

**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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Embedded in the text of this E-bulletin are links which open up to pages of more information. Any blue underlined text is a link and can be clicked on for fuller information. We do this in order to provide you with as much information as possible in our E bulletin.

Please note that going forward due to increasing costs, it is necessary for us to charge professionals \$50 including GST each per seminar. There is no charge for parents.

Disability Connect news

Support groups – Disability Connect

Disability Connect offers culturally appropriate support (including three 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. This month our meeting is on the 21st February, 9.30am-1pm. Topic will be after school and holiday programmes presented by Lisa Martin, CEO Disability Connect. Please contact Sanny Chan at Disability Connect for more information on our meetings. Our [English](#) flier and [Chinese](#) Flier 09 526 1298 (DDI) or 09 636 0351 or sanny@disabilityconnect.org.nz

Culturally Diverse Support Group (Otahuhu)

This support group runs monthly at Mt Richmond School, 30 Albion Road, Otahuhu, 5.30-8pm. 23rd February. Topic this month is "When friends are not

enough" Celia King from Specialised Counselling will be speaking and she specialises in Disability. All families with special needs are welcome to join this group – we welcome everyone from any culture and any disability. 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 – phone 09 636 0351 or 027 457 8571 or email asoka@disabilityconnect.org.nz

Parent Support Group for the Indian Community – Clover Park

This is held at Clover Park Community House. 13th February 6.30-8.30pm. Indian families raising a child or supporting a person with a disability are very welcome to this meeting. It will follow a relaxed 'conversational' environment. Everyone is free to talk amongst themselves, make new friends, connect for support or just ask any questions you may be interested in. Please email admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz or asoka@disabilityconnect.org.nz or phone 09 636 0351 or text/phone 027 457 8571 to book.

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.

We're here to meet your needs - We at Disability Connect would really like to know what topics you would like covered in a series of one off seminars – any topics can be requested and here a few examples. Once we have collated some data we will be able to work out what people would like to hear about – Speech therapy, Occupational Therapy, Sensory Issues, Play, Sexuality, Puberty, Holiday programmes and Recreation Activities, Autism sector, Dance Therapy, Art Therapy, Ministry of Education Special Education, Communication skills for parents, Taikura Trust, Social and friendship skills, Stress Management, Counselling, Special Schools, Our Cultural service we provide, Managing tantrums/intense emotions, Behaviour Management. Any topics will be so welcome as we are trying to organise one off topics for all parents please let us know on 09 636 0351 or email admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz

SEMINARS/TRAINING/ CONFERENCES



2017 Seminars by Disability Connect

[For a link to all upcoming seminars in PDF form click here](#)

Education Legal Issues

Central Auckland – Tuesday 14th March, 12-2pm,
Disability Connect, 3b Olive Road, Penrose

North Auckland – Tuesday 28th March 7-9pm
Yes Disability Resource Centre, 3 William Laurie Pl,
Albany

South Auckland – Tuesday 9th May, 7-9pm
Clover Park Community House, 16 Israel Ave, Clover
Park

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

West Auckland – Wednesday 7th June 7-9pm
Hubwest, 27 Corban Ave, Henderson

Individualised Funding

Central Auckland – Monday 3rd April, 12-2pm,
Disability Connect, 3b Olive Road, Penrose

Central Auckland – Monday 12th June, 7-9pm,
Disability Connect, 3b Olive Road, Penrose

Living Options

Central Auckland – Thursday 2nd March, 12-2pm,

Disability Connect, 3b Olive Road, Penrose

South Auckland – Tuesday 30th March, 7-9pm

Clover Park Community House, 16 Israel Ave, Clover
Park

West Auckland – Wednesday 2nd May 7-9pm

Hubwest, 27 Corban Ave, Henderson

Central Auckland – Monday 8th May, 12-2pm,

Disability Connect, 3b Olive Road, Penrose

Central Auckland – Wednesday 24th May, 7-9pm,

Disability Connect, 3b Olive Road, Penrose

East Auckland – Thursday 1st June, 7-9pm

Highland Park Community Centre, 47 Aviemore Dr,
Highland Park

North Auckland – Thursday 22nd June 7-9pm

Yes Disability Resource Centre, 3 William Laurie Pl,
Albany

Planning for Adulthood

West Auckland – Wednesday 15th March, 6.30-9.30pm

Hubwest, 27 Corban Ave, Henderson

Central Auckland - Wednesday 29th March, 12-3pm,

Disability Connect, 3b Olive Road, Penrose

North Auckland – Wednesday 3rd May, 6.30-9.30pm

Yes Disability Resource Centre, 3 William Laurie Pl,
Albany

South Auckland – Thursday 25th May 6.30-9.30pm

Clover Park Community House, 16 Israel Ave, Clover
Park

"Transition"

Central Auckland - Wednesday 21st June, 12-2pm,

Disability Connect, 3b Olive Road, Penrose

South Auckland – Wednesday 5th July 7-9pm,

Mt Richmond School, 30 Albion Road, Otahuhu

"Work and Income"

East Auckland – Wednesday 8th March, 7-9pm

Highland Park Community Centre, 47 Aviemore Dr,
Highland Park

West Auckland – Tuesday 21st March, 7-9pm

Hubwest, 27 Corban Ave, Henderson

South Auckland – Tuesday 4th April, 7-9pm

Clover Park Community House, 16 Israel Ave, Clover
Park

Central Auckland - Wednesday 17th May, 12-2pm,

Disability Connect, 3b Olive Road, Penrose

North Auckland – Tuesday 27th June, 7-9pm

Yes Disability Resource Centre, 3 William Laurie Pl,
Albany

"Building a Richer Life though Family Governance"

