

**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 March, 9.30am-1pm. 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 (Otago)

This support group runs monthly at Mt Richmond School, 30 Albion Road, Otago, 5.30-8pm. 16th March. 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. 6th March 6.30-8.30pm. Indian families 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; Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Sensory Issues, Play, Sexuality, Puberty, Holiday programmes, etc., etc. Please let us know on 09 636 0351 or email admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz

South Auckland – Wednesday 5th July 7-9pm,
Mt Richmond School, 30 Albion Road, Otahuhu

DISABILITY CONNECT SEMINARS AND INFORMATION



2017 Seminars by Disability Connect

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

Education Legal Issues

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 – The only IF Seminars we are running for 2017

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

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 [this date
will include a Sign Language Interpreter](#)

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

**Transition Expo – 8 August 2017 – save the
date!!!** “The progression from school to community
life”

Our popular Expo is happening again. Mt Eden War
Memorial Hall, 489 Dominion Road, from 9am –
2.00pm

Work and Income

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

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 – lots of new things in here

Upcoming Events March – July

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

SEMINARS/TRAINING/ CONFERENCES

A Good start in Life

Co-designing a future that meets the needs of the
parents and whānau of disabled children. Over the
past three months families throughout New Zealand
have been interviewed about their experiences raising
a disabled child. The interviews have been analysed
and turned into visual maps of different journeys. We
are now asking families, providers and government
agencies to help us design solutions to the different
issues we have identified through this process. We are
holding a co-creation workshop for parents, whānau
and people who support them at: Disability Connect,
3B Olive Road, Penrose, Thursday March 23, 7.00pm -
8.30pm. This project is led by the Ministry of
Education, in partnership with key government and
NGO agencies, and supported by
a national reference group. If you'd like more

information or to confirm that you're coming, please contact: elizabeth@connectandco.org Elizabeth Goodwin 027 283 4526

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Contact in Mandarin haiying@whanaumarama.co.nz

"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.

Don't miss Unpacking Disability Law

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

Effective Discipline

Most suitable for parents of children 4-11 years. You will learn 24 practical skills and strategies of how to positively discipline your child by building a strong relationship with them. This relationship enables them to be more willing to listen your instruction and guidance while teaching them to take care of their personal responsibilities. Term 1, every Tuesday morning 9.30am-12.30pm, 7th February – 11th April, Term 2 every Tuesday morning 9.30am-12.30pm, 2nd May-4th July, course costs \$50. Email elizabeth@whanaumarama.co.nz or tamati@whanaumarama.co.nz or 09 441 0209.

Effective Discipline - Mandarin

有效的教导 - 国语授课 2017年 第一学期 (共九周) 每周五早上9:30至中午12:30 从2月10日开始至4月7日结束 适用于4-11岁孩子的家长 总费用 \$50.00 你将学到非常实用的24个技巧与策略, 以用于 巩固你与孩子的关系并能够使孩子更自

Employment Rights Free Information Session

Your Basic rights as an employee, Pay & Minimum wage, Tax, Holidays, public holidays, sick leave & other leave, Rest & Meal break entitlement, Problems at work – Health & Safety, Discrimination, Harassment, Bullying, Termination of employment. Presenter: Maddox Ahuja (Educator & Information officer, Auckland Community Law Centre) Wednesday 5th April 10am to 12pm, Windsor Park Baptist Church, 550 East Coast Road, Mairangi Bay, Auckland 0732 Esther at 09-489 3873 or email settlement.northshore@cab.org.nz

Future Skills Academy

NZ Certificate in Health and Wellbeing Level 2, Royal Oak. Free Fees. High demand for aged care and support workers in the community. Future Skills NZ, Level 1, 691a Mt Albert Road, Royal Oak.

