

## NETWORK NOTES

Welcome to 2006 and best wishes for a great year for everyone. This newsletter is full of dates and plans for 2006 for your Network so get out your diary and diarise them. Forums for the year are being planned well in advance so if you have a burning issue you want us to address please let me know.

Last year ended with a very successful one day workshop on the use of *Kia Rangatu*. This was a free workshop and all who attended seemed to enjoy the day. Future workshops will focus on training the trainers and depending on the funds available watch for them in 2006 if you are interested. Please remember to purchase your copy of *Kia Rangatu*. Cost \$100.00 and these can be obtained by contacting me Judith Lunny.

One of our providers has the excitement of attending the forthcoming Commonwealth Games. Serena Matthews from Standards Plus is representing NZ in women's bowls. Good luck Serena and we expect a medal for display on your return.

Many of you will have met Anne Beardsmore the National Contracts Manager for WINZ. Over the years Anne has been a loyal supporter of the ADPN forums and activities since its

inception. She is leaving WINZ on the 31st of March after her recent remarriage to take life a little more easily. We wish you well Anne and thanks for your support.

Colin Reive and I have an appointment with Hon Ruth Dyson on the 2nd of March in Wellington to take Auckland Provider Issues to Ruth.

The year ahead looks to be going to be busy one so please diarise the dates in this newsletter so you can plan ahead and don't forget the forum on the 10th of March on Children's Issues.

Looking forward to working with you for another year.



Judith Lunny

### WEBSITES OF INTEREST...

[www.inclusion-international.org](http://www.inclusion-international.org) A global federation advocating for the Human Rights of people with intellectual disabilities and their families, worldwide.

[www.hrc.co.nz/home/hrc/introduction/inquiryintoaccessiblepubliclandtransport364/inquiryintoaccessiblepubliclandtransport364.php](http://www.hrc.co.nz/home/hrc/introduction/inquiryintoaccessiblepubliclandtransport364/inquiryintoaccessiblepubliclandtransport364.php)

### UP AND COMING CONFERENCES...

#### Standards Plus

A training series for Advocates and Self advocates entitled Advocacy Tool kits. Workshop 1 and 2 are suitable for those wanting to be self advocates or wanting to assist family and friends. Workshop 3 and 4 are suitable for professional people needing advocacy skills for working within professional systems.

Workshop 1: 20 February

Workshop 2: 1 May

Workshop 3: 22 and 23 February

Workshop 4: 3 and 4 May.

For more information phone Standards Plus on (09)262 5371

#### Standards and Monitoring Services (SAMS) Workshops for Asian Families

One Day Workshops are being provided in the Auckland area for Asian families as requested by them. They are funded by the Ministry of Health at no cost to the families. Auckland (Specifically for Asian families) 1 April 2006 18 May and 24 June. Time: 9.30am to 2.30pm.

For more information email [samsrj@actrix.co.nz](mailto:samsrj@actrix.co.nz)

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### Auckland Disability Providers' Network Forums for 2006

10 March: Children's Issues  
12 May

11 August incorporating the AGM  
13 October

#### Executive Meetings for 2006:

10 February, 7 April, 9 June,  
14 July, 8 September,  
10 November and 8 December

Newsletters will be published in March,  
June and November.

The Ministry of Health meets with the Executive  
on 8 March, 5 July and 12 November

#### THANKS TO:

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Subscriptions to the Auckland Disability Providers Network are now due.

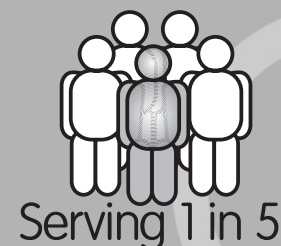
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The Newsletter of the Auckland Disability Providers Network

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## Australian Government Australian Sports Commission – Handout 27 Sunnyside Village

Imagine a town full of people with physical disabilities, all wheelchair users. In this town, the people with physical disabilities run everything – the shops, factories, schools, television studios, the lot!

No able-bodied people live in this town, so naturally everything is built to suit the needs of the town's occupants. There are no high ceilings. The community says "It's just a lot of wasted space that needs heating". So ceilings and doors are low. In every way, the community has designed the town the way they see fit. Over the years, this building approach has been specified in regulation.

One day, a few able-bodied people come to stay. One of the first things they notice are the height of the doors – they keep hitting their heads as they try to walk through doorways. The able-bodied people begin to stand out in the community, due to the bruises on their foreheads.

Some doctors, psychiatrists and social workers become involved. The doctors carry out extensive research and conclude in their reports that the able-bodied suffer from 'loss or reduction of functional ability' and, as a result, the handicap causes 'disadvantage or restriction of activity'. Working parties are formed. Many professionals and caring people are worried about what becomes known as the 'problem able-bodied person'. Throughout the town, there is a rapid concern towards the problem of the able-bodies – these are to be worn at all times. Orthopaedic-designed braces give support and relief, while keeping the able-bodied wearers bent to a 'normal' height.