The two day workshop enables families to envision a richer future for sons and daughters who have a disability. Facilitator, Lawrence Chok shares his own journey as a parent and those of others who have journeyed with him. Over the past nine years, they have guided their sons and daughters with disabilities, to lead more meaningful, independent and sustainable lives in their communities. Supporting one another they have worked together to build on their gifts, passions, interests and dreams. To overcome the disadvantages they faced they used intentional planning to grow lives full of purpose, with a sense of belonging to their communities. Then, afraid that these could not be sustained "when we are no longer around", they explored succession planning and ways to build long term sustainability into their work. The results astounded them, in many ways exceeding their

dreams. Yet all journeys have their hard times and they found that the support of other like-minded families in their collective was vital. This is the power of working in a collective based on shared goals and values. Lawrence having emulated and based on the Queensland family governance model, the following video link shows a brief of the 3 Australian family groups who have been operating together over the past 28 years:- <https://vimeo.com/112461517>. For those interested to attend the 2 Day workshop, email to lawrencechokia@gmail.com or text 027 872 3968 for further information.

Building Bridges with Community

Monday 20th February, 9.30am-3.30pm, Yarnton House, Erson Ave, Royal Oak. One day workshop with Janet Klees. Janet has extensive knowledge and practical experience in assisting individuals with disabilities and their family / whanau create authentic and enduring relationships within their community.

This one day event will explore

- (i) the importance of community life, especially for people who are marginalised
- (ii) influences and practices that tend to isolate people
- (iii) what it takes to hold a vision for community life
- (iv) how to build bridges and pathways within community life
- (v) how to overcome obstacles
- (vi) how to create a context for relationship, and
- (vii) sustaining our efforts over time. Register [here](#)

Don't miss Unpacking Disability Law

Registration is now open for Auckland Disability Law's Unpacking Disability Law programme starting 7 March.

This community based programme is focused on making your legal rights on disability easy to understand. Sessions will include your rights on disability and discrimination, mental health, employment and when dealing with the Police. For further information see the attached [flyer](#) or email info@adl.org.nz

Hands on Autism

Saturday 11th February, 9am-4pm. Hubwest, 27 Corban Ave, Henderson and Saturday 25th March in Manukau. Are you living or working with a child with autism? Our goal is for you to leave at the end of the day with tools and strategies that can be easily implemented in the home, school and community. Topics include: Guide to Autism and strategies for behaviour. Dealing with anxiety and sensory issues. Cost: sponsored for family and caregivers who register or \$140 for professionals. Speakers and facilitators – Arletta van den Bosch (Family and Child Counselling), Elisa Slaa (Children's Autism Manager and Behaviour Therapist) Christine Farquharson (Occupational Therapist) Lisa Martin (Disability Connect). Please register online: www.autism.org.nz

"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.

Social and Friendship Skills Workshop 7-9pm

Interactive workshop on feelings, emotions, making and keeping friends and problem solving. Monday 13th February, Henderson (for parents of children 12 years plus) and Wednesday 29th March, Freemans Bay (for parents 2-12 years). For free ticket please apply on registration.

Conferences outside Auckland

Enabling Good Lives Workshop

This one day workshop, open to families and providers, is a major opportunity to engage with EGL and to get a sense of what real EGL implementation means for organisational development, renegotiating relationships with people using services and being truly person driven and what this looks like in practice. Workshop runs from 9.30am-4pm with lunch and refreshments provided. Dunedin, Thursday 9th February, Auditorium, Otago Early settlers Museum Queen Gardens, Dunedin. Free for family members or disabled persons. To register go to <http://nzdsn.org.nz/events>

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Research Conference

The 7th International Conference on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder is an advanced level conference that continues to bring together experts from multiple disciplines to share international research. It provides an opportunity to enhance understanding of the relationships between knowledge and research and critical actions related to FASD. First held in 1987, the conference brings together people passionate about this work in a stimulating environment where they can learn and forge new partnerships. From the pure science, to prevention, diagnosis and intervention across the lifespan, the conference will address the implications of this research and promote scientific/community collaboration. 1st-4th March 2017, The Westin Bayshore, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Hands on Autism – Day Workshops

Tuesday 7th March, 9am-4pm The Link, Corner River Road and Te Aroha St, Hamilton. For practical "Hands On" tools and strategies. Topics – Guide to Autism, Strategies for behaviour, Dealing with anxiety, Sensory Issues. For a free ticket please apply for sponsorship on registration. Speakers and facilitators – Arletta van den Bosch (Family and Child Counselling), Elisa Slaa (ABA behaviour therapist), Christine Farquharson (Occupational Therapist)

Incredible Years Franklin Family Support

Franklin Family Support are now taking enrolments for the Pukekohe 2017 Incredible Years parenting programme. This programme is a FREE 14 week programme for parents and caregivers of children 3 – 8 years old. It focuses on building positive relationships between parents and their children and supports parents to explore new strategies for managing problem behaviour. They run a Monday morning session from 9:30am – 12pm starting February 27th 2017 and a Monday evening programme which starts 27th March. To register, please visit

<http://www.familysupport.org.nz/how-we-can->

[help/parenting/incredible-years-3-8/](#) where you will find the registration form along with more information. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Annabel Waller at awaller@familysupport.org.nz

[International Initiative for Disability Leadership](#)

The best learning initiative for Disability Leadership is a unique international leadership forum that shares knowledge, innovation and effective practices to support the vision of a full life in the community for children, adults and elders with a disability. IIDL is a collaboration of four countries: Australia, New Zealand, Ireland and Canada. 27-28th February, Auckland and 2-3rd March Sydney Australia.

