

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 20 September 2016

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Disability Connect news

Support groups – Disability Connect

Disability Connect offers culturally appropriate support (including two support groups) to families with children of special needs as part of the CALD service (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Disability Information and Advisory Service):

Chinese Families Autism Support Group runs every third Tuesday of the month. Please contact TingTing or at Disability Connect for more information on our meetings - [English flier](#) or [Chinese Flier](#) - 09 526 1298 (DDI) / 09 636 0351 or 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. Our next support group to be held on 22nd September is on 'Managing tantrums/intense emotions for ourselves as parents and in our children'. Here is a link to our [flier](#). Please contact Asoka at Disability Connect for more information or bookings 09 636 0351 or 027 457 8571 or asoka@disabilityconnect.org.nz

Parent Support Group for the Indian Community

We are delighted to announce our new South Auckland Parent Support Group for Indian families raising a child or supporting a person with a disability. This meeting is additional to the regular one held at Mt Richmond Special School. It will follow a different format – a relaxed 'conversational' environment without an official speaker, everyone is free to talk amongst themselves, make new friends, connect for support or just ask any questions you may be interested in. Tuesday 4th October, Clover Park Community House, 16 Israel Ave, Clover 6.30-8.30pm. Please email admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz or asoka@disabilityconnect.org.nz. Ph 09 636 0351 or text/phone 027 457 8571. To see the flier here in [English](#) or English [Hindi](#).

Disability Connect has a 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. Referral forms are available on our website.

SEMINARS/TRAINING/ CONFERENCES



Disability Connect Seminars – Series 2

September-November seminars:

“Education Legal”

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

Central/South Auckland – 19th October, 7-9pm, Mt Richmond School, 30 Albion Road, Otahuhu

West Auckland – 8th November, 7-9pm, MPHS Hub West, 27 Corban Ave, Henderson

“Individualised Funding including Respite”

South Auckland – 2nd November, 7-9pm Nathan Homestead, 70 Hill Road, Manurewa

Central Auckland – 16th November, 12-2pm, Disability Connect premises, 3b Olive Road, Penrose

“Living Options”

West Auckland – 11th October, 7-9pm, MPHS Hub West, 27 Corban Ave, Henderson

South Auckland – 26th October, 7-9pm Nathan Homestead, 70 Hill Road, Manurewa

North Auckland – 1st November, 7-9pm, Yes Disability Resource Centre, 3 William Laurie Place, Albany

East Auckland – 30th November, 6.30-9.30pm, Highland Park Community

“Planning for Adulthood”

East Auckland – 12th October, 6.30-9.30pm, Highland Park Community House, 47 Aviemore Drive, Highland Park.

South Auckland – 29th November, 6.30-9.30pm Nathan Homestead, 70 Hill Road, Manurewa

“Transition”

North Auckland – 18th October, 7-9pm, Yes Disability Resource Centre, 3 William Laurie Place, Albany

East Auckland – 23rd November, 7-9pm, Highland Park Community

“Work and Income Supports”

South Auckland – 22nd September, 7-9pm Nathan Homestead, 70 Hill Road, Manurewa

Central Auckland – 25th October, 12-2pm, Disability Connect premises, 3b Olive Road, Penrose

Central Auckland – 9th November, 7-9pm, Disability Connect premises, 3b Olive Road, Penrose

North Auckland – 22nd November, 7-9pm, Yes Disability Resource Centre, 3 William Laurie Place, Albany

(Click on the links for more dates)

‘Access All Areas’ Universal Design Symposium

Universal Design is a way of designing the spaces around us to be used and enjoyed by all people. There is access to all symposium rooms, NZSL interpreter at all presentations, wheelchair accessible stage. 26th October, Viaduct Events Centre, Auckland 9am-4pm.

Auckland Disability Law – Disability Law on the Shore

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.

Children’s Autism Foundation Workshops

Autism workshop - Social & Friendship Skills for parents of adolescents (12 years plus)

An informative and interactive workshop for parents on feelings and emotions, making friends, keeping friends, problem-solving and overcoming challenges your child may encounter at school and in the community, 20th September, 7.30-9.30pm, Ponsonby Community Centre - (John Mitchell Hall), 20 Ponsonby Terrace

Cost is \$10/family member and \$20/professional and register at enquiry@autism.org.nz

Developmental Learning Centre workshop on Learning Difficulties

Child learning difficulties and holistic solutions for lasting change. Wednesday 21st September 7.30-9pm. To hear learning difficulty experience from Rosemary Murphy. The Parenting Place, 300 Great South Road, Greenlane. To register 0800 543 399 or click on this [link](#).

