

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 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 at Disability Connect for more information on our upcoming September meeting - [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 0274 578 571 or asoka@disabilityconnect.org.nz

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/October seminars:

“Education Legal”

East Auckland – 14th September, 7-9 pm, Highland Park Community House, 47 Aviemore Drive, Highland Park.

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

“Individualised Funding including Respite”

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

“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

“Planning for Adulthood”

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

“Transition”

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

“Work and Income Supports”

West Auckland – 6th September, 7-9pm, MPHS Hub West, 27 Corban Ave, Henderson

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

(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 – Dealing with Anxiety

Topics include: what is anxiety? Social interactions that lead to anxiety, when children need support, learning to deal with anxiety, strategies for parents and children and anxiety toolkits. A workshop for parents and professionals, it is relevant from primary school to adolescence, 13 September, 7.30-9.30pm, Blockhouse Bay Community Centre, 524 Blockhouse Bay Rd, Blockhouse Bay

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 for either workshop is \$10/family member and \$20/professional and register at

enquiry@autism.org.nz

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.

“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.

Manawanui In Charge Workshops

Workshops by Simon Duffy and Michael Kendrick November 15th (Auckland) and 14th (Christchurch) 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.

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](#).

Conferences outside Auckland

2016 Arts Activated conference

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

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](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS



Attitude Awards 2016

Check out all the wonderful finalists, voting will be shortly

FASD Policy and Research Forum - World Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day

Friday 9th September, 9am-12pm. Building 721, Room 201, University of Auckland, Tamaki Campus, 261 Morrin Road, St Johns.

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](#)

Mapura Studios – “So Much There Is”.

Please join in for this exciting and innovative exhibition from 24th August – 15th September, Studio One Toi Tu, 1 Ponsonby Road, Ponsonby. To see more information click [here](#)

Mapura Studios - Panel Discussion

Barriers to Inclusion in the Art World for people with disabilities. NZSL interpreters will be available. 8th September, Studio One Toi Tu, 1 Ponsonby Road, Ponsonby, 6-8pm.

Mapura Studios – Wheelie Day

10th September, Studio One Toi Tu, 1 Ponsonby Road, Ponsonby, 10-11.30am.

Minds and Hearts – Master Class. Children and adolescents with ASD.

Presented by Tony Attwood and Dr Michelle Garnett, 15th and 16th September. For more information look at their [website](#).

My Voice Matters Election Forum Monday 19th 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 have Phil Goff, Mark Thomas and David Hay as speakers. 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](#) and [Easy read](#) version.

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](#)

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.

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](#).

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.

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](#).

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.

Mental Health Awareness Week

10-16 October 2016, for good health and wellbeing

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/>.

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

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.

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.

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](#)

[Disability Sector Project Information and research](#)

[Discounted Activities across Auckland listed by Region](#)

[Holiday Programmes and Holiday Activities](#)

[Other organisations information](#)

[Playgroups, activities, after school and holiday programmes](#)

Please click on the above section links to see more information and providers

Please look on our [Useful Links](#) section of our website for more services / organisations

Articles of interest:

[Assistance Dogs Trust record total for Annual Appeal](#)

[Good career prospects in IT for autists](#)

[Strengthening inclusion by moderising learning support](#)

[Helping people with Tourette's through Camp Twitch](#)

[Colleen Brown's latest blog – Changes to Special Education](#)

[Chris Wilson's playgroup a hit – Mainly Music for Special Needs Children](#)

[Minister thanks community for helping in disability strategy feedback](#)

[The warehouse features disabled children in latest flier](#)

[Seeing colours in Britnee's world](#)

[Blind community fights for equal access to books](#)

[Deaf launch petition for visual fire alarms](#)

[NZ's first hotel to install an app to help visually impaired](#)

[Disabled are all set to display their art](#)

[Song written by Kane Chong for his friend with autism](#)

NEWSLETTERS

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

[Carers NZ](#) – August 2016

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

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

[Dance Therapy NZ](#) – June 2016

[Deaf Aotearoa Community Weekly and Community Weekly](#) & [Week beginning 29 August](#)

[Dotty Wobble](#) – September 2016

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

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

[Expressions](#) – Spring 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](#) – June 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 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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