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

Kiwi Parenting for Newcomers to New Zealand

Suitable for parents/grandparents of all cultures Monday 3rd April 10:00am-2:30pm Free One Day Workshop in 2017, Lunch provided, you will discover a little of our countries parenting history from pre-European Maori through to the present day, as well as several practical positive discipline skills and strategies for children of all ages. www.whanaumarama-parenting.co.nz

Little Gems Playgroup

Hi everyone, my name is Lorena. I'm a mother of a gorgeous 6 years old boy, his name is James. My little man was formally diagnosed with autism when he was 3. I know firsthand how difficult it can be for parents looking to do their best after their child diagnosed. I decided to create a playgroup for children up to the age of five (or six if they haven't started school), would be based on free play. The playgroup would also allow parents who faced the same experiences with children with autism to share advice and frustrations. Siblings are welcome. Every Tuesday from 7th March, 10am-12pm, 192 Parnell Road, Parnell, Parnell plunket rooms. Gold coin donation. Contact Lorena 022 307 9263 or Annalee 021 264 2668

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 Feb-September, 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/>

Making Rights Real

IHC Advocacy would like to invite you or members of your organisation to an exciting series of webinars focused on the Human Rights of people with intellectual disability. These webinars have been developed for supporters of people with intellectual disability in paid and unpaid roles. Thursday 16th March. You can join for one or both of the following presentations: 12:30 – 1:30: PPP&R Act 1:45 – 2:30: Financial and Medical Decisions and Consents. There are limited numbers of places available for each webinar. To register please click on the following link: [IHC Making Rights Real Webinar Series](#)

Managing Behaviours in children

Using Visual Strategies and Resources, 11th August 2017, 9.30-11.30am, \$45 per person. Learn how to use supports that visually provide behaviour management strategies. Blockhouse Bay Community Centre. 524 Blockhouse Bay Rd, Blockhouse Bay, Auckland. To book a place email info@dottywobble.com places are limited.

Parenting Adolescents

Most suitable for parents of teens 11-15 years. Term You will learn 23 practical skills and strategies to strengthen your relationship with your teen and help them to be willing to listen to your guidance and consistently take care of their personal responsibilities. Term 1, every Tuesday evening 6.30-9pm, 7th February – 11th April, Term 2 every Tuesday evening 6.30-9pm, 2nd May-4th July, course costs \$50. Email elizabeth@whanaumarama.co.nz or tamati@whanaumarama.co.nz or 09 441 0209.

Parenting Adolescents - Korean

십대를 둔 부모를 위한 한국어 코스

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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.

Positive Discipline for under 4's

Most suitable for parents of newborn to 4 year olds. You will learn about your child's brain development, their bonding to you, how to get them to listen, how to effectively manage when they test limits and how to deal with tantrums. Term 1, every Wednesday morning 9.30am-12.30pm, 15th February – 5th April, Term 2 every Wednesday morning 9.30am-12.30pm, 10th May-28th June, course costs \$50. Email elizabeth@whanaumarama.co.nz or tamati@whanaumarama.co.nz or 09 441 0209.

Introduction to Positive Discipline for 4-11year olds

Suitable for parents of children 4-11 year olds. Week 1 - 22nd March – Family/Whanau time skill, Week 2 – 29th March – Stop, turn and focus skill, Week 3 – 5th April – Communicating one off requests, Week 4 – 12th April – Communicating our expectations. Wednesday morning 9.30-10.30am, Glenfield Library. Email na@whanaumarama.co.nz or phone Na 09 551 6974.

Respite Consultation Workshops Auckland

The Ministry of Health is holding a number of workshops on the draft respite strategy to receive feedback from the sector on whether they think the strategy is heading in the right direction. The draft respite strategy proposes transformational change to the current respite model. It is proposing - the introduction of flexible respite budgets, earlier administration, with fewer rules about how funding can be used, development of wider range of respite options, stakeholders working together to plan how those who need respite the most can access services. 10th April 2-5pm (providers) 6-9pm (disabled people and their families). Independent Living Services, 14 Erson Ave, Royal Oak. To express interest please email respitestrategy@moh.govt.nz by 31st March.

Social and Friendship Skills Workshop 7-9pm

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

Tenancy rights and helping new migrants to settle in New Zealand Free information session

Learn about: Your rights as a tenant and How Citizens Advice Bureau helps new migrants to settle in New Zealand. Presenter: Sonette De Koster (CAB North Shore Manager Thursday 23rd March 2017, 11am to 12pm, Northcote Library, Norman King Square, 2 Ernie Mays St, Northcote. Esther at 09-489 3873 or email settlement.northshore@cab.org.nz

Using Visual Strategies and Resources for Learning Workshops

9th June 2017, 9.30am-12.30pm. \$55 per person. Learn About - Visual strategies for learning at any age. Great ways to support learning. New strategies for school or home. Extra support for learning difficulties. Blockhouse Bay Community Centre. 524 Blockhouse Bay Rd, Blockhouse Bay, Auckland. To book a place email info@dottywobble.com places are limited.