Able-bodies have a major problem finding employment. One man applied to become a television interviewer, but was told he must have a medical examination when they apply for a job. The doctor, naturally, points out in his report that it would be rather strange to have a television interviewer with a bent back, who also wears a helmet at all times. Of course, the man does not get the job and is advised to accept the limitations of his disability.

The town's finances soon become a problem. Various groups of compassionate wheelchair users get together and form registered charities. Twice yearly they hold a collection day and, of course, there is the annual telethon and the Miss Wheelchair Village quest.

Upturned helmets are left in pubs and shops for people to drop their small change into, and heartening support grows for organisations such as the Society for Understanding the Disabled Able-body. There is even talk of founding special homes.

Then one day, it dawns on the able-bodies that there is actually nothing wrong with them. They form a union to protect themselves and to campaign against segregation. They argue that if ceilings and doors were raised there would be no problem. But this is, of course, a foolish suggestion – the able-bodied people will just have to live as best as possible within a community that seeks to 'cater' for the needs of this group.

Unit 14 Access: More Than Just Physical  
Disability Education Program Presenter Kit

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## Take the Journey of a Lifetime

LifeWorks is a free, supported, distance learning programme from the Open Polytechnic of New Zealand that focuses on employment skills and personal development

LifeWorks is a foundation skills programme funded by the Ministry of Education and offered free to New Zealand residents aged 18 years and over.

It is a 12-month programme suitable for people with limited experience of tertiary education, or have left school early, or those who lack the resources or confidence to enrol in more advanced programmes or courses — or who simply want to rejoin the workforce.

Six kits are delivered to the students' homes — one every two months.

Each kit includes books, tapes, videos, workbooks and guides, covering personal development and professional training skills.

Students work at their own pace through 24 unit standards to complete the NZQA accredited National Certificate in Employment Skills (Level 1). They can also achieve The Open Polytechnic of NZ Certificate in Vocational and Personal Development.

Students will cover topics from communication and relationship skills, managing their finances and buying a home to community participation and positive parenting.

A personal coach makes up to 6 visits per year to motivate students as well as assess their work.

The programme takes a holistic approach to learning — the coach works with the student to achieve success through goal setting, problem solving and developing choices.

Additional support is provided to students by calling the free phone 0508 543396.

LifeWorks is designed to motivate, inspire and upskill students to think about their future.

LifeWorks is rewarding and fulfilling, and for many, it's the opportunity of a lifetime.

Some additional resources are available to students with specific learning needs, through our Disability Support Co-ordinator.

To find out more about LifeWorks, contact LifeWorks freephone 0508 Lifeworks (543 396) or visit our website [www.lifeworks.ac.nz](http://www.lifeworks.ac.nz)



## Office of the Children's Commissioner in Auckland

Knowing whom you can turn to for advice or information about, or for children, is sometimes a challenging process. But sometimes, what is even more frustrating, is trying to determine which agencies are involved in a child's life, and perhaps more importantly, knowing what that agency's role is in supporting and assisting a child and their family.

The Office of the Children's Commissioner (OCC) is a Crown Entity that was specifically set up to support the rights, welfare and interests of all children up to the age of 18 years, in Aotearoa New Zealand. Acting through the Children's Commissioner, Dr Cindy Kiro, OCC works to:

- ensure every child is safe and nurtured
- ensure every child has access to resources and opportunities
- promote changes in society's attitudes and behaviours so we are more child-focused.

OCC is a small, multi-disciplined, multi-skilled and dedicated team of people based in Auckland and Wellington. Mereana Ruri manages the Auckland Office and is supported by two advisors, Manisha Bhikha and Linda Stickleby.

If you would like to speak to the Children's Commissioner or her staff about issues affecting children or young people, you can contact Mereana Ruri, Principal Advisor by phone (09) 303-2862 or e-mail [m.ruri@occ.org.nz](mailto:m.ruri@occ.org.nz)

## An Update on Progress with the Charities Act

The Charities Commission is on track to begin receiving applications for registration under the new Charities Act from mid-2006.

While registration is voluntary, existing charitable organisations will have until 1 October 2007 to register before their tax exemption is affected. These organisations will still be able to register after this date, but may be required to pay tax for the extent of the non-registration period.

The latest draft registration forms, which have been revised to address feedback from the charitable sector, are now available at [www.charities.govt.nz/news/forms.htm](http://www.charities.govt.nz/news/forms.htm). Charitable organisations are encouraged to take advantage of this preview to get a feel for the level of information the Commission is likely to ask applicants to provide. Over the next few months, the Charities Commission will provide guidelines on its website to assist organisations with the registration process.

