



NorthAble
DISABILITY SERVICES

NorthAble Information Update 30/03/2016

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Events – Seminars – Courses – Meetings

Cybersafety presentation. April 4, 5.30pm, MANAIA PHO, 28-30 Rust Ave, Whangarei. Mikayla McKeague and Manaia PHO bring a one off community presentation by John Parsons. If you are a parent or you work with children and young people then this workshop is not to be missed. Topics will include; sexting, cyberbullying and online grooming. To enrol email AudreyJ@manaiapho.co.nz

Parkinson's Northland invitation to members and others to hear guest speakers Monday April 4. Auckland Hospital's Dr Mark Simpson, neurologist and Lorraine MacDonald, movement disorders nurse will talk at the Kerikeri RSA, 10am-12.15pm. Morning tea provided. RSVP by March 25 to Trish on 09 437 6878 or email northland@parkinsons.org.nz

Work & Income Support Seminars for individuals and families raising a child with a disability. April 6, 7-9pm. Disability Connect is running seminars to explore Work and Income supports related to disability. Their presentation will be broad and informational, no individual cases discussed. Disability Connect, 3b Olive Road, Penrose, Auckland. Ph (09) 636-035 email admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz

Understanding Epilepsy. Epilepsy Association of New Zealand Inc Northland Branch a seminar, Thursday March 31, 10-midday. Venue 71 Bank Street, Whangarei. Also Kaitaia Thursday April 14, 10-midday. Venue: Kaitaia, Reap Far North, 33 Puckey Ave. To book, phone (09)4385498 or 0272916869 (leave a message) or Email: northland@epilepsy.org.nz

Boccia 2016 North Island Championships. April 16-17 at the ASB Sports Centre in Kilbirnie, Wellington. This event is the first sanctioned tournament of the year and provides players the opportunity to compete and earn national ranking points. Entry forms available on the Boccia NZ website: <http://www.boccia.org.nz/events.html>

Trivial Pursuit Night for Achieve 2B! Tuesday April 19. 6.30pm – 9pm. Come along to our Fabulous and Fun Quiz Night. A fledging Charitable Trust. Achieve 2B is an inspiring intercultural exchange programme for young people with disabilities. Facilitating National and International exchanges. Quiz venue: RSA, Rust Ave, Whangarei Just \$14 for an Adult Ticket and \$10 for Students! Teams of 6 – 8 welcome! Give a zany name to your team! Purchase tickets before the event. Phone 0800 223 822.

Auckland Disability Law in partnership with the Office of Disability Issues and the Ministry of Social Development's Think Differently Fund is hosting a National Conversation hui about supported decision making (SDM) April 20-21. SDM makes sure disabled people can make choices about their own lives. The Conversation will be held at Waipuna Hotel, Mt Wellington, Auckland. Emailing info@adl.org.nz for more information.

2016 Halberg Junior Disability Games. The Halberg Disability Sport Foundation are hosting their annual Junior Disability Games at St Peter's School in Cambridge from Friday 22nd - Sunday 24th April. For full event and entry details please visit:<http://www.juniordisabilitygames.org.nz/>

Mindfulness course. May 5- June 23, Thursday Evenings 6-8pm, at Red Cross, 59 Bank Street Whangarei. Mindfulness as a way of bringing meditation and it's benefits into every day life. It is used in NZ hospitals to help patients manage pain and is used to manage both depression and stress. Wise View also present a course to classes of children in some schools in our area to provide them with life skills. See www.wiseview.co.nz Email denise@wiseview.co.nz or antonia@wiseview.co.nz

Training – health promotion. Forum *Te Pae Mahutonga (TPM) and Māori Health Promotion Planning.* Friday April 15. Whangarei, venue to be advised. Workshop will explore TPM from within a contemporary context and look into how health promotion practitioners can utilise this model in the planning of their work. Inquiries email emma@hauora.co.nz or telephone (09) 300 3734.

Situations Vacant

Achieve 2B Vacancy for Chapter Lead Coordinator Whangarei: Would you like to be a part of an exciting new venture? Achieve 2B is an inspiring intercultural program for young people with disabilities, facilitating national and international exchanges. We are seeking a Lead Coordinator to establish a Chapter in Whangarei. Primarily your role is to connect and facilitate. We would love to hear from you if you have the following skills: Leadership skills and the ability to delegate; Team Spirit; Good organisation skills: ability to analyse and be objective; Networking skills; Team management and facilitation skills; Diplomacy and confidentiality; Good listener; Experience in intercultural settings or conflict resolution would be an asset. In the development of the Chapter this role will require 10 hours of volunteer work per week and by 6 months it should not exceed 4 hours of volunteer work per week If you would like to learn more about this position or view the role description please contact Julia Hartshorne on 0800 223 822 or email info@achieve2b.org.nz

In the News

Big bill hits struggling family. Herald on Sunday. March 27. A family with a severely autistic daughter could lose their home if they can't raise more than \$250,000 to fix their leaking property. Teachers Devora Busch, 47, and Richard Barry, 59, live in Titirangi, West Auckland, with their three children, including 10-year-old Rheegan who is among New Zealand's highest-needs children. An independent valuer estimates recladding could cost up to \$261,000. Government and council will provide half of the recladding costs under the Financial Assistance Package for eligible owners of leaky homes. But there will be no compensation for the \$130,000 the family expect they will have to spend on renting, plus at least four months of mortgage payments and costs associated with Rheegan's care. So far generous Kiwis have donated \$12,041.00 to the family's fund. To donate visit: givealittle.co.nz/saverheeshome

New Pilot Programme for Mobility Parking Users. March 22 2016. Press Release: Ideas Shop. National organisations CCS Disability Action and Driving Miss Daisy NZ Ltd will launch a new pilot scheme to better support access for Mobility Parking users across New Zealand. From Monday 4 April 2016, Driving Miss Daisy vehicles will be able to utilise Mobility Parking Permits when transporting disabled people and those with mobility issues. For further information on the Mobility Parking Scheme go to <http://mobilityparking.org.nz/> or phone 0800 227 22 55. To find your local Driving Miss Daisy go to <http://drivingmissdaisy.co.nz/find-your-local-branch/>

Beyonce recruits disability activist to model clothing line. stuff.co.nz March 22 2016. Jillian Mercado, a disability activist with muscular dystrophy, is the face of Beyonce's new merchandise.

Niva Retimanu: On the Run. New Zealand Herald. March 25 2016. Ten years ago, Niva Retimanu sat on the couch and realised she couldn't tie her shoelaces because her stomach was in the way. "That was my moment of truth," she writes in her new book, *Leading From Behind*. Today, Newstalk ZB newsreader Retimanu runs marathons. The book chronicles a transformation and big stuff – like the joy of running alongside disabled athletes from Achilles New Zealand.