



NorthAble Information Update 08/02/2018

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Information of Interest

Seeking applications from people interested in joining Te Ao Marama: The Maori Disability Advisory Group.

This group is responsible for monitoring the implementation of Whaia Te Ao Marama: The Maori Disability Action Plan, providing advice to Disability Support Services and, in some circumstances, to the wider Ministry of Health on the effectiveness of the Plan in improving the lives of tangata whaikaha Maori (Maori people with disabilities), and providing advice and support to the future design and implementation of the disability support system. If you're interested, please contact disability@moh.govt.nz by 16 February to apply.

Beyond Stroke: Living independently with one arm. Kate Ryan's handbook is an essential guide for anyone overcoming a stroke, people with shoulder, arm or hand injury and pain, carers, health professionals, and community groups. This handbook provides step-by-step instructions for daily living. To order, go to www.ryanpub.com or email books@ryanpub.com

New website seeks ideas from users. A new national website is asking users what they want to be able to find out about when it comes to disability in a new campaign called #AskFirstport. But the site wants to widen its offering by asking users what else they want to know about and what topics they want to see featured. The campaign is running from 11 January to 12 February. To get involved, go to @FirstportNZ on Twitter or Facebook and take part using the hashtag #AskFirstport. You can also visit www.firstport.co.nz/askfirstport for more information about how you can contribute.

Pasifika Public Health Workforce Grants. The purpose of these grants is to grow the size and skills of the Pasifika public health workforce. If you work in public health, and want to upskill – or have plans to – then these grants could be for you. Receive support from Le Va to help with your fees or course related costs. www.leva.co.nz/training-education/publichealthworkforcegrants

Pacific Mental Health and Addiction Scholarships. Le Va's 2018 Pacific Mental Health and Addictions Scholarships are open. These scholarships are part of the Futures That Work programme: Growing and upskilling the Pasifika workforce. It includes mentoring, coaching and cultural support options. Apply online at www.leva.co.nz/training-education/scholarships

Events

FEBRUARY

Māori stroke prevention needs assessment. The Stroke Foundation of New Zealand invite you to contribute to the Māori stroke prevention needs assessment for the Far North region. Date: Tuesday 13 February 2018. Time: 9.30 – 12.30pm. Venue: REAP Far North. 33 Puckey Ave, Kaitaia. Complete registration form and RSVP by Friday 2nd February 2018. E: nita.brown@stroke.org.nz P: (04) 815 8970. M: 027 556 9997.

NZ Human Rights Universal Periodic Review. LOCAL opportunity – Kaitaia. Date: Tuesday 20 February. Time: 10am - 12pm. Location TBC. New Zealand participates in a five-yearly Universal Periodic Review in the UN Human Rights Council for a report covering New Zealand's progress on a broad range of human rights issues. Seeking views from New Zealanders. This has a strong focus on youth engagement and New Zealand's progress on particular human rights issues. Contact UPR2019@mfat.govt.nz if you have any queries.

Outward Bound – course spaces available Outward Bound have spaces available on two of their upcoming eight-day Horizons Course, specifically designed for people with a disability aged 18+. This course includes various outdoor

activities - designed to provide different learning opportunities and help participants improve their confidence, independence, and team work. **Course Dates:** Thursday 15 February – Thursday 22 February 2018, Sunday 20 May – Sunday 27 May 2018. Full funding is available to all Work and Income clients and internal sponsorship is also available. To find out more, see www.outwardbound.co.nz/courses/horizons/ or email lhealy@outwardbound.co.nz

Waimamuku Wild West Fest 2018. Date: Saturday 24 February 2018. Time: 10am – 2pm. A unique, family-friendly free event in South Hokianga. All welcome! Come and join in the Western fun. See more at www.wildwestfest1.wixsite.com/2018

Northland Pasifika Fusion Festival 2018. Date: Saturday 24 February 2018. Time: 10am - 3pm. Accessible celebration of food, music, arts of the Pacific in Tai Tokerau. Join for the day with a line-up of local talent on the stage, a variety of stalls, information and services, and a vibe you can't get anywhere else! See their Facebook page for more info www.facebook.com/northlandpasifikafusionfestival/

MARCH

Whangarei Youth Space Talks 2018. Date: 12 March 2018. Time: 12.30pm - 5pm. Forum North, Whangarei. This is going to be an awesome afternoon for Youth Workers to hear directly from the Commissioner for Children and the Minister of Youth about their vision for youth in Northland. Don't miss out on starting your year with some inspirational thinking. Save a spot by emailing WYSTalks@youthspace.co.nz or enquire at ph 09 972 7248. Tickets \$30, available from www.youthspace.co.nz

Ruakaka Surf day 2018. A great event for people with disabilities! Date: Saturday 3 March. Time: 10am – 2pm. Ruakaka Surf Lifesaving Club, Ruakaka Beach. Registration essential - spaces are limited. Sign in starts at 9am. To register, please contact Arlene at Tiaho Trust - ph 430-3406 or email arlene@tiaho.org.nz

In the news

Calls for Tourette's to be understood, accepted and supported. RNZ. 1 February 2018. Robyn Twemlow, director of the Tourettes Association of New Zealand, talks to Kathryn Ryan about the battle to get Tourette Syndrome supported within the health and education sectors as well as by the public. The organisation also calls for Tourettes to be classified as a disability in New Zealand, following Australia, the UK, Canada, and the US. Listen to the full podcast at www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/ninetonoon/audio/2018630240/calls-for-tourette-s-to-be-understood-accepted-and-supported

Smoke alarms for hearing impaired children. Te Karaka Foundation. 2 February 2018. How do you hear a smoke alarm if you are deaf? What about an alarm clock? For hearing impaired children Benji (9) and Sadie (7) Earl these two every day challenges have been overcome with specially designed smoke alarms and alarm clocks provided through a grant from Te Karaka Foundation. Get the full scoop at www.scoop.co.nz/stories/AK1802/S00096/smoke-alarms-for-hearing-impaired-children.htm

'Easy' tenants pushing out disabled renters. Stuff. 2 February 2018. Individuals with disabilities in the renting market are speaking out about the shortage in accessible housing and the perceived discrimination surrounding this issue. Rosaline Vaea reveals her struggle – just one story among others. If you feel similarly discriminated against, feel free to contact the Health and Disability Commissioner at 0508 11 22 33 for support and advice. <https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/property/101125753/easy-tenants-pushing-out-disabled-renters>

Australian prisoners with disabilities subjected to harrowing abuse, report finds. The Guardian. 6 February 2018. A detailed Human Rights Watch investigation of 14 prisons in Western Australia and Queensland has delivered a scathing assessment of Australia's treatment of prisoners with disabilities, particularly Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. Prisoners are being locked in solitary confinement for prolonged periods, suffering physical and sexual abuse, including at the hands of carers. Read a full discussion of the report here www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2018/feb/07/australian-prisoners-with-disabilities-subjected-to-harrowing-abuse-report-finds

LOCAL. Health provider seeks funding. Northern News, Kaikohe. 17 January 2018. An organisation which provides services for people with mental health issues, disabilities and gaining employment is seeking community support. Northpoint Services Trust general manager Mark Turner says the Ministry of Social Development who fund the organisation increased their focus on clients being out and about in the community. www.stuff.co.nz/auckland/local-news/northland/100504186/community-services-provider-seeks-funds