Visuals – The Basics and Much More

7th April 2017, 9.30-11.30am, \$45 per person. Learn About: Why visuals are important, Different types of visuals, How to use visuals effectively, How to extend the use of visuals. Receive a free visual to get you started. Visuals and related resources will be available for purchase on the day. Blockhouse Bay Community Centre. 524 Blockhouse Bay Rd, Blockhouse Bay, Auckland. To book a place email info@dottywobble.com places are limited.

Wellness and Leadership Takapuna and Wellness Pukekohe

This seminar brings together two key areas of interest and concern for people in the community sector. Wellness has increasingly become a significant challenge for people who experience the pressures of unsustainable demands and challenges in this sector. For years we focused on how to deal with stress but the growing awareness now is the importance of understanding and knowing how to develop and sustain wellness in our lives and in the way we work, and how critical it is that we model this in our leadership with others. Presenter: Hilary Star-Foged, 11th April 12-2pm, Channel View Lounge, Mary Thomas Centre, 3 Gibbons Rd, Takapuna. \$20 per person including lunch. 5th April, Franklin Arts Centre, 12 Massey Ave, Pukekohe \$20 per person. Register info@ancad.org.nz or 09 486 4820.

Conferences/Seminars outside Auckland

7th International Carers Conference

4-6th October, Adelaide Australia. The conference aims to re-imagine caring into the future, providing a catalyst for innovation and collaboration; sharing improvements in the way we support unpaid carers, care-recipients, their families, networks and communities. In addition to recognising and learning from past achievements, this conference will focus on the future, the challenges and opportunities ahead, and showcase innovation in policy and practice. The International Carers Conference theme – Caring into the Future: the new world? - will focus on innovation, partnerships, future challenges and new opportunities. A stimulating program is being developed with

challenging debates, thought-provoking presentations, interactive workshops and new exhibition zones to inspire, inform and drive forward sector collaboration.

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



Accessible Arts Auckland Festival

Coming up next week the 2017 the Auckland Arts Festival will open on Wednesday 8th of March. Over 19 days the Auckland Arts Festival (AAF) will present over 45 individual events, exhibitions and performances by artists and companies from Aotearoa and all around the world. There are both free and ticketed events and the programme is distributed across Auckland so the events are as accessible to different communities as possible.

This year's programme has a heap of installations, live shows and exhibitions to suit a range of ages and interests and catering to diverse needs. We are absolutely blown away by how each year this

dedicated team are expanding their accessible programming to include more NZSL translated and audio described performances, touch tours and introductory notes available prior to the event. Deaf and Hearing Impaired Patrons – [RAW: Shortland St, The Musical 14th March](#), Aotea Centre, [Power Plant 8th-12th March](#) – The Domain, [The Encounter 15th-19th March](#), Aotea Centre, [Horror 21st-26th March](#) – Civic. Blind and Low Vision Patrons – [The Biggest, 13th March](#) – Q Theatre, [Lost at Sea, Children's show 8 years plus, 17th March](#) – Q Theatre, [The Encounter 15th-19th March](#), Aotea Centre.

Annual Auckland Interscholar Sports

(formerly Parasports) Day for Primary and Intermediate School students with disabilities, will be held in the grounds of Mt Roskill Primary and Mt Roskill Intermediate Schools on Friday 24th March with the official opening at 10am. For further information and registrations please contact Melanie Sarnum phone 09 620 5050 or Margaret Gaiqui phone 09 620 7907. Closing date for registrations 10th March.

Art and Soul – North Shore

There are open days on Wednesday mornings in Milford senior citizens hall, 10.15-11.45am which explain all the programmes they offer, how to pay for this. There is a 1:4 ratio of carers to young adults. Offer several programmes – Art Club, Band and Drumming, Computer Skills, Dance Club, Day Tripper Club and Zine Club. Run throughout the week for over 21year olds who have left full time education, based for families living on the North Shore. More details can be found in our activities attachment page. For more information phone Kate 021 028 36465 or email artandsoulgroups@gmail.com

Diabetes Self-Management Programme January-December 2017

6 weeks duration, designed for people living with type 2 diabetes and or their caregivers. The DSMP diabetes programme helps participants to develop self-management skills to deal with the challenges of living well with diabetes. Available in Samoan, Cantonese, Mandarin, Hindi and Punjabi languages and at venues and times to suit different communities within West Auckland Waitemata DHB.

