



NorthAble Information Update 28/06/2017

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Information of Interest

Grants for Not-for-Profit groups: Canon NZ has 3 grants (each is \$5000 worth of Canon equipment) to support schools and not-for-profit groups which are addressing both social and environmental issues in their community and inspiring change for future generations. Applications close on Friday 4 August. See: www.canon.co.nz/about-canon/community/grants and www.canon.co.nz/about-canon/community/grants/oceania-grants-form

Opportunities for the Not for Profit Sector! Who did you help today: Help Trust - A new digital marketplace that aims to provide the not for profit sector with more specialist skills pro-bono is now live! HelpTank will connect skilled volunteers and community organisations, so that not for profits get the specialist help they need, when they need. Visit www.helptank.nz, or contact team@helptank.nz with any questions. Follow on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#)

In the News

Small Business: Kicking the disability stigma through awareness - Attitude Pictures. NZ Herald. 26 June 2017. We're a media production company called Attitude Pictures. One of the things we do is produce a TV series called Attitude, which is about people with disabilities which begun 13 years ago. We produce 40 episodes of television every year. www.nzherald.co.nz/business/news/article.cfm?c_id=3&objectid=11876735

Community rallies for disabled boy Charlie Gordon-Stables. Newshub. 24 June 2017. A hurtful remark by one parent to another sparked a mass play date in Auckland in support of six-year-old disabled boy Charlie Gordon-Stables. www.newshub.co.nz/home/new-zealand/2017/06/community-rallies-for-disabled-boy-charlie-gordon-stables.html

How do you talk to someone with a disability? NewsHub. 22 June 2017. Interview with Human Rights Specialist Gough, who was a NZ representative at a UN Conference on the rights of people with disabilities. She says NZ does pretty well by international standards but could always do more in areas like accessibility, education, and especially housing for the disabled. www.newshub.co.nz/home/shows/2017/06/how-do-you-talk-to-someone-with-a-disability.html

LOCAL. Free gym for special kids. Northland Age. 22 June 2017. Community Fitness has given seven students aged 12-16 from Kerikeri High School's Learning Enrichment Centre free membership for three months. Kerikeri Rotary has covered the cost of gym shoes, while local businesses have donated bags, bottles and towels.

Inspirational Kiwi becomes first tennis player with disability to earn a professional ranking point. OneNews. 20 June 2017. 23-year-old Alex Hunt was born without a lower left arm but it didn't stop him as he dominated in his opening match at an ITF event in Guam. www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/sport/tennis/inspirational-kiwi-becomes-first-tennis-player-disability-earn-professional-ranking-point

Disabled man afraid to go home after burglary. NZ Herald. 20 June 2017. "He's really gutted. They've taken everything he enjoyed and things that he can't just replace. It's very disappointing that people have taken advantage of him and invaded his privacy." www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11879182

LOCAL. Young people turn out to Parafed's Disability Sports Day. Stuff.co.nz. 19 June 2017. Just under 50 youths aged 7- 21, from the region took part in Parafed Northland's Junior Disability Sports Day at Whangarei's ASB Stadium. www.stuff.co.nz/auckland/local-news/northland/93668159/young-people-turn-out-to-parafeds-disability-sports-day

Dr Huhana Hickey supports call for Disability Issues Minister to step down. Maori Television. 19 June 2017. Dr Hickey says, "Does she need to resign? Well I just don't think she can stay in the role." www.maoritelevision.com/news/regional/dr-huhana-hickey-supports-call-disability-issues-minister-step-down

Events – Seminars – Courses – Meetings

JUNE

28th: Safeguarding children roadshow will be held in **Kaitaia** on June 28th. Child Matters and Community Networks Aotearoa are jointly delivering presentations to volunteers and volunteering organisations. Understand roles and responsibilities when engaging with children and get access to resources. Enrol at www.tfaforms.com/4605186 For more contact Ros Rice 04 4723364 or eo@communitynetworksaotearoa.org.nz



30th-July 1st: EQ+, crnr John and Dent Sts, Whangarei, closed Friday June 30 and Saturday July 1 for Stocktake. Apologies for any inconvenience. Shop online: www.equipmentplus.org.nz.