[Moral Coherency 2017 Workshop – Sydney Australia](#)

The implementation Project, How to function morally, coherently and adaptively in a world that is dysfunctional, including its human services. 3rd-7th July 2017, Dunmore Lang College 130-134 Herring Road, North Ryde, NSW 2113, Australia. The training Institute developed this workshop to equip people with a special combination of worldviews, preparation, support considerations and strategies needed to function with high moral ideas, with integrity intact and even with effectiveness in the world generally in human services that are full of imperfections and never ending problems

[Supported Learning for students over 16](#)

They provide courses in Supported Learning for students aged 16 and over who need extra help to gain skills and confidence to take on study or employment. The support learning programme is under a new zero fee funding offered to learners with learning disabilities. If you'd like to know more about the programme email info@msltraining.ac.nz or visit their website <http://www.msltraining.co.nz/>

[Parenting programme, Mt Wellington from March](#)

Family Works is offering The Incredible Years parenting programme that gives families the confidence to succeed. It's for parents of children aged 3-8 years and involves weekly sessions for 14 weeks. Held Thursdays, starting 2 March, 9.30am-12noon, at St Peter's Church, 7 Harrison Rd, Mt Wellington. To book please call 580 1284 or contact Anna 021 048 1404 or Stephanie Stephanie.hills@fwn.org, 021 808 098.

[Passing Foundations Forum](#)

PASSING is a five day, live-in workshop where you will deepen your understanding of the lived experience of devalued people, the services that serve them, and the SRV framework. You will visit two human services and have interviews and conversations with the people being served and those serving them. Led by a highly knowledgeable teacher of SRV and a team leader, you will then explore your observations through the SRV framework to unpack the complexities of service design and delivery. Past participants of the PASSING workshop have found it to be an eye-opening, mind-expanding training opportunity that deepened their understanding and

strengthened their commitment to serving devalued people. Pricing - \$850 early bird special! (Register and paid by 31 December 2016) \$990 full cost (RSVP closes Monday 13 February 2017). Please note: \$100 nonrefundable amount for all cancellations, please see cancellation policy on page 2 for more information
What does the cost include?

- Includes 4 nights' accommodation*
- Most meals

For more information and registration form click [here](#)

[Reducing Social Isolation Workshop](#)

Held at Shanti Niwas Charitable Trust, 14 Spring St, Onehunga. 27th February, 9.30-10.30am. This workshop is an opportunity to work together with others to develop ideas migrant and refugee background women have for reducing social isolation. Come and hear from women about what has worked for them and bring your own thoughts, experiences and ideas about improving social connection and making a good life here. There is a small investment fund available to help develop collaborative project plans too so we can build on our thoughts, ideas and experiences and make a difference. Creche available and the workshop includes lunch. No cost! RSVP to judith@positivewomen.nz

[Understanding Autism – 2 hour workshop](#)

Monday 6th March, 7-9pm The Link, Corner River Road and Te Aroha St, Hamilton. All welcome! Free for families, carers and support workers. Come learn more about autism in an open and supportive environment. For a free ticket please apply on registration.

[Youthlaw Webinar](#)

For anyone interested, Youthlaw Aotearoa is running a webinar 9 February 12pm. The webinar will cover the process of appeal of a Ministry of Education decision to refuse high needs (ORS) funding for a child under Section 10 of the Education Act and how to assist a family with a challenge through arbitration, how to draft submissions and other tips and tricks for advocacy with the Ministry and other agencies. YouthLaw Senior Solicitor will draw on her own experience in mediations in the Human Rights Commission, advocacy at Board of Trustees hearings and arbitrations under the Education act to offer some practical guidance. An opportunity will be provided for participants to ask questions at the end of the webinar. Sign up by emailing info@youthlaw.co.nz before 4pm 3 February. Youthlaw is hoping to record and upload the webinar to Youtube later this year.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Active Families Programme Glen Innes

Active Families is a free physical activity and nutrition based programme for inactive children 5-12 years of age. Every Tuesday 4-5.30pm, from 7th February, Tamaki Recreation Centre, 60 Elstree Ave, Glen Innes. Nutrition workshop and fun family events. Dietician and Physical Activity Support for family. Weekly Activity Sessions. Speak to your GP or Nurse to be referred or go online to self refer www.sportauckland.co.nz. Active Families, Sophie Pearce, 09 623 8560 / 022 043 1295, sophie@sportauckland.co.nz

Attention Autism Programme Two Day Course

The training focuses on the practical aspects of intervention, working in a team and offering an irresistible invitation to learn. The Attention Autism programme targets the teaching of attention, communication and social interaction skills. Training is run applying the principles of the attention autism programme throughout each day. There are demonstrations of the techniques in action, films of the work with children, practical hands-on experience for participants and ideas for activities. The intention is to share the practical skills needed for participants to feel confident in setting up and running the intervention immediately. 23-24th January – North Shore, 26-27th January – West Auckland and 9-10th February – South Auckland days available.

Brighton Beach Water Sports Day

Register to experience the thrill of surfing, boogie boarding, kayaking and stand up paddle boarding at this event for physically disabled New Zealanders. Sunday 12th February, Brighton Beach Surf Club, 10am-1pm. Wetsuits will be available on the day. To register contact Halberg Disability Sport Advisor Bridget Meyer on bridget@halberg.co.nz or 027 697 7177

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](#).