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

Empowered Communities Workshop

You are invited to attend an Empowered Communities workshop, being offered by the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board. These small workshops are aimed at grassroots community groups and organisations, to inform, encourage and support you in delivering events. They are totally free. Attendees will learn basic event planning techniques, understand the regulatory requirements of running events in public spaces and learn how to raise funds from a range of funders and/or sponsors. Ongoing support will be offered after the workshop, to help see your event to fruition. Next workshops in your area are: Saturday

11th March 10am - 3pm OR Wednesday 5th April 4pm - 9pm. You only need to attend one. We encourage numerous attendees from the same community groups to attend. Contact Angela McNoe, Workshop Facilitator 021 830 007

Fitness Fun Class

In term 2 under our new brand, we will be launching a fitness fun class for children with special needs or learning difficulties (including things like dyslexia, etc). This class will have fun activities for learning balance, agility, fitness skills, upper body strength as well as activities which encourage both sides of the brain to function. The class will have routines to follow and fun free time. Confirmation of whether the class will run on Saturdays or Sundays will be made soon. Please email info@dottywobble.com if you are interested in finding out more about the class or enrolling.

It's All About Me!

Self-Awareness Workshop for girls attending intermediate and High Schools held in school holidays - Self-defense / Positive Body Image / Social media safety / Healthy Relationships. Beach Haven Community House, 130 Beach Haven Road, Beach Haven. 19th April 9am-3pm. Register North Shore Women's Centre 09 444 4618 or women.crt@xtra.co.nz

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).

Korean Day

Is a great way to be introduced to Korean cultural heritage. Activities are – Korean traditional art performance, traditional games and craft experience, traditional food and drinks. 1st April from 10am, North Shore Events Centre, Silverfield and Argus Place, Glenfield

Manage Better, Feel Stronger, free courses start his month

Are you, or someone you care for, managing an ongoing health condition? Join a friendly group providing support and information for two and a half hours per week for six weeks. Courses are free and include a cuppa. Venues in Otara, Flat Bush, Manurewa, Glen Innes, Mt Roskill, Henderson, Ranui. Hindi, Chinese and Tongan courses in some areas. To register or for more information call Ula 274 7823 ext 9144 or Ruby ext 9821 or email: ulas@ethc.co.nz

Mess It Up – Messy Play

16th March, 23rd March, 30th March, 6th April, 13th April. 10-11am. Meadowbank Scout Hall, 28c Rutherford Terrace, Meadowbank \$15 casual entry. Our unique one-hour Messy Play sessions involve free play using paint, slime, play dough, foam, water, ice, finger paint, rice, pasta, and many different mediums. Come and have some messy fun with your child where you don't have to clean up the mess afterwards. It's not about making a mess, it's about making memories. Messy or sensory play can help your child's

development on a number of levels. This type of creative play gives children endless ways to develop and learn. Young children rely on sensory input to learn about their environment. Research suggests that sensory play helps build neural connections that support thought, learning and creativity. Sensory play supports language development, cognitive growth, fine/gross motor skills, problem solving/reasoning, and social interaction. Children will experience lots of opportunities to develop their fine motor skills - squishing and squeezing can help develop pre-writing skills. There is potential for early Mathematics by discussing size, shape, height, weight and counting and grouping of various mediums. There are endless opportunities for early Science experiments with mixing, dissolving, temperature, and different textures.

Mind over Manner Workshop – Wellington

These workshops are designed for the parents, siblings, families, community members first responders and professionals in close association with these teenagers. The teenagers may be undiagnosed high functioning or diagnosed with such labels as Asperger's, OCD, ADHD, Dyspraxia, ADD, ODD and others. They normalize what's often viewed as dysfunction or disability and reframes it as cognitive difference, levelling communication barriers between all of our neurodiversity. That person that's been put in that "label or box" is just another person. They were established because there is a desperate and exponential need for our workshops. Sensory Processing and Cognitive Differences. Workshop 1/2 Te Whaea National Dance and Drama Centre, 11 Hutchison Road, Newtown Wellington. 6th April 7-9pm and 7th April 10.30am-12.30pm. [Here](#) is the latest publicity brief on Mind over Manner. If you are interested in booking a workshop please visit our website www.mindovermanner.co.nz or contact Susan Haldane 027 665 8084 (txt only) sue@mindovermanner.co.nz

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.

