

Events Calendar

Numicon Courses

Wednesday 1 March 2017, Tauranga - Numicon for Years 1-6 including special needs

Wednesday 8 March 2017, Auckland - Numicon for Years 1 – 3

Monday 20 March 2017, Whangarei – Numicon for Primary Students

Wednesday 22 March 2017, Auckland – Numicon for Years 3 - 6

Wednesday 29 March 2017, North Canterbury – Numicon for years 0 - 9

Thursday 30 March 2017, Christchurch – Numicon for intermediate, secondary, RTLB's, Tutors

Friday 31 March 2017, Ashburton – Numicon for Years 1 – 6

Friday 7 April 2017, Whangarei – Numicon for Students below National Standards with Maths (Intermediate and Secondary)

Thursday 4 May 2017, Auckland - Numicon for Years 7 -9

For more information or to book [visit the website](#). Discounts are available to parents wanting to attend Numicon courses, please email Margi [at margi@numicon.co.nz](mailto:margi@numicon.co.nz) for further details.

Choices Workshop

Wednesday 1 March 2017, Whangarei

IHC Community Advocacy invites you to FREE workshops to help you think about how you make your own choices and decisions. This workshop is for people with an intellectual disability and spaces are limited. [Click here](#) for more information. If you want to come, tell us before Friday 10th February by emailing neo@nzdsa.org.nz or calling Zandra on 0800 693 724 press 1.

Supporting Decision Making Workshop

Wednesday 1 March 2017, Whangarei

Thursday 2 March 2017, Whangarei

IHC Community Advocacy invites families and people who provide support to people with an intellectual disability to a free workshop. [Click here](#) for more information. RSVP: By Friday 10 February by emailing neo@nzdsa.org.nz or calling Zandra on 0800 693 724 press 1

Towards A Better Life: Introduction to Social Role Valorisation

2 & 3 March 2017, Dunedin

A two-day workshop in Dunedin for families and professionals working together, to gain a high level of understanding of the true nature of valued roles for disabled people in our communities. [Click here](#) for more information.

Living Options Seminars

Thursday 2 March 2017, 12-2pm, Penrose

Thursday 30 March 2017, 7-9pm, Clover Park

Tuesday 2 May 2017, 7-9pm, Henderson

Monday 8 May 2017, 12-2pm, Penrose

Wednesday 24 May 2017, 7-9pm, Penrose

Thursday 1 June 2017, 7-9pm, Highland Park

Thursday 22 June 2017, 7-9pm, Albany
Presented by Lisa Martin - Disability Connect. [Click here](#) for more information.

Down Syndrome: Success in School

Monday 6 March 2017

Auckland Down Syndrome Association (ADSA) has revamped their "Down Syndrome – Success in School" course. Cost \$350 (GST inclusive) per person. Morning tea and lunch provided.

Registration is secure with payment. Please book by sending an email to clo@adsa.org.nz with the names of the attendees and their role in your school. For more information contact Christel phone (09) 5270060.

Creating Success Seminar Schedule for 2017

Term 1 - Sue Larkey

Wednesday 8 March 2017, Wellington

Thursday 9 March 2017, Palmerston North

Friday 10 March 2017, Auckland (Airport)

Term 3 - Dr Tony Attwood

Tuesday 22 August 2017, Wellington

Thursday 24 August 2017, Auckland (Airport)

For more information or to register [visit the website](#).

Work and Income Support Seminars

Wednesday 8 March 2017, 7-9pm, Highland Park

Tuesday 21 March 2017, 7-9pm, Henderson

Tuesday 4 April 2017, 7-9pm, Clover Park

Wednesday 17 May 2017, 12-2pm, Penrose

Tuesday 27 June 2017, 7-9pm, Albany

Presented by Vaughan Dodd, Hosted by Disability Connect. [Click here](#) for more information.

Education Legal Issues

Tuesday 14 March 2017, 12-2pm, Penrose

Tuesday 28 March 2017, 7-9pm, Albany

Tuesday 9 May 2017, 7-9pm, Clover Park

Thursday 25 May 2017, 12-2pm, Penrose

Wednesday 7 June 2017, 7-9pm, Henderson

A presentation by Nan Jensen, Quinlaw. Hosted by Disability Connect. [Click here](#) for more information.

