



## NorthAble Information Update 18/1/2017

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## In the news

**Intellectually disabled youth given helping hand into work.** Scoop. 15-01-2017. Over four years, in partnership with IHC's IDEA Services, HELL will have put 54 youths with intellectual disabilities through its paid training programme Active in Hell. "From Whangarei to Balmoral, we have plenty of enthusiastic franchisees willing to be involved and reports from those who have already taken part have been nothing but positive," said HELL general manager Ben Cumming. [www.scoop.co.nz/stories/BU1701/S00195/intellectually-disabled-youth-given-helping-hand-into-work.htm](http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/BU1701/S00195/intellectually-disabled-youth-given-helping-hand-into-work.htm)

**Whangarei student first in new exchange scheme.** Northern Advocate. 16-01-2017. Whangarei teenager Dennon McQueen Foster is thrilled to be the first student in Team Kiwi-roo - a trans-tasman pilot exchange programme for young people with disabilities. He is first off the blocks in the international pilot of Achieve 2B Trust, a scheme founded by Ruakaka woman Julia Hartshorne to give disabled youngsters the same regional and international exchange experiences as other students. [www.nzherald.co.nz/northern-advocate/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=1503450&objectid=11780499](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/northern-advocate/news/article.cfm?c_id=1503450&objectid=11780499)

**Judge orders CYFs to put autistic teen into motel.** New Zealand Herald-15-01-2017. A 14-year-old autistic boy who spent two nights in a police cell and could only speak to his parents through glass, will be temporarily housed in a motel after a judge in the Palmerston North District Court ordered Child, Youth and Family to find suitable accommodation. The boy, who has name suppression, had his third appearance in court this morning after being arrested last Wednesday evening for assaulting his mother. [www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=1&objectid=11783023](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11783023)

**Parafed supports athletes.** Whangarei Leader 11-01-2017. Paralympian gold medallist Cameron Leslie knows first hand what a difference a supporting organisation can make to budding athletes. Visit [www.parefednorthland.co.nz](http://www.parefednorthland.co.nz) or search for them on Facebook.

**High court may put more bite into law for disabled students** New Zealand Herald. 11-01-2017. The Supreme Court on Wednesday seemed willing to put more bite into a law that requires public schools to help learning-disabled students. The court is considering an appeal from the parents of an autistic teen in Colorado who say their public school did not go far enough in helping their son. They want to be reimbursed for the cost of sending him to private school. [www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=2&objectid=11780823](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c_id=2&objectid=11780823)

## Situations vacant

**Vacancy. Part Time Accounts Admin.** Tai Tokerau Emergency Housing Trust. 5 Woods Road, Whangarei 0110. Ph: 09 430 8098 Fax: 09 430 0835. 12hrs per week, 9am-1pm Monday to Friday. Must be able to perform all necessary requirements of the job. This position requires you to (a) keep accurate financial and accounting records to meet TTECHT's legislative and reporting requirements and (b) assist with funding applications, report back and requirements and (c) support the Operations Manager to run a welcoming and efficient office.

Skills and Knowledge: Sound accounting knowledge and experience with Quickbooks programme is a must. Good verbal and written communication skills and the ability to keep accurate records. Ability to think innovatively. Ability to work with a wide variety of people including different cultures and backgrounds. If this sounds like You please forward CV to: [ange@emergencyhousing.org.nz](mailto:ange@emergencyhousing.org.nz) Applications Close Wednesday 1 February 2017 at 12pm.

## Got something to share?

**Got something to share?** Place your Northland disability and health related events, meetings, courses, news, information and situations vacant in *NorthAble Information Update*. Or want to be added to our mailing list? Email: [drc@northable.org.nz](mailto:drc@northable.org.nz)

## Coming up in 2017

**NorthAble LYNKZ Dargaville..** LYNKZ Dargaville re-opens for clients 19th January. See you then!

**Very important meeting today– 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

**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.

**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. Become a host family! [www.achieve2b.org.nz/](http://www.achieve2b.org.nz/) Telephone: 0800 223 822. Email: info@achieve2b.org.nz. Or [www.facebook.com/achieve2b](https://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)

**Epilepsy support group meeting.** First Tuesday of each month, next meeting 7<sup>th</sup> February. Epilepsy Association of New Zealand Inc Northland Branch invites you to attend a support group meeting in Whangarei: Come along and meet others living with epilepsy. The Northland Epilepsy Educator will be available to provide information and support. Everyone is welcome. Brenda Gardner Lounge, Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB), 71 Bank Street, Whangarei, 10.30am to 12 noon. (morning tea provided). Phone (09) 4385498 or 0272916869 (Please leave a message). Email: [northland@epilepsy.org.nz](mailto:northland@epilepsy.org.nz) Public car park at the back of building. Public car park off Vinery Lane via Hunt Street.

## Information of Interest

**For families with children on the UCB or Orphans Benefit.** W&I non-recoverable grants: Start up fund/payment open for all children in unsupported child benefit Really easy to complete but need to be online. Money is transferred directly into bank account within 10 days if there are no issues. If there are you will be contacted. Only open till the end of February 2017. You will not have to show documentation of what the money was spent on to WINZ although it is recommended for costs of 'school start up'. WINZ website says this payment is to help with the costs that mostly happen at the beginning of the year, in particular pre-school and school-related costs, eg clothing, school fees and stationery. How much you get is based on the age of the child at the end of February each year. You won't be taxed on this money or have to pay it back. Follow the link to apply: [www.workandincome.govt.nz/form/workandincome/govt/nz/form.req?requestType=workandincome-govt-nz-kin-carers-form](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/form/workandincome/govt/nz/form.req?requestType=workandincome-govt-nz-kin-carers-form)