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

Tri Star Gymnastics Open Day

As the days become shorter and the air becomes colder, come inside for an exciting opportunity for those within the Auckland disability community to

explore Tri Star Gymnastics at our fun and family-friendly event! The Disability Programme is hosting an Open House on Saturday April 8th, 2017 from 4:30-6:00pm. This is a great opportunity to come and swing on the bars, roll down the cheese mats, walk on the beams, jump on the trampoline, or get lost in the foam pit. Try out the gym if you've never been before, or for our existing members, use this as a chance to show off all you have learnt so far to your family and friends. Although coaches will be on hand to assist, the event is for athletes and their parents/guardians/support workers to enjoy together. This is a sensory aware event and there will be a quiet room provided for those who may need a break from the gym and we will also be limiting attendance for this event. Sign up ASAP by emailing Leigh Dawson at leigh.dawson@tristar.org.nz to confirm your spot! In your email please state how many children will be attending and any details that will help us make the event the most successful for your child. Tri Star is located at 55 Arundel Street, Mt Roskill in Keith Hay Park. Entrance is by gold coin donation.

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.

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Attitude are wanting kids to share their voice

We are producing some short videos to give a platform for kids to share their voice. What do they want others to know about having a disability? What would they change about the world? What do they want to be when they grow up? Contact Olivia Shivas 021 022 01103 olivia@attitudelive.com

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](#).

Autism Awareness Day

Sunday 2nd April. We encourage everybody to support autism awareness by wearing light blue and taking part in fundraisers and awareness events.

Bloom

Is a social enterprise for youth and individuals with learning disabilities. We are based in Pukekohe at Tui

Glen Nurseries. You can find us at 188 Jutland Rd (far end of Princes St West) alongside Te Whangai Trust. We offer; meaningful activities for our vulnerable people, a connection to our community, an exchange of knowledge and skills between our keen volunteers and our people, a fun social work environment, some additional income to our workers and a sense of wellbeing for all participants. Every Monday, Thursday, Saturday 9am-12pm. New participants welcome on Mondays. For more information email Ineke bloompukekohe@gmail.com or 021 084 92604. Plants available for sale 10am-12pm.

Burn Support Trust

The Burn Support Charitable Trust is a non-profit organisation founded in 1987. We rely solely on the generous support of the public and different organisations who donate to our Charity of which we are truly appreciate. Burns are traumatic for both individual, their families/whanau. They can be faced with many losses, their physical appearance, sometimes their home, income and perhaps grieving the loss of a family member or colleague involved in a fire. The multiple emotions felt by burn survivors was the reason Burn Support Group felt there was a real need to support patients and families throughout the rehabilitative phase of a burn injury, however small or extensive that maybe. If you look on their website www.burns.org.nz for more information.

Care Matters

Care Matters is a ground-breaking carer learning and wellbeing resource service, designed in New Zealand by carers specifically for carers in the disability community. Phone 0508 236 236

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. Check out any books and if they don’t have them they can get them in for you.

Community Investigation

Community Investigation invites you to take a holistic look at community and explore questions such as, what does a healthy community look like and how can we create it? How does reciprocity work in community? It also provides methods and tools for exploring the talents of the community. This in turn should lead to a targeted allocation of practical and financial resources and in turn increase productivity for your organisation. It will allow you to look at and challenge the way your organisation functions on a day to day basis while remaining true to its vision. You will also develop a fresh understanding of how your organisation fits into the wider community. Community Investigation will empower your organisation to adopt fresh, innovative ideas and increase you relevance while providing tools for you to shed ideas that may be limiting your life in the

community. Community investigation is an experience that empowers your organisation to be agents of change in an ever changing world. For more information contact Gray Ruffell, info@grayruffell.co.nz, 027 303 1079 / 06 870 8212

Dans le Noir ? at Rydges Auckland

Opening March 24th, 59 Federal St, Auckland. Booking are now open to live this unique human & sensory experience! To book click [here](#) and their facebook [page](#). For more information click [here](#)

