



**NorthAble**  
DISABILITY SERVICES

## NorthAble Information Update 21/12/2016



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## Situations Vacant



**SERVICE CO-ORDINATOR 1.0FTE.** NorthAble is seeking applications for a fixed term maternity leave position of Service Co-ordinator 1.0FTE to join our NASC team (Needs Assessment & Service Coordination for clients 0-65yrs). This Whangarei based position will commence in Feb 2017 and continue up to Feb 2018. [www.seek.co.nz/job/32420805](http://www.seek.co.nz/job/32420805)

## Information of Interest



**CityLink buses timetable changes and innovations:**

- **CityLink Christmas Cheer event – ride the bus for \$1, next Thursday 22 December!**  
[www.nrc.govt.nz/News/news-2016/december/citylink-to-offer-\\$1-christmas-cheer-bus-rides-on-dec-22](http://www.nrc.govt.nz/News/news-2016/december/citylink-to-offer-$1-christmas-cheer-bus-rides-on-dec-22)
- **Okara Loop – the times, starting Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December!** [www.nrc.govt.nz/News/news-2016/december/citylink-to-reintroduce-okara-loop-route-from-19-december/](http://www.nrc.govt.nz/News/news-2016/december/citylink-to-reintroduce-okara-loop-route-from-19-december/)

## Events – Seminars – Courses – Meetings



**NorthAble Christmas hours** NorthAble @ 40 John St Whangarei: closed 12pm 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec – return 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 17. LYNKZ @ 65 John St Whangarei: closed to clients 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – return 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 17. LYNKZ Dargaville. Closed 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. Return 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 17. EQ+ @ 73 John St Whangarei Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec – closed from 12.00pm. Closed statutory days & between 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Dec. Open shorter hours 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Jan. Closed Sat 7<sup>th</sup>. EQ+ returns to normal hours 9<sup>th</sup> Jan.

**NEW! Very important January meeting 2017 – Parkinson's Northland.** Meeting to further discuss future options for the Parkinson's society Date & time: 18th January 2016 @10.30 to 11.30am Venue: Kamo Club, Meldrum Street, Whangarei. The major driver for holding this meeting is the effect the option of a national organisation with branches rather than divisions might have on the Northland Division. Phone: 09 437 6878. Email: [northland@parkinsons.org.nz](mailto:northland@parkinsons.org.nz)

**NEW! Paralympics New Zealand** are excited to announce a Para Cycling Talent Identification and Development Camp in New Plymouth, January 20-22, 2017. To enquire or register your interest in attending the 2017 Para Cycling Talent Identification Camp, please respond via return email to [talent@paralympics.org.nz](mailto:talent@paralympics.org.nz). Please note that attendees must be aged 12+ at time of participation, and must have an eligible impairment for Para cycling.

**NEW! Two free trainings delivered next year in February.** 13<sup>th</sup> February – Training specific to people who work with young people with FASD – Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (or suspected of having FASD) . Relevant to health and community workers, teachers and teachers' aides, social workers, police etc. 14<sup>th</sup> February - Training for whanau and caregivers of young people with FASD. Diary now – huge demand expected, formal panui, registrations to come.

**Achieve 2B is an inspiring intercultural Exchange Programme** facilitating National and International exchanges for young people with disabilities in New Zealand. Host the first ever selected Achieve 2B student. She attends Pakuranga College and is a Year 10 Student who enjoys dancing and cross fit. She is a cat and dog lover so enjoys volunteering for the SPCA. She will be spending 4 weeks in Whangarei for the 1<sup>st</sup> Term in 2017 and is excited about having this new experience and is looking forward to being a part of another family and community. Become a host family! [www.achieve2b.org.nz/](http://www.achieve2b.org.nz/) Telephone: 0800 223 822. Email: [info@achieve2b.org.nz](mailto:info@achieve2b.org.nz). Or [www.facebook.com/achieve2b](http://www.facebook.com/achieve2b)

**Be. Accessible's** Be. Leadership programme is accepting applications to next year's programme. Be. Leadership advances a more accessible society and a dynamic community of leaders who are passionate about accessibility, with the courage to host new conversations. It is a one-of-a-kind programme in New Zealand, taking participants through a year of exploration of different perspectives, questioning, laughter, self-discovery and accessibility-focused leadership. Applications for the Be. Leadership Programme 2017 are open now. Visit [www.beaccessible.org.nz/be-leadership/about/](http://www.beaccessible.org.nz/be-leadership/about/) to find out more or to apply go to [www.beaccessible.org.nz/be-leadership/apply/](http://www.beaccessible.org.nz/be-leadership/apply/)

**Spirit of New Zealand** The application process is open for the next Inspiration Voyage in February 2017 aboard the Spirit of New Zealand – this is an awesome, life changing training programme aboard a purpose built tall ship. The voyage is for young physically disabled people or who have other health issues aged from 16 to 20 years old. There is loads of support for people aboard and throughout the voyage where life skills and team work are the focus. More information: [www.tiaho.org.nz/news/entry/spirit-of-adventure-inspiration-voyage-2017](http://www.tiaho.org.nz/news/entry/spirit-of-adventure-inspiration-voyage-2017)

#### In the news



**Interview with swimmer and Paralympian Sophie Pascoe.** Radio NZ. 19 December 2016. Pascoe recalls when she took part in the Crippled Children's Society Games, for children with disabilities, through ParaFed Canterbury. [www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/ninetonoon/audio/201828254/sophie-pascoe-nz-s-most-successful-paralympian](http://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/ninetonoon/audio/201828254/sophie-pascoe-nz-s-most-successful-paralympian)

**Kiwi couple train 'differently-abled' as baristas.** TV3 Story. 15 December 2016. Going for a job is a competitive process for most, but spare a thought for those who are differently-abled. They may be deaf, physically disabled or have a neurological disorder. [www.newshub.co.nz/home/shows/2016/12/kiwi-couple-train-differently-abled-as-baristas.html](http://www.newshub.co.nz/home/shows/2016/12/kiwi-couple-train-differently-abled-as-baristas.html)

**LOCAL! Parafed on the lookout for new crop of athletes.** Northern Advocate. 14 December 2016. With three medals won by Northlanders at the recent Paralympics Games, Parafed Northland is looking for the next generation of disabled sportspeople. [www.nzherald.co.nz/northern-advocate/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=1503450&objectid=11766054](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/northern-advocate/news/article.cfm?c_id=1503450&objectid=11766054)

**Blind man sets out alone in Google's driverless car.** NZ Herald. 14 December 2016. A blind man has successfully travelled around Austin, Texas - unaccompanied - in a car without a steering wheel or floor pedals, says Google.