JULY

4th: Epilepsy Support Group. Whangarei, first Tuesday of each month, next meeting 4th July. Come along and meet others living with epilepsy. The Northland Epilepsy Educator available to provide information and support. Brenda Gardner Lounge, Citizens Advice Bureau, 71 Bank Street, Whangarei, 10.30am to 12 noon. Phone (09) 4385498 or 0272916869 Email: northland@epilepsy.org.nz

7th: Whangarei Parkinson's Support Group 1st Friday monthly, next meeting 7th July 10.30-midday, The Kamo Club Rooms, Meldrum Street, Kamo. Contact Trisha Ryan, Co-ordinator, Parkinson's Northland, Email northland@parkinsons.org.nz Ph: 09 437 6878.

NEW! 15th-16th: Northland Equestrian Petting zoo. A Waipu in Tartan event! All sorts of animals on show, food and drinks, entertainment, free entry. Inside the stables, July 15th and 16th 10am-3pm, Northland Equestrian, 2760 State Highway 1, Ruakaka. Fundraiser for the Horse Museum at Northland Equestrian. For more information, ph Maryke on 021 066 8546 or see www.facebook.com/Northland Equestrian or www.northlandequestrian.co.nz

15th-16th: Building a richer life A workshop for families supporting a person with a disability, July 15-16. Free workshop enables families to envision a richer future for sons and daughters who have a disability. Facilitator, Lawrence Chok shares his own journey. Venue: Discovery Settlers Hotel Whangarei, 61 Hatea Drive, Regent, Whangarei. Email lawrencechokia@gmail.com or text or phone 027 872 3968. See www.inclusionaotearoa.com

19th-20th: Altogether Autism Conference. Transitions #Breakthrough2017 19-20 July. Holiday Inn Auckland Airport. Supporting and empowering autistic people to make successful transitions through sharing. Register at www.altogetherautism.org.nz/conference

20th: Kerikeri Parkinson's Support Group every 3rd Thursday monthly, next 20th July, 11am-1pm, St Johns Ambulance Station. Contact Trisha Ryan, Parkinson's Northland at northland@parkinsons.org.nz Ph 09 437 6878.

21st: Waipu Parkinson's Support Group 3rd Friday monthly, next meeting 21st July, Waipu Presbyterian Church Hall. Contact Trisha Ryan, Co-ordinator, Parkinson's Northland. Email northland@parkinsons.org.nz Phone 09 437 6878.

NEW! 27th: Be part of an epic adventure, sailing on the world's largest operational wooden ship as part of a crew of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. Weather-permitting, *Tenacious* will, on July 27, head from Auckland north into the Hauraki Gulf, making her way to the Bay of Islands. Disembarkation is in Auckland on August 8th. Contact 09 887 5672 or info@jst.org.nz. Find Jubilee Sailing Trust on Facebook, twitter, Flickr. See also www.jst.org.uk/new-zealand/

27th: Understanding Epilepsy. Free seminar July 27. Brenda Gardner Lounge, Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB), 71 Bank Street, Whangarei, 10.30am to 12 noon. Phone (09) 4385498 or 0272916869 (Leave a message). Email: northland@epilepsy.org.nz

Situations Vacant

Situations Vacant: Jigsaw North Family Services - Manaaki Whanau is looking for a dynamic, organised office receptionist / financial administrator to join our collaborative and friendly team. To provide office reception duties, welcoming clients who come to meet with our clinical staff, take phone calls and receive referral. Provide office administration for smooth running of office. Meet financial requirements of Jigsaw North, pay accounts, payroll, and financial reporting. Seek external funding for organisation, working with Manager. 30 hours per week, Monday to Thursday. Please contact Jigsaw North for job description, 09 4388852, or libby@jigsawnorth.org.nz Applications including cover letter and c.v. must be received by midday Friday 7 July.