Clip n Climb North Shore

Come along to try it out, session for families with autism. For bookings email info@clipnclimbnorthshore.co.nz 2017 dates - 26th February, 26th March, 28th May and 25th June, 27th August, 24th September, 29th October, 26th November. 9am-10am private Admission (Autism Foundation guests only). Please also complete the online waiver form. Please arrive 20 minutes before the session on the day. If you come for the first time with your child,

please send Arletta an email (arletta@autism.org.nz) and she will send you a 'social story' to help you prepare your child.

info@clipnclimbnorthshore.co.nz or ph 09 447 1428

Coffee and Support Groups

Coffee mornings in different parts of Auckland should be up and running soon. Open to all parents raising children and young people with special needs and disability, for support, networking/socialising and information sharing. Free coffee and cake as funding allows! We are on the look out for parents to help run these, so if you are keen to help please email us at auckland@parent2parent.org.nz Volunteers will receive a petrol voucher as a thank you.

Counties Manukau Support Group

PACT Building, 311 Great South Road, Papatoetoe. A great way to meet other families and just get together. Meetings are held monthly, February 14th, March 7th, April 4th, May 2nd, June 6th, and mid winter lunch July 14th, August 8th, September 5th, October 17th, November 7th. Please bring a plate to share. Children are very welcome and there is a big play area for them.

Cruise the Bays – Bubbles and Balloons Colour Cruise

Round the Bays, Geneva Healthcare \$10 entry fee. Choose between 3 exciting races: 500m, 1.5km and 3km. Lunch and entertainment provided. Race day 10:30am-2pm, Friday 10th March, location: Mission Bay Fountain, Tamaki Drive. RSVP by 8th February, www.genevahealth.com/signup.

Dance Party All Abilities

10th February, 6-8pm. Fun, safe environment with great music. Gluten free nibbles and drinks provided. Bookings payments via email / internet. No door sales \$15 per person. RSVP 31st January, email danceitltd@gmail.com or ph 021 793 018.

Dance Therapy and Art Therapy Schedule Term 1 2017

Stars Dance Classes across Auckland, Arts 4 Us speciality- Orakei, Art 4 Us drop in and Dance 4 Us. [Main brochure](#)

Disability Gymnastics at Tri star Gymnastics

Gymnastics is a great way to improve coordination, balance, motor skills and strength in a fun and safe environment. In Vancouver, I have been the lead coach/coordinator for a Special Needs gymnastics program for the last three years. We are non-discriminatory and are open for anybody, regardless of age or ability-level, who simply needs a more personalised approach to learning. Many of our athletes in Vancouver are individuals living with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome or developmental delays and I am hoping to connect with the same communities here in Auckland. For more information and flier click [here](#).

Emmanuel Family Camp - 31st March – 2nd April 2017

A weekend camp for families who have a child with a disability. For more information ph 09 636 4763 email familycamp@elevatecdt.org.nz

Flourishing Friendships

Flourishing Friendships is a social, friendship and dating organisation for all people over the age of 18 who have a disability, but open to all. There is a launch party being held Saturday 11th February 2-4pm in Mt Roskill and Saturday 18th February 2-4pm in Papakura. Please RSVP to flourishingfriendships16@gmail.com or call Sarah 021 135 3560 or Diane 027 629 0696. For more info click [here](#) and [here](#).

Free Water Safety and Aquatic Competence Lessons Mangere

Whanau Nui. Mangere Monday 23rd-27th January, early childhood lessons for under fives (from 6 months – 4 years only) Parents must be in the water with their children. Tuesday 24th and 26th January lessons for 5-10 year olds. Moana Nui a Kawa Pool and Leisure Centre, Waddon Place, Mangere 09 275 8979. Phone to register and to see lesson times.

Helping Migrants to Settle in New Zealand

Hosted by Citizens Advice Bureau Browns Bay – Migrant Connect. Tuesday 21st February, Glenfield Library, 90 Bentley Avenue, Glenfield. How Citizens Advice Bureau helps migrants to settle in New Zealand. Migrants stories and experiences of New Zealand. Overview of migrants in our community. Consumer rights. Questions and answers. Presenter: Sonette de Koster (CAB North Shore Manager) Esther at 489 3873 or Sonette at 479 2222 or email settlement.northshore@cab.org.nz

Imagine Better Assembly 2017

Will you friend me? Imagine Better is pleased to introduce you to Dr Al Condeluci and Janet Klees, who will be presenting at the February 2017 Imagine Better Assembly – Will You Friend Me? Both Al and Janet come with a wealth of experience, having been involved in the community sector, particularly building social capital and community bridges, for many years. At the session *Will You Friend Me?*, key aspects related to social capital will be explored; examining it from a generic perspective and looking at the possible strategies, actions, or aspects that may be utilised in support of any vulnerable population who have limited opportunities to build friendships. Our other session is *Building Community through Social Capital*. Individuals with disabilities and their family members (as well as professionals who are involved with the family) are interested in seeing themselves or their son/daughter/relative be successful in life. In fact, one of the biggest fears individuals and families have is that their loved one might be lonely or at serious risk when they are no longer around. By understanding the impact of friendships in our lives, we can look at ways and means to better prepare for the future. Sociologists call this "social capital" and it is amazing what our relationships do for us. This session will help you think about how friendships can be better developed over time, and, in turn, build a more inclusive community.

Interacting Theatre Community Classes

For Young people with a disability. These fun, well classes take place weekly during term time and give the opportunity to make friends, learn skills and build confidence. We operate out of four Auckland venues and classes are \$10 per session. For more details contact Paula 09 849 5595. Drama on Mondays in Takapuna 1-2.30pm, Drama and film making on Thursdays in Manurewa 10am-12pm and 12-2pm. Drama on Fridays in Henderson 9.30-11.30am and Hip Hop on Fridays in Henderson 12-1.30pm. Drama in Mt Albert on Fridays 12.30-2pm.

Jumping Beans for pre-schoolers

Tuesdays Feb to April 2017, Grey Lynn Community Centre 1.15-2.15pm. \$120 per term or \$20 per session (subsidised).