“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.

Legal Responsibilities of Governance Boards

One Day Workshop, 5th October, Pukekohe. 10am-3.30pm. The workshop will explore the legal obligations of being on a board. What do you need to know and where is the limit of legal responsibility as a board member.

Making Sense of Senses – Sensory Corner

We are really excited to share news of an upcoming workshop presented by Karen Laing. Karen is a Pediatrics OT and Special Ed teacher with extensive experience working with children who have sensory processing issues. Come and join us to learn about; The 7 senses and how they impact on your child’s ability to process and learn. Key strategies and tools to help your child cope with their sensory difficulties. Two Dates available - 13th October 2016 10am-1pm or 15th October 2016 1-4 pm. The cost is \$55 (including morning or afternoon tea). Each workshop is strictly limited to 15 participants to allow

opportunities to discuss questions and explore some sensory resources. [Contact us](#) at Sensory Corner to book your place.

[Manawanui InCharge - Conference on Self Direction](#)

On 16th and 17th November Manawanui-in-charge are hosting an International conference on Self-Direction. The purpose of this conference is to explore the range of options available to people with disabilities or long term conditions to support them in leading a personally meaningful life. The conference features Simon Duffy (UK), gold winning Paralympian Mary Fisher, Michael Kendrick (USA/Canada) and Marc Fenton as well as a performance by blind singer Natalie Te Paa. For more details please look at their [flier](#) above.

[Manawanui InCharge Limitations Workshop](#)

Workshops by Simon Duffy and Michael Kendrick - 15th November - Auckland, 14th November - Christchurch. This which would be of interest to disabled people, families and staff. Registration [form](#)

[Manwanui InCharge Citizenship and Creative Support Workshop](#)

Citizenship can sound very grand, but it's a simple idea: we're all equal, we're all different and the best society is one where we all work together to respect and value each other. 18th November, Auckland. 22nd November Christchurch. Presenter is Simon Duffy. [Registration forms](#)

[Conferences outside Auckland](#)

[2016 Arts Activated conference](#)

'Pathways to Practice', 20 and 21 September at Carriage works, Sydney, Australia. [Programme and registrations](#) now available,

[Brainwave Neuroscience Extension Training](#)

Are pleased to offer a two day interactive workshop for those who wish to understand more fully the importance of the early years for children's health and wellbeing. 28-29th November, 9am-5pm, Wellington.

[Ministry of Health – NGO Health and Disability Sector National Forum](#)

Westpac Stadium, 105 Waterloo Quay, Wellington, 12th October 8.30am-3.45pm. For more information click [here](#).

[Transformative Change Workshop](#)

November 2016. Presented by Te Aroha Noa and Practice Research and Professional Development Hub, Massey University, Palmerston North. 7-9th November. For more information click [here](#).

[United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with a Disability](#)

24th September at Te Papa 11am-12.30pm. United Nations Special Rapporteur is giving a free community presentation at Te Papa, Wellington, NZSL Sign Language Interpreters will be available, accessible

parking available. She will be speaking also at an Auckland community event on Monday 26th September.

UPCOMING EVENTS



[Altogether Autism](#)

Learn all about Altogether Autism and what they can do to support you. Be upskilled from a professional and a lived experience viewpoint. They are holding 2 network meetings – [Franklin](#) - 4th October, 10am-2pm, The Centre, Douglas Wright Centre, 12 Massey Ave, Pukekohe and Ponsonby – 3rd October, 10am-2pm St Columba Centre, Sister Teresa Mary Room, 40 Vermont St, Ponsonby. Please RSVP Auckland@altogetherautism.org.nz or 09 625 5021. This is a free event.

[Attitude Awards 2016](#)

Check out all the wonderful finalists, voting will be shortly

[Circability](#)

We are offering a new [Applicable Circus Class](#) for physically disabled people (16-30yo) and a new [Funky Friday](#) mixed ability class for all ages at Circability Central in Victoria Park. Please register [here](#).