IDEA Services Workshops

Using Stories to Help Social Learning

Wednesday 15 March 2017, 10am to 12pm, Taupo

Friday 7 April 2017, 9am to 11am, Nelson

Creating Visuals

Wednesday 15 March 2017, 1pm to 3pm, Taupo

Wednesday 22 March 2017, 6.30pm to 8.30pm, Auckland

Friday 7 April 2017, 10am to 12pm, Tauranga

Tuesday 2 May 2017, 2pm to 4pm, Palmerston North

Tuesday 9 May 2017, 2pm to 4pm, Wellington

Tuesday 16 May 2017, 1pm to 3pm, Christchurch

Calming Strategies for Children with Autism (New)

Tuesday 21 March 2017, 9.30am to 12pm, Kaitaia

Friday 7th April 2017, 10am to 12.30pm, Auckland

Tuesday 2 May 2017, 1pm to 3pm, Christchurch

Autism and Anxiety

Tuesday 28 March 2017, 10am to 12.30pm, Rotorua

Monday 3 April 2017, 10.30am to 1pm, Palmerston North

Friday 7 April 2017, 10am to 12.30pm, Hawera

Thursday 10 May 2017, 10am to 12.30pm, Paeroa

Friday 12 May 2017, 10am to 12.30am, Takaka

Understanding Behaviour

Thursday 30 March 2017, 10am to 12pm, Auckland

Tuesday 23 May 2017, 9.30am to 11.30am, Whangarei

Social Play (New)

Tuesday 4 April 2017, 9.30am to 11.30am, Kaitaia

Tuesday 2 May 2017, 10.30am to 12.30pm Palmerston North

Wednesday 9 May 2017, 10.30am to 12.30pm, Hamilton

Tuesday 9 May 2017, 10.30am to 12.30pm, Wellington

Tuesday 12 May 2017, 10am to 12pm, Christchurch

Introduction to Autism

Tuesday 16 May 2017, 10am to 12pm, Christchurch

The workshops are designed to provide parents and caregivers with information to support their child/young person with autism. The workshops are not suitable for a child/young person to attend. [Click here](#) for more information.

There is no charge for family members and primary caregivers. For professionals there is a charge of \$65 per person. Please register if you want to attend. Phone: 0800 273 7587 or e-mail: mary.romanos@idea.org.nz

Free Care Matters Workshops

Wednesday 15 March 2017, Invercargill

Wednesday 29 March 2017, West Coast

Tuesday 4 April 2017, Warkworth

Tuesday 11 April 2017, Christchurch

Thursday 18 May 2017, Blenheim

Tuesday 23 May 2017, Hastings

Call Care Matters 0508 236 236 to find out and register for upcoming events. [Click here](#) for more information.

Planning For Adulthood - The Legal Framework around Disability & Disability Rights

Wednesday 15 March 2017, 6.30-9.30pm, Henderson

Wednesday 29 March 2017, 12-3pm, Penrose

Wednesday 3 May 2017, 6.30-9.30pm, Albany

Thursday 25 May 2017, 6.30-9.30pm, Clover Park

A presentation by Nan Jensen, Quinlaw. Hosted by Disability Connect. [Click here](#) for more information.

Making Rights Real

IHC Advocacy would like to invite you or members of your organisation to an exciting series of webinars focused on the Human Rights of people with intellectual disability. These webinars have been developed for supporters of people with intellectual disability in paid and unpaid roles.

When: Thursday 16th March

You can join for one or both of the following presentations:

12:30 – 1:30: PPP&R Act

1:45 – 2:30: Financial and Medical Decisions and Consents

There are limited numbers of places available for each webinar. To register, please [visit the website](#). We hope you will welcome the opportunity to take part in this exciting learning opportunity. For further information please contact us at community.advocacy@ihc.org.nz

Otago World Down Syndrome Day Celebrations 2017

Saturday 18 March 2017, Woodhaugh Gardens, Dunedin

At 11am there will be a walk around street lead by bag piper. The Rapid Relief Team are going to be catering for us with burgers and chips (gluten free options available) and drinks at around 12pm. They are also doing afternoon tea at around 3 pm. There will be coffee for the adults.

There will be entertainment in the form of Pippity Pop balloonist at around 1pm followed by a magic and juggling show with Jay the juggler.

If you could please reply by email to president@odsa.org.nz or text 027 419-9242 by February 28th with numbers attending for catering purposes. Invite your family and friends. Look forward to seeing you all there.

Canterbury World Down Syndrome Day Celebrations 2017

Saturday 18 March 2017 at Aranui/Wainoni Community Centre from 2pm – 4pm

Join us this year for a fun-filled family afternoon of games with all ages groups provided for. [Click here](#) to see the flyer.

RSVP by 5 March to coordinator@cdsa.org.nz

Wellington Down Syndrome Association Family Fun Walk

Saturday 18 March 2017, Harcourt Park, Upper Hutt from 3pm – 5pm

Come along and bring family and friends to help celebrate World Down Syndrome Day! Rain or Shine at Harcourt Park, Upper Hutt with sponsored fun walk, certificates, great raffles, sausage sizzle, games, dancing, children's entertainment, balloons, bouncy castle. Bring your own afternoon tea, sausage sizzle and drinks available for \$1.

Auckland Down Syndrome Association Buddy Walk

On Sunday 19 March 2017, the ADSA will be holding its 12th Annual Buddy Walk.