Please visit [www.charities.govt.nz](http://www.charities.govt.nz) for more information.

## Creating a Nation that values and includes people with mental illness



Reducing stigma and discrimination associated with mental illness is a key area for the mental health sector.

Empowering people with mental illness and educating others are the key aims of the Like Minds, Like Mine Project. On February 15, at the idyllic Western Springs Park, a hikoi was held to symbolize community participation. Over 250 people joined forces to march in the Hikoi and a further 250 players took part in a touch tournament. Guests included Roslyn Noonan, Human Rights Commission Mary O'Hagan, Mental Health Commission and ex All Black and community leader Mr Michael Jones.

Framework Trust Like Minds Team,  
Toto Iuli or Wallace Stevenson, phone (09) 815 5123

Fiona Allan,  
Halberg Trust Regional Sport Opportunity Advisor

## Taikura Access Ability Merger

The Ministry of Health is completing the planned integration of its Needs Assessment and Service Co-ordination (NASC) service for people with disabilities under one regional NASC service in Auckland.

As announced to the Disability Sector in 2002, this integration process will see the developmental service for people over 16 years of age with intellectual disability, presently held by Access Ability (Auckland), reintegrated with the general service contracted to Taikura Trust. This will complete integration of general services for all ages and disabilities in Auckland and brings it into alignment with service delivery across the rest of New Zealand. Therefore, from the 1 March 2006, all people will have a single point of entry to disability support services in Auckland. The Transition process is currently on track.

The Ministry of Health will be working closely with Access Ability to ensure that quality services are maintained through the transition period prior to a coordinated transfer. At present the Ministry of Health plans to continue to contract with Access Ability to be the Regional Intellectual Disability Care Agency (RIDCA) for Auckland and Northland. This is a separately contracted disability service that is responsible for administering the Intellectual Disability (Compulsory Care and Rehabilitation Act) 2003 and is also a specialist point of access for people with an intellectual disability and high and complex needs.

## UP AND COMING EVENTS...

An Introduction to Social Role Valorisation Theory — A 'Reflective' Workshop Format  
8 — 9 May 2006 at the Auckland Airport Centra Hotel, Mangere, Auckland or  
11 — 12 May 2006, at the Kingsgate Hotel, Hamilton.

PASSING — Identifying Quality Service for Disadvantaged People —  
22 — 26 May 2006 at the Baptist Church Central Events Centre, 33 Charlemont Street, Hamilton.  
N.B. If you wish to register for PASSING, you MUST have completed a SRV Course.  
For further information on these events, we invite you to visit our web site on [www.imaginebetter.co.nz](http://www.imaginebetter.co.nz). Alternatively, phone us at the office on 09 262 5374.

Sailability give it a go day  
Although the demo day is over maybe some of your clients may like to try Sailability. Accessible double dinghies designed for those that need a carer to be with them. For more info, call Malcolm on 520 7944.  
DEMO AND GIVE IT A GO DAY: This is being held at Westhaven on Sat 11 Feb at 9am. Venue is the pontoon adjacent to building occupied by Marine Industry Assn (formally West End Rowing Club) Entrance next after public boat launching area coming along Westhaven Drive from Beaumont St.

Equipment Expo for Disability  
[http://www.weka.net.nz/weka/weka.nsf/Files/Show+Your+Ability/\\$file/Show+Your+Ability.pdf](http://www.weka.net.nz/weka/weka.nsf/Files/Show+Your+Ability/$file/Show+Your+Ability.pdf)  
Barnardos Family Service — 'Parent Education'  
March 1 — 29 March. [www.barnardos.org.nz](http://www.barnardos.org.nz)

## A RESOURCE OF INTEREST...

Managing Well  
This is a catalogue with information, resources and organisations that can help people running community and voluntary groups find information and support. Topics covered include meetings, planning projects, governance, financial management and many others. This new publication is produced by Family and Community Services and the Office for the Community and Voluntary Sector (both part of the Ministry of Social Development). The catalogue is available as a hard copy from Family and Community Services PO Box 12 136 Wellington and also online at the Community Net Aotearoa website [www.community.net.nz/managingwell](http://www.community.net.nz/managingwell).

Communicating Across Cultures: University of Auckland Continuing Education  
This course will be of value to those who communicate regularly with people from other cultures and will be of particular benefit to health workers, teachers, managers, supervisors and volunteers. It will develop your awareness of biases in media representation of immigrant groups and develop strategies to improve communications with members of other ethnic groups.  
2 Sessions: Thursday 30 March and Thursday 6 April 8.30am — 12.30pm at the Kingsgate Hotel.  
Cost: \$420 + GST. To enrol, please call 0800 864 266.