[Mum's Kitchen Rules - Cooking Class](#)

Three fun and friendly workshops for families cooking on a budget. For pregnant mums or families 0-2 years. Manukau Baptist Church, Thursday 8th, 15th and 22nd September. Please look at their [flier](#)

[Epilepsy Information Evening](#)

This is an opportunity for anyone affected by epilepsy, including parents, family/whanau, friends and carers to have all those questions answered. Guest speaker Dr Peter Bergin, 11th October, 7.30-9.30pm, Potters Park Event Centre, 164 Balmoral Road, Balmoral. To see flier click [here](#).

[Fire Safety in the Home](#)

Free Information Session - Migrant Connect, Citizens Advice Bureau Northcote, 10am-12pm, Thursday 29th September. Attached is their [flier](#) Contact Esther either by ph 09 489 3873 or email settlement.northshore@cab.org.nz.

Jobfest

The biggest event for employers and young people under one roof. 9.30am-2pm. 21st September, The Cloud, Queens Wharf.

Geneva Elevator Support Services Open Day 28th September

Please celebrate with us the amazing achievements of our clients at our opening of our Support Services in Manukau City. Enjoy our client's artwork and find out more about our innovative programmes and successes of everyone who attends our shared community space. See their [flier](#)

MIT Inclusive Education Whanau Evenings

What happens after high school. We would like to invite you to a whanau evening to talk about options for your young person during and following high school. For more information click [here](#).

Pasifikability – Free Disability Dance Classes

Proudly presented by Niu Ola Trust. Classes starting on September 2nd 11am- 12pm (every Friday until 16th December) excluding School Holidays and Monday 5th September 11am-12pm, every Friday until 19th December (excluding School Holidays). For more information click [here](#)

People First Meetings Across Auckland

Click on the various locations

[West](#) – Waitakere Resource Centre, 8 Ratanui St, Henderson

[North](#) – Phab, 8 Auburn St, Takapuna

[Central](#) – Yarnton House, 14 Erson Ave, Royal Oak

[South](#) – The Station – 145 St Georges Rd, Papatoetoe

[East](#) – Howick Leisure Centre, 563 Pakuranga Road, Howick

Sensory Processing Disorder and Sensory Diets, workshop.

January 25-26th 2017 Waitaha School, Christchurch is hosting a 2 day workshop. Would be suitable for Parents, Teachers, Teacher Aides, RTLB and SENCO. Guest speaker is Gwen Wild, a leading authority on this topic from USA. Click on link above for more info.

Stroke Carers Day

The Stroke Foundation welcomes all carers of Stroke Survivors to save the date, 2nd November. There is going to be a Cares day from 9.30am-3pm and will include topics to assist navigating services, understanding of being in a caring role, support from others and a nice day out. It is being held at Commerce Club, 27-33 Ohinerau Street, Remuera. \$10 includes lunch. Please contact Tracey Dealey 09 475 0070 or email northern@stroke.org.nz to register.

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 an 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.

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 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.

Auckland Disability Law Supported Decision Making Resources

They have developed a set of resources as part of a project. The resources can be downloaded and distributed. If you would like printed copies please email info@adl.org.nz. [Let's talk about Supported Decision Making](#), [Let's talk about Supported Decision Making – easy read](#), [Promoting Supported Decision Making and the protection of personal and property rights act](#) and a [roadmap to success poster](#).

CCS Disability Action – How's it Going?

Opening up new conversations is a free tool that can support people to work out whether they are living the life they want. People can also use it to talk, or think, about where they are at and where they want to be. For more information click [here](#).

Deaf Aotearoa New Zealand INC - AGM

19th November, 10am-2pm, Manawatu Deaf Society, 55b Totara Road, Awapuni, Palmerston North. For more [info](#).

CCS – What's new in the Library

You can request free books from this service from CCS and will be couriered to you, like a library.

Dayspring – A Night at the Movies

Dayspring Trust invites you to A Night at the Movies - \$15 a ticket – 'What we did on our holiday'. Lopdell House – Flicks Cinema, 418 Titirangi Road, Titirangi, 12th October 7pm. Bookings essential. For more information click above.

Deaf Aotearoa

Have a survey on their weekly update, please could you complete.

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

FASD Action Plan – Launch of the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Action Plan

Released August 21st 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](#).

InterACT 2016 – time to get involved!

Expressions of interest are being sought for involvement in InterACT 2016! which runs from 19-21th October at Corbans Estate Arts Centre Henderson. Fill out this form tinyurl.com/2016interact or visit <http://interacting.org.nz/interactfestival/>

Looloo Toddler Toilet Training

This stage is one of laughter and of tears (and not just the kids). Here are some tips and inspiration to help you parent your child. [Free checklist to get started with toilet training](#).