Kids Connect Camp 2017

A camp specifically for children with physical and mild disabilities aged 9-16. It is held in Blockhouse Bay, Auckland. Our camps are conducted by experienced staff. We focus on building strong, healthy relationships with other children (with or without physical disabilities). We have a weekend packed with activities, action and fun. Team games, competitions, songs, orienteering on a wheelchair accessible track, quad bikes, crafts and lots of food. Camp fee will be approx. \$135 (subject to change) and also accept Carer Support Forms. For a registration form please email info@cbm.org.nz or phone 09 630 5271, www.cbm.org.nz.

Live your dream Empowering Ethnic Women Entrepreneurs

Women Entrepreneurship Centre (WEC). The Women Entrepreneurship Centre (WEC) is proud to announce the first series of FREE workshop for 2017 supported by Infinity Foundation, The Office of Ethnic Communities and Waitakere Ethnic Board. We will be conducting series of workshops in Auckland communities entitled "Live your dream". The program encourages people to develop self-awareness and inspire their creative potential. Participants are motivated for starting their own enterprise and briefed on the opportunities available for such enterprises. We think this may be of interest to some of our families. The program encourages people to develop self awareness and inspire their creative potential. Participants are motivated for starting their own enterprise and briefed on the opportunities available for such enterprises. For more information visit <http://wencentre.org.nz> Link: http://wencentre.org.nz/?page_id=9 Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WEN-Centre-1786535468234901/>

Magical Glow in the Dark Bush Walk

A part of the Auckland Arts Festival, Power Plant brings to life a captivating nocturnal bush walk through the Auckland Domain. Having already made its way around the world, 75,000 others have fallen in love with this quirky idea and now it's our turn! As the sun starts to fall at the start of March 2017, you'll be able to make your way through an enchanting forest surrounded by spectacular light installations intertwined within the trees and plants. Vibrant pops of colour and crazy shapes will make all your

childhood fairytale dreams come true. To take it to the next level, Power Plant have added a one-of-a-kind sound show created by five internationally acclaimed artists and New Zealand artists from sonics from scratch. You will hear subtle wildlife noises, haunting whistles and everything in between. You will never view the city location the same. So, rally up your friends, parents, sister, kids or even solo it for a truly magical one-hour adventure. Wednesday 8th March – Sunday 12th March, Tuesday 14th March– Sunday 19th March. 8.15-10pm.

Manukau Live Steamers – Free Train Rides Waitangi Weekend

Waitangi Day 6th February the club runs a day for special needs children and their parents from 10am-4pm. Train rides are free for these families and the club provides a sausage sizzle, ice cream and drinks. Centre Park, Robertson Road, Mangere

Moveit Youth Programme

Is a free youth age 11-17 years in West Auckland wanting to stay active during the holiday period. Youth are able to participate in sport, tournaments, recreation and physical activities, including touch, basketball, tag, netball and loads more. To find more please contact Venus email: venus.rangji@sportwaitakere.nz or 022 658 0988. Registration form [here](#).

Oakura Boardriders Halberg Surf Day

Register now to experience the thrill of surfing! For physically disabled New Zealanders. Saturday 25th February 9am-12pm. Oakura Beach, Tasman Parade, Oakura, Taranaki. To register contact Halberg Disability Sport Advisor John Sigursson on 021 190 4881 or johns@halberg.co.nz

Pain Self Management Education Course

For people with chronic pain lasting for more than 3 months. Wednesday 15 February 2017 runs for 6 weeks, 10.00am - 12.30pm, East Health Trust PHO 260 Botany Road, Unit B, Golflands (Behind East Care A&M) Topics Include - Healthy Eating, Problem Solving, Communications, Strategies for managing: Pain, Fatigue, Frustration. To Register please contact Shirley Bernhard ph 09 538 0599, email shirleyb@easthealth.co.nz or ask your doctor or nurse about a referral. For Further Information about this programme, contact: David, Parvin or Shirley 09 538 0599.

Papatoetoe United Adapted Football Programme

A great opportunity to learn football or enhance your skills under Papatoetoe United Football Club coaches! The programme runs for 8 weeks and is open to young people 5+ with a physical impairment who are either ambulant or use a walker or sticks for mobility. Saturdays 11th February, 9.30-10.30am. Kolmar Centre (Hockey turf) off Sutton Crescent. Cost \$85 for the year. Contact Paul Ralph, 021 456 534 or paulralph@advancemarketing.co.nz. Funding may be available via Halberg Disability Sport Foundation Ability Fund, contact Maia Lewis maia@halberg.co.nz 021 995 951

Pasifikability – Free Disability Dance Classes

Proudly presented by Niu Ola Trust. Classes starting on January 20th 11am- 12pm (every Friday until 25th August) including School Holidays 23rd, 30th January. Te Rito Community Centre, 7 Piki Thompson Way, Otahuhu. And on Mondays 11am-12pm every Monday until 26th June. Otahuhu Town Hall, 10 High Street, Otahuhu. Self expression Tutors - Valeria Pierbon: Dance and Movement Therapist and Yoko Obata: Movement Based Art Therapist. For more information contact Susannah 021 806 769 or stauponiuala@gmail.com

Courses and Workshops for Parents

Raeburn House offer groups including Overcoming Anxiety, Managing Anger and Stress, Moving past Depression, and Art Therapy for individuals 18yrs and over. These are free with a referral from from your GP. www.raeburnhouse.org.Nz for more information. Venues at Northcote Central and Milford. 09 441 8989 and ask for Brigid.