Digital playgrounds return to Auckland parks

Magical Park – an app that transforms a normal park into a digital playground – is back for the rest of the year at three Auckland sites following its successful two-month trial. Specifically made for children aged 6-11, the app augments the real world with 3D digital images via a smartphone or tablet. “We know children spend a lot of time on their screens and this app enables them to get moving while using their devices,” she says. “The app’s trial had some really positive results; we saw a lot of families getting out in our parks collecting dinosaur eggs or catching kittens. So we’re really excited to bring Magical Park back to three of our parks for more children to enjoy,” she says. The parks which will host the app until the end of the year are: Onepoto Domain, Onewa Road, Northcote – near the Community Hall, Harbourview Peoples Park, Te Atatu Road and Gloria Ave roundabout, Te Atatu Peninsula, Barry Curtis Park, Flat Bush – near the playground off Stancombe Road. Each park has a game specifically designed for it and the games cannot be played outside the designated areas within the park. The game spaces are clearly signposted and boundaries are pre-programmed to blackout and show warning signs to stop children running into hazards or onto roads. Players can go to [Geo AR Games](#) if they need game support.

‘Disadvantaged Pedestrians’ Research

Jun Park is a Doctoral (PhD) student in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Auckland. He needs to interview a diverse range of people to further enhance his understanding of the barriers or issues faced by disadvantaged pedestrians in their journeys and to find potential solutions to these issues from various perspectives. ‘Disadvantaged pedestrians’ in this research includes people over 65 years of age and individuals with disabilities, such as: Physical (mobility impairments), Sensory (hearing and/or seeing impairments) and Dementia. His research aims to identify key factors relating to recurring issues and to develop a framework in evaluating and quantifying the impact these issues have on the users and the benefits of addressing these issues using qualitative data from the interviews. [Participant Information sheet](#) here and [Consent Form](#). For more information contact Jun hpar706@aucklandunit.ac.nz or 021 022 77965.

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

Family First Welfare Trust

Their vision is have a multi-ethnic and well integrated society where Muslim families are dignified, empowered and can live a life free from fear and violence with their own unique identity, contributing towards Aotearoa and community while exercising their rights and choices in a responsible manner. They provide all possible support to the families based on NZ law focusing on Islamic values in a family crisis or family breakdown situation. Based at 269 Great South Road, Otahuhu, 09 276 1785 / 0800 435 7786 email info@familyfirstwelfare.org.nz

Free Dental Checks (First 500) for carers

Carers NZ is pleased to announce in partnership with Lumino the dentists to recognise and celebrate carers. Lumino is devoting one day of free dental treatments nationwide. Each appointment will include a dental exam, xrays, clean and any basic treatment at no cost to carers. This project is an outcome of our Year of wellbeing for carers, reminding them that to support others well, they need to care for themselves to. 6th May. Please click above to register your interest.

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. Contact flourishingfriendships16@gmail.com or call Sarah 021 135 3560 or Diane 027 629 0696.

IHC Volunteering

The IHC volunteer programme is about friendship in the community. This is what makes a volunteer for IHC so unique. Spend time doing what you want to do, when you want to do it, with a person with an intellectual disability. By taking a moment to connect with someone with an intellectual disability you can make a positive change in someone's life and a new friend in the process. For more information click [here](#) and to find volunteers in your area for your young person.

Inclusion Support Need Assistance – Waitakere College

We are planning to do a much needed revamp to our ISC physio gym with new equipment to help the 50 disabled students in our centre to improve their fitness and build strength to achieve their goals, such as walking and moving on their own. We plan to buy a treadmill, bike, stepping machine and weights machines to make the Inclusion Support Centre an exciting and motivating place to get stronger and to become more independent. But we now need your help!!! Starting on the 1st March you can go online at <https://www.milliondollarmission.co.nz/finalists/waitakere/> and place a vote for us. Your vote will give us \$5.00 towards this project. You can then cast another vote every day for the two month period, or until the million dollars has been allocated. We are competing against 29 other organisations in a race to get our project funded before the money runs out. Please help by taking the time to vote. Then, Please help us again by spreading the word and encouraging your family and friends, people you work with and other networks to vote for us. Thank you from all the staff and students here in the Inclusion Support Centre at Waitakere College.

