

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

[Recreate NZ newsletter](#) – term three 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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