Sharing your Experiences

If you live with a disability or impairment or have supported a person and have received care in Counties Manukau Health within the last 2 years. We would like to invite you to share your experiences. This insight that you give us will enable us to better develop our staff so that they can provide excellent care that consistently meet the needs of patients and their whanau. 22nd February, 10am-12.30pm, Ko Awatea Building 107, Middlemore Hospital. Please advise if you require a sign interpreter or any additional support for this event. Light refreshments will be available. Please RSVP with support requirements to Vicky.Bradley@middlemore.co.nz or 021 235 9689.

Show Your Ability Expo

Free entry to the Disability Equipment Expo. ASB Showgrounds, February 14th 9am-3pm.

Sibling Camp

As an organisation, Parent to Parent supports families raising children with disabilities. As part of Auckland Airport's annual ' 12 Days of Christmas ' campaign, we are excited to announce that we have been given a \$10,000 grant to help fund a Camp to support the siblings of children with disabilities. These SibCamps are very popular and there are limited spaces, so be quick! Open to all siblings aged 8-18 years. Please register below and confirmation of places will be in the new year. Dates: 10-12 March 2017 Venue: Piha Mill Camp, close to Piha Beach, Waitakere. Fill in registration form [here](#)

Spirit of Adventure Trust 5 Day Inspirational Voyage

The Spirit of Adventure Trust was established to provide the youth of New Zealand with access to a character development programme conducted in a maritime environment. Our voyages are seen as an unique environment for youth development. Where the focus of learning for the trainees is on team-work and developing skills of communication, self-reliance, self-discipline, self-esteem, resilience, confidence and leadership. The voyage is from Sunday 27th March – Thursday 31st March.

Stars Dance Therapy and Art Therapy

Groups available in Onehunga on Tuesday, Mt Albert Wednesday and Thursday, Pakuranga on Friday and Northcote on Saturdays.

Sumner Longboarders Halberg Surf Day

Experience the thrill of surfing at this event for physically disabled New Zealanders. Sunday 12th February, 10am-4pm, Cave Rock, Sumner Christchurch. To register for this event contact Halberg Disability Sport Advisor. Justin Muschamp 027 224 8123 justin@halberg.co.nz

Tasman Paddleboard Day

Register now for a fun day on the water and experience the joy of paddle boarding. For physically disabled New Zealanders. To register for this event contact Halberg Disability Sport Advisor. Justin Muschamp 027 224 8123 justin@halberg.co.nz Sunday 19th March, 10am -2pm. Tahunanui Beach

Te Roopu Taurima – Ready for Mahi

Free e-learning modules. These accessible and trilingual modules provide the opportunity for people to learn some of the basic skills they need to get ready to work.

Tune In “Speech and Music Co-Therapy Group”

Fun filled group sessions led by a music therapist and a speech therapist that use musical activities to develop social and functional language skills. The groups are organised around themes to help children develop their vocabularies and language comprehension, while allowing for plenty of opportunities for development of social skills and friendship through peer engagement and musical games. Preschool group age 2-5yo with caregivers, Monday 1.45-2.30pm, School age group 6-10yo with or without caregivers Monday 3-3.45pm. Raukauri Music Therapy Centre, \$30 per session. Starts 13th February. For more information contact Jen Ryckaert, Jennifer@rmtc.org.nz or 09 360 0889.

Universal Design Symposium

Universal Design makes things safer, easier and more convenient for everyone. The Universal Design Hub provides access to a range of resources and guidance to support a design process that recognises our common needs through each of our individual life stages. A universal approach recognises human diversity and various life scenarios such as pregnancy, childhood, injury, disability and old age. This means developing places and homes that can be used and enjoyed by as many people as possible. Here you will find resources to ensure your next project is built to be accessible for all life stages and scenarios. For more info email universaldesignsymposium@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Working with Parents’ Anger

Taking the heat off the child. For people working with parents, caregivers and families. Auckland 18th and 19th May. Mercy Spirituality Centre, Te Ngakau Waiora, 104 The Drive, Epsom, \$275 incl GST, 9am-4.30pm.

NOTICES



Advisory panel members wanted

Auckland Council is looking for passionate community people to join advisory panels. You will need a good understanding of plans, policies and strategies to offer the community’s views to the council on a broad range of issues. The panels are for disability, ethnic, Pacific peoples, seniors and rainbow communities. Applications close on 9 February. See www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/advisorypanels for more information. Contact Alicia Simpson, Alicia.simpson@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz or 021 534 344.

ASD Basketball Programme

Siblings and peers welcome. NZ Breakers stadium, 7 Atlas Place, Mairangi Bay. All sessions are on Sundays. Cost \$40 per family/per term. ASD Kids Trust run this event.

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](#).

Autistic Disabled Person Organisation Survey

A group of self-advocates are in the stages of forming this. They would appreciate you filling out their survey.

Auckland City Council is looking for members of the Demographic Advisory Panels

The Youth Advisory Panel (YAP) is not mentioned in this email, but will also be going through a recruitment process. If you would like to know more about YAP and the ways in which we are working with young people to make sure voices across Auckland are heard, please do let me know.

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](#).