Jobs Available – Dan Le Noir (In the Dark) – exciting new restaurant concept in Auckland!!

Dans le Noir? is a project being set up by Dans le Noir? and Rydges Auckland. "Dans le Noir?" (French for "In the Dark?") has several restaurants in Europe (Paris, London, Barcelona) offering patrons a unique human and sensory experience by eating in complete darkness, guided and served by either a visually impaired or blind staff. Dans le Noir? are seeking guides/waiters/waitresses for their Auckland restaurant. Please read the advertisement carefully before applying. Send your CV to Chanael at danslenoir.auckland@gmail.com

Kidpower, Teenpower Healthy Relationships

Late last year we launched the latest version of the Healthy Relationship Resource for disabled teens and adults. The resource provides practical tools to build resiliency and prevent bullying, violence and abuse, is suitable for the classroom, groups or individuals. It was developed over 6 years, in collaboration with users with disabilities. It is available free online <http://www.kidpower.org.nz/healthyrelationships> or can be purchased in hardcopy by ordering online through our website. Independent evaluations found that the programme was of high quality, effective, easy to follow, and enjoyable for students!

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

Mind over Matter

Are a charity organisation that presents workshops to strengthen communication and connection with those teenagers who think learn and work differently. These workshops are designed for the parents, siblings, families, community members first responders and professionals in close association with these teenagers. The teenagers may be undiagnosed high functioning or diagnosed with such labels as Asperger's, OCD, ADHD, Dyspraxia, ADD, ODD and others. They normalizes what's often viewed as dysfunction or disability and reframes it as cognitive difference, levelling communication barriers between all of our neurodiversity. That person that's been put in that "label or box" is just another person. They were established because there is a desperate and exponential need for our workshops. We are all aware there is a significant increase in teenage anxiety, youth alienation, unemployment, teenage runaways and youth suicide. Helps parents and professionals keep going when they just don't know what to do

next. Mind over manner uses applied theatre techniques and works with theatre practitioners. By re-constructing highly-charged events drawn from life experiences, exercises deliver "active-reality" scenarios so parents, family, caregivers, teachers, youth workers and police have the chance to participate and reassess their responses to these most difficult times. If you are interested in booking a Mind over manner workshop please visit our website www.mindovermanner.co.nz or contact Susan Haldane 027 665 8084 (txt only) sue@mindovermanner.co.nz

Music Therapy with Shari

Shari is an Auckland-based, NZ Registered Music Therapist, providing contract music therapy services to a variety of facilities including a mental health service for older people in a hospital setting, aged care in residential and health settings, a choir for people living with neurological conditions, day services for adults living with disabilities, as well as private practice with clients in locations across Auckland. From young children to older generations; one-on-one, with families and in groups; in schools, rest homes, health care facilities and private homes; working with people with special needs, mental health needs, intellectual and physical disabilities and within neuro-rehabilitation. Email shari.storie@outlook.co.nz or phone 021 574 274.

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](#)

Never Again E Kore Ano

The Human Rights Commission have recently launched an open letter to the Prime Minister and public campaign for an inquiry into the historic abuse of New Zealanders held in state care. Iwi leaders, disability advocates, academics, current and former Human Rights Commissioners as well as survivors

have signed the initial open letter. Please find the letter and further information below. They hope to see a groundswell of support from all New Zealanders as well as those with large social media followings. You are invited to sign the letter and encouraged to disseminate this information widely. The NeverAgain website is www.neveragain.co.nz. If you wish to discuss or have any questions please contact either: Paul Gibson, Disability Rights Commissioner paul@hrc.co.nz or Karen Johansen, Indigenous Rights Commissioner. [Open Letter - PDF](#)

Open Home Foundation

Oasis Respite Break Services for families accessing individualised funding services. Families can access this service if they have children aged 5-20 years with Autism and/or an intellectual disability. This service can be directly purchased through Open Home. There are 5 different types of services – Respite home away from home – which is allocated via Taikura Trust, caring for your child at home with an Oasis worker, child cared for at home while you are away overnight, a fun day out for your child and also a holiday programme child for your child. Please have a look at the flier [page 1](#), [page 2](#).