Mental Health Awareness Week

10-16 October 2016, for good health and wellbeing

Ministry of Education Proposed changes to ORS funding.

There is a petition set up by Kirsten Murfitt, Lawyer and mother of a son who receives ORS funding. If you could read my letter and fill in the petition it would be greatly appreciated. Background details [here](#) on proposal written by Kirsten and petition details are [here](#) on change.org.

MyCare

The new way to find support workers. Here is their updated [flier](#).

NZ Down Syndrome Association – Ministry of Education Survey

July 2016 Cabinet paper Strengthening inclusion and modernising learning support" and the "Learning Support" (previously Special Education) Update. [Cabinet paper Strengthening Inclusion and Modernising Learning Support July 2016](#)

Occupational Therapist Student looking for work

Emma Thomas is currently looking for some part time work. She is enrolled in a Bachelor of Health Science (Occupational Therapy) at AUT as of last year. She has put her studies on hold and is looking for work in this sector. She wants to eventually work in Paediatric Health. She has had work experience at Wilson School and her dream job is to work with

disabled children. Her contact details are emmammthomas@hotmail.com or 021 184 7472. And she lives in Browns Bay.

Phab Social Groups

Our North Shore senior social group (age 35ish) and over are looking for new members, if you or anyone you know is keen please email chewy@phab.org.nz or call 09 488 7490. The group runs in Takapuna on Tuesday from 6.30-8.30pm. Our social group runs throughout school terms and involve different activities such as ten pin bowling, movie visits, baking nights, meals out, community projects and more. The group decides at the beginning of each term and we support them in their social outcomes. This is fun and interactive way to make friends and get out in the community.

Survey about Tourists with disabilities and elderly

In this survey there are questions about frequency of travel, preferred destinations, means of transport etc. In addition to this there are other questions in travel aimed to evaluating the satisfaction about the accommodations or adaptations of tourist facilities, resources and services regarding to the travellers needs and preferences.

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 Contact Debbie Walsh 021 441 220.

Walsh Trust AGM

4th October, 7pm, Lincoln Green Conference Centre, 159 Lincoln Road, Henderson. Please RSVP reception@walsh.org.nz. Guest speaker Judi Strid.

Wrights Watergardens

This wonderful place is located Patumahoe. This organisation are offering a wonderful new service with wheelchair access to bottom and top of waterfall (you will be driven down to this by staff, but will need to phone in advance. They also have a new chef from 180 Degrees Restaurant in Wellington and they also run a business Amphora Restaurant in Botany. We will offer 50% off Garden Entries. Free muffin or scone for any coffee brought. 20% group discount on any food items purchased. In order to provide this we require a booking in advance 12-24 hours.

[Counselling Services and Support Groups](#)

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Articles of interest:

[*Youthlaw report into students with disabilities welcomed*](#)

[*Healthy Homes Initiatives expanding*](#)

[*Kiwi Business Launches First Invisible Hearing Aid*](#)

[*One-armed tennis player Alex Hunt has his eye on the pro circuit after finishing a stellar college career in the US.*](#)

[*Depression common in Adults with Autism*](#)

[*Vision Impaired Jesuit ordained at St Patricks Cathedral*](#)

NEWSLETTERS

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

[Carers NZ](#) – August 2016

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

[Changing Minds](#) – September 2016

[Children's Autism](#) – September 2016

[Dance Therapy NZ](#) – September 2016

[Deaf Aotearoa Community Weekly and Week Sept 19](#)

[Dotty Wobble](#) – September 2016

[e-Cald news](#) – August 2016 and [September](#) 2016

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

[Expressions](#) – Spring 2016

[FASD Update](#) – September 2016

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

[Idea Services](#) – August 2016

[IHC newsletter](#) – June 2016

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

[Kiwi Families](#) – August 2016

[LeVA newsletter](#) – July 2016

[Mapura Studios](#) – September 2016

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

[Chair update](#) - August 2016

[News from the Land of Be](#) – September 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 Four 2016

[Special Olympics Fanletter](#) – September 2016

[Tani Newsletter](#) – Spring 2016

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

[Vaka Tautua](#) September 2016

[YES e-news](#) – May 2016



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