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. Latest update November 2016

Centre for Chiropractic Research – Volunteers needed

The Centre for Chiropractic Research, with AUT University, is involved in a research project that is being run as part of a Master's thesis by Dr Alice Cade. This study investigates if there are any changes in eye tracking abilities before and after getting a chiropractic adjustment. The focus of the study is that a chiropractic adjustment may make eye tracking easier thereby improving ADHD kids' ability to read, learn and behave in class. This study is not a treatment for ADHD or eye tracking problems. Children will take part in two sessions (around 30mins each) over a week at the New Zealand College of Chiropractic in Mt Wellington. To be eligible to participate, kids need to be:

- 8 – 15 years of age
- Have a previous diagnosis of ADHD
- Not have any major visual disability (seriously impaired vision, cataracts or eye trauma)

Please contact Alice Cade for more information. Chief Investigator: Dr Kelly Jones
Co investigators: Dr Kelly Holt & Dr Alice Cade
email alice.cade@nzchiro.co.nz or 021 400 739

Da Homies – A social group of four young men on the Autism Spectrum

We thought we will share this interesting story about how two caregivers supported and promoted the friendship of four young men on the Autism Spectrum to form their own social group "Da Homies". If you would like to know more about promoting social connectedness and/or more about this process, please contact Bobbie Chadderton (bobbie.chadderton@gmail.com)

Eye on Nature Family Day

Auckland Botanic Gardens Event site (enter Everglade Drive). Saturday 1st April 11am-5pm. Free event. Wearable arts fashion parade and entertainment 6-8pm. This year's focus is 'Edibles' from ground to table. For more information www.beautifulmanukau.org.nz

Footpath Users Survey

This survey request is from the same people who conducted the Kiwi Travel survey late last year. Please can you give your attention to this survey and complete. The wider variety of answers to the survey, the more useful the survey results will be to all groups of footpath users.

Good Vibrations Music Therapy

Sophie Buxton is a qualified and registered music therapist who has just started to offer this therapy in Helensville in term 4. She is available to provide sessions for children, teenagers and adults with intellectual / physical disabilities. Sophie Buxton 021 525 609, or email sophieb@musictherapy.associates

Government launched Disability Confident Campaign

25th November encouraging employment of people with disabilities. The campaign is about showcasing the wide range of easily accessible and practical information available to support employers of disabled employees. One in four New Zealanders have some

form of disability. This group represents a vast pool of talent that employers can tap into to enhance workplace diversity and make a valuable contribution to their business. More information is [here](#).

Idea Services Art Therapy

Arts Therapy uses art, drama, music and movement therapeutically to support wellbeing. A Registered Arts Therapist works from a psychotherapy, counselling and child development framework. Arts therapy is a visual, sensory-rich, concrete and interactive means of expression. \$110 per session 45-60mins. Contact specialist.support@idea.org.nz

Idea Services ASD Plus

ASD Plus aims to increase parental knowledge and skill in supporting their pre-school child with autism. It is person-centred and individualised and participants learn about autism in relation to a range of topics over seven modules. Our team of facilitators are skilled and experienced specialist workers who have experience in supporting young children with autism and their families. ASD Plus is delivered over seven modules covering a wide range of topics including: communication, learning, stress, behaviour and planning for the future. ASD Plus can be delivered via group sessions, individual sessions, or by distance learning. This flexibility allows us to meet the needs of people in rural and isolated locations, and to better cater to cultural and language needs. All of these options come with follow-up support for families, to help with using these skills at home. Contact: asdplus-education@idea.org.nz

Lifekidz Team Leader needed

After school and holiday programmes for special needs children. Part time 25 hours per week (increased hours during school holidays). We are looking for a person experienced in looking after people with disabilities/special needs. The applicant must be flexible, positive, enthusiastic and energetic and have excellent behaviour management strategies with strong planning and organisational skills. The ability to supervise, support and mentor young staff members in a busy, challenging, rewarding environment would be advantageous. Email cv to deearna@lifekidz.org.nz

LifeKidz Youth Group – Community Participation Programme

This programme is developed for Very High Needs and High Needs Youth for over 18year olds. Running Monday to Wednesday 8.30am-3pm. The vision for the youth programme is to: form a group for 18 year olds and over where they can express and excel in everyday life and experiences and join in the local community. Our facility at The Depot is wheelchair friendly, we have a large gym, playground, quiet rooms, large kitchen and social room. Our goal is to do a variety of activities every day including cooking, swimming, visiting our local library, villages and participating in community events. We will create personal goals for each youth member and help achieve them. Call Deearna and make a time to come and visit. We can discuss payment options with you. 09 533 6360 or email deearna@lifekidz.org.nz

[Looloo Toilet Training Solutions](#)

Constipation during toilet training can be common. There are a few giveaways to enter for and also Toilet training with less mess and stress.

[Mum creates the easiest cookbook](#)

Wellington mother Jenny McClure has released a cookbook she wrote especially for her son and others that struggle with traditional cookbooks. 30 year old Joe McClure suffered a traumatic brain injury after he was hit by a car while cycling in Cambridge, UK, 17 years ago. The then 13 year old spent 10 days in an induced coma and underwent major surgery. Years later when he left home to go and live by himself, it soon became clear that standard cookbooks didn't work for him, she couldn't believe how crazily and complicated they were and her son really struggled to follow them and so the idea for Short Takes: Making cooking simple was born.

[MyCare](#)

The new way to find support workers. MyCare is bringing technology and community together in a dedicated online platform for people needing at-home care and support. They've built a mobile marketplace, connecting individuals needing help to live comfortably at home to a nationwide network of care workers, part-timers and volunteers. The service aims to break down the barriers. The site already has nearly two thousand workers from nurses and care workers to students looking for work while they study. Here is their updated [flier](#). Visit www.mycare.co.nz or phone 0800 677 000. In October, we released new tools and people can now set up a contractor agreement using MyCare's templates, book their support worker's visits through their MyCare account, assign tasks for the day and keep their support circle of family and friends in the loop. They'll be able to see all visits at a glance and know what's happening every week. Once they've registered, users will have access to these tools:

- **Match** – find someone to provide support or care for themselves or a family member
- **Manage** – it's easy to coordinate support visits and pay workers safely and securely
- **Share** – invite family and friends into the support circle so they know what's happening just by logging in.