Otahuhu Health Expo

1st April, 11am-2pm, Toia, Mason Ave, Otahuhu. Free face painters, bouncy castle, giveaways, and competitions. Free family event. The community will be able to receive information on all aspects of healthy living and available services.

Skids After School Programmes

Running out of Bairds Mainfreight Otara, Mayfield, Nga Iwi, Randwick Park, Robertson Road, Sutton Park after school quality programmes and are able to cater for some special needs children. Can provide most times a free service. Have arts and crafts, technology, cooking, movie day, fun day, sports and more. Provides healthy nutritious food and physical activity every day. Check out the above flier. For more information contact Ajneeta 027 627 5001 or email ajneeta.skids@outlook.co.nz

Special Assessment Conditions – Schooling

School term has begun and often IEP's are scheduled this term. SAC may be one of the subjects to discuss with teachers whether your teenager has an IEP or not. What are Special Assessment Conditions (SAC)? Special Assessment Conditions (SAC) provide extra help for approved students studying for NCEA that ensure they are fairly assessed through the removal of barriers. They can be used for both internal standards and external exams.

Speech4all Speech Therapy

My name is Samantha McGillivray. I am a Speech Language Therapist working part time at Sunnydene Special School and part time as a private therapist at Speech4all. I have worked a lot with children with complex communication needs and have completed my masters research examining the language use in children with ASD. Email info@speech4all.co.nz

Standing Tall Transforming Abilities Survey

Standing Tall Recruitment and Advisory is proud to announce that we will be conducting Disability Sensation and Awareness Training for a global ride share service soon. Contact driver@standingtall.co.za for more information

Strengthening Families – Franklin

Empowering families to sort out their issues all at once in a coordinated way. Families are supported to achieve lasting results. It's about making a difference for families by connecting the services. For more info or to register contact 238 6233 or visit www.strengtheningfamilies.govt.nz

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

Super Kids Soap Box Derby

Whangaparoa Rotary Soap Box Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th April, 10am-2pm. Racing in tandem with a fully experienced and qualified soap box derby driver. To book a time slot phone Hellen 021 412 613 or Sarah 021 428 037

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 021 140 2891. I look forward to hearing from you.

Safari Multicultural Playgroup Project Job Vacancy.

Playgroup Project Worker – 7 months fixed term, 10-14 hours per week. Will need to have ECE qualification and/or experience, An understanding of refugee and migrant community needs, Commitment to enhancing ECE opportunities for refugee

background families, Experience in project and people coordination, and engaging with people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, Self-motivation, confidence, reliability and flexibility, Sound administration skills and computer literacy, Strong written and oral communication skills. Please look at the position description and request an application form if interested from cherieb@arms-mrc.org.nz. Please make it clear which position you are interested in. Applications close at 4pm on Thursday 9th March 2017. We plan to interview short-listed applicants on the 14th or 15th March. Please send your completed application, CV and cover letter to cherieb@arms-mrc.org.nz or call Cherie 09 973 2852

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 participant's 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/phone calls 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.

Wise Collective Project Job Vacancy

9 Months Fixed Term: 12 hours per week, applicants will need to have: Experience of community engagement and development, preferably with former refugee/migrant women, Commitment to enhancing empowerment and enterprise opportunities for former refugee women, Competency in English and at least one other relevant language, Digital, computer and basic administration skills, Strong interpersonal skills and good common sense, Self-motivation, with good teamwork skills and a willingness to learn. Please look at the [position description](#) and request an application form if interested from cherieb@arms-mrc.org.nz. Please make it clear which position you are interested in. Applications close at 4pm on Thursday 9th March 2017. We plan to interview short-listed applicants on the 14th or 15th March. Please send your completed application, CV and cover letter to cherieb@arms-mrc.org.nz. For more information you can call Cherie or Sasi Syed on 09 625 2440.

World First Audio Game App

The Blind Cricket game is the latest development from Auckland start-up Audio Game Hub. With demonstrations of the digital and real world version of the game it gave us an amazing insight into how the game was developed, with support and engagement in reviewing and testing the new app from the New Zealand Blind Cricket Team. Blind Cricket is played very similar to the conventional game. The most significant differences are that they bowl underarm, the stumps are metal to give an audible sound, the ball is plastic with small plastic balls in it to make an audible plastic rattle sound when it is moving and there are three sight categories dependant on your degree of vision.

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