If you have any questions about how the service will work for members of your community, you may like to visit our [Help Centre](#)

[Numicon](#)

Want to learn more about the Numicon approach click [here](#). Their new firm foundations info is [here](#) - Learning through play is the key feature of this new publication. Teachers are loving it! They are enjoying conversations with children in play and workshop situations, even talking about numbers higher than 20! Early childhood teachers and New Entrant teachers are using New FF. And also all their new resources are [here](#).

[Pain Self Management Education](#)

For people with chronic pain lasting more than 3 months. Programme is Free and runs from Wednesday 16th February for 6 weeks. 10am-12.30pm. East Health Trust, 260 Botany Road,

Golflands. Register contact Shirley Bernhard ph 09 538 599 or email shirleyb@easthealth.co.nz.

[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.

[Te Ata Timetable Term 1](#)

Includes Zumba, Mosaic and Crafts, Pools, Art Journalling, Relaxtion and Pamper Class, Art, Movies, Creative Writing and Pool Competition. 52 Keeling Road, Henderson.

[Phd Student requiring participants insights re their experience of holidays with their disabled loved one.](#)

Brielle is a student at the University of Waikato. Alison, Cheryl and Simon are her supervisors. Brielle will interview you for her study. Alison might help her interview you. The study is about your experiences of travelling on holiday with your family, carer or support worker. By helping us with our study, we can help other people travel with their family, carers or support workers. The aim of this study is to develop a more holistic understanding of what care means to your lives, in the hope that we can further support and enable independent travel for other carers and people with intellectual disability, and raise awareness of the valuable 'work' you do, in wider society too. For more information please look [here](#) to see if you would like to participate. Carer and support information [here](#).

[Roskill Together – Job Vacancy – Administrative / Social Media Assistant](#)

If you know of anyone that may be interested please ask them to e-mail a C.V. in the first instance to david@roskilltogether.org.nz by Friday 10 February 2017. Roskill Together is a community led development organisation based at 422 Mount Albert Road Mount Roskill. For more information on us check out our web page www.roskilltogether.org.nz or our Facebook page (search Roskill Together on Facebook). The successful candidate would be employed as a contractor. Thus, they would be liable to pay their own tax. The hours of work would be flexible, averaging 15 hours per week. The rate of pay is \$20 per hour. At the moment the contract would be fixed term until December 31 2017.

[Smalltalk Therapy](#)

Have some sessions available with a speech language therapist who have specialist skills in paediatric disability. They cover East and South Auckland.

Strengthening Families – North Shore

Are you feeling overwhelmed on how to navigate funding for your child, and would you like to receive increased support from the professionals and schools involved with your family? Julie Walker can help you with this by co-ordinating round table meetings with all those involved, identifying any further help that you can access for you or your child, collaboratively formulating an action plan, and facilitating a safe space where your concerns can be heard. This is a Ministry of Social Development free service, and is based at Raeburn House in Northcote Central. Phone 09 441 8989/027 498 7074

Support Worker Available covering Onehunga – Drury

I am a support worker who has been working with people with special needs and disabilities for 10 years. I am looking for work during the school holidays. I'm also happy to look after your kids while parents go out and do Christmas shopping or just so they can go out and have a little bit of 'me' time as I know parents don't get a lot of that. I'm available Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9am till 2:30pm and I will work in South Auckland from Onehunga to Drury. I can work with micky buttons, ng tubes, all hoists, can drive mobility vehicles, know New Zealand Sign Language and can look after children with high needs. I have references if you would like to contact them. Thank you and I look forward to meeting more parents and working with your children. I am also willing to be paid through IF and carer support days. My hourly rate is \$18-\$20 an hour depending on the child's needs also I charge a bit more for more than one child which price can be negotiated. Please contact Jackie Riley on 0211402891. I look forward to hearing from you.

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.

SWAN NZ – Syndromes without a name

SWAN New Zealand is a support group for New Zealand patients and families affected by an undiagnosed genetic condition – a 'syndrome without a name'. SWAN NZ was established by the New Zealand Organisation for Rare Disorders (NZORD) in 2016. For more information email swannz@nzord.org.nz or 04 385 1119

Uber Total Mobility Trial

Uber is a smartphone app that lets you get a safe, reliable, affordable ride in minutes. It has been operating in Wellington and Auckland for the last 18 and 24 months respectively and have upwards of 2000 active drivers. Uber services are typically up to 40% cheaper than normal taxi fares in Wellington and Auckland. They operate two classes of service – UberX and UberASSIST. UberX is their standard ridesharing product, and is very similar to a taxi. [UberASSIST](#)

provides additional assistance to people who are limited in their mobility (ie. scooters, walking frames, utilising fold up wheelchairs) by providing drivers who have received additional training from Be.Accessible. The details are as follows: – The trial will run for two months for each participant, running starting in January or February, 2017 in Auckland or Wellington. – Participants will be given 50% discounts on up to \$500 worth of Uber trips per month. – The discount will be automatically applied to participants accounts. – There is the hope that they will utilise the service during the testing period as much as they would like in order to develop a good understanding of the parts of the Uber service that work well and those that need improvement. – Training/phonecalls on getting Uber set up will be available if necessary. – Participants will be asked to complete a short survey at the end of the first month and again at the end of the trial. This will be in written format or can be done over the phone. It will cover their experience, and what Uber can do to improve the service.

UBU Playgroup for our kids with a difference

Started 7th November, Grey Lynn Community Centre, Monday 1-3pm. We're encouraging parents and caregivers to come along, connect and support one another at our new pre-schoolers playgroup with a focus on our children with extra needs. Differences are embraced in a fun and safe environment which offers free or supported play. Contact 378 4908 for more information.

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