The Buddy Walk is a 3.5 km walk around Mt Eden, followed by a family fun day with live entertainment, cake stalls, silent auctions, sausage sizzles, bouncy castles, rock climbing, clowns, bubbles and facepainting to name a few of the many activities that everyone can enjoy. The day celebrates the many abilities and accomplishments of people with Down syndrome and is a chance for you, your family and friends to socialise and participate in this fantastic community event. Whether you have Down syndrome,

know someone who does, or just want to show your support, come and join us on Sunday 19 March 2017, Tahaki Reserve, 250 Mt Eden Road. Grounds open from 9.00 am, the walk starts at 10.00 am and the event finishes at 2.00pm. For more information [visit the website](#).

World Down Syndrome Day

Tuesday 21 March 2017

The Theme for World Down Syndrome Day (WSDS) 2017 has been announced: #MyVoiceMyCommunity - enabling people with Down syndrome to speak up, be heard and influence government policy and action, to be fully included.

[Read more at WSDS website](#)

Once again in 2017, we will invite everyone across the world to wear LOTS OF SOCKS on 21 March to get people talking about WSDS.

Facebook

The [WSDS Facebook Fan Page](#) operates in partnership with the existing [WSDS Facebook Group](#).

You can also follow the WSDS Conference at the [WSDS Conference Facebook Fan Page](#).

Twitter

We welcome you to follow our [WSDS Twitter Page](#).

You can also follow the [WSDS Conference Twitter Page](#).

#WSDS17

#lotsofsocks

YouTube

Please visit and subscribe to our [DSi YouTube Page](#) for WSDS videos.

We encourage you to lend your support to us through social media by liking, joining, attending, sharing, mentioning, tweeting, re-tweeting, viewing and subscribing on 21 March.

Many thanks to all our Facebook, Twitter and YouTube followers.

T4T Tuesday 21 March 2017

Down Syndrome International has officially designated 21 March as World Down Syndrome Day. The date was chosen to signify the uniqueness of Down syndrome in the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome and is used synonymously with Down syndrome, hence the date 21/03.

T4T is a catchy title for a concept which is centred on tea parties. Tea 4 Trisomy 21 refers to the third copy of chromosome 21 and the date of World Down Syndrome Day. T4T parties will be an opportunity to raise awareness of Down syndrome in the community.

If you are interested in hosting a T4T event in your region, please email nzdsainfo@xtra.co.nz for an information pack which includes NZDSA bank account details for depositing the funds raised.

New Inclusive Education Webinars Series

Expressions of interest are being sought from families who would like to register for a FREE series of live Webinars hosted by IHC New Zealand Advocacy in association with the NZDSA

Families are invited to attend 4 episodes on the following dates:

Episode 1: Inclusive Education and your child's rights under the law

Thursday 23rd March 11:00am – 12:00pm

Episode 2: Voices and reflections: students and parents share their experiences

Tuesday 11th April 11:00am – 12:00pm

Episode 3: A schools perspective

Tuesday 23rd May 11:00am – 12:00pm

Episode 4: Advocacy – how to speak up and be heard

Monday 19th June 11:00am – 12:00pm

The Webinars will be presented by expert guest speakers and people with lived experiences. Families and whanau are invited to submit questions for the presenters.

If you would like to participate:

Registrations are limited to 30. To secure your place please tell us by Thursday 9th March by emailing national.coordinator@nzdsa.org.nz or call Zandra on 0800 693 724 and press 1. Submit your questions to Zandra by Monday 13th March 2017

Enabling Good Lives Workshop

Monday 27 March 2017, at the Distinction Hotel, 9 Riverside Drive, Whangarei

This one day workshop, open to families and providers, is a major opportunity to engage with EGL and to get a sense of what real EGL implementation means for:

- organisational development and system transformation
- renegotiating relationships with people using services
- being truly person driven and what this looks like in practice

The workshop will hear directly from disabled people, families and providers about transformed lives and transformed / transforming organisations, informed by EGL principles.

Following the workshop, participants will have the opportunity to join a Community of Practice group to share and continue their development in the EGL space.

These workshops are free for disabled people and family members. Please contact phil@nzdsn.org.nz or on 04 473 4678 to register. [Click here](#) to see the flyer.

All other attendees go to <http://nzdsn.org.nz/events> to complete registration

Individualised Funding (If) Including Respite

Monday 3rd April 2017, 12-2pm, Penrose

Monday 12 June 2017, 7-9pm, Penrose

A presentation by Lisa Martin from Disability Connect. [Click here](#) for more information.

Navigate Your Future Disability Expo

Wednesday 5 April 2017, Palmerston North

For more information [visit the Facebook page](#)

Invitation: Transforming Respite

Public Consultation Workshops

6 April 2017, Wellington (2-5pm providers); (6-9pm for disabled people and their families)

10 April 2017, Auckland (2-5pm providers); (6-9pm for disabled people and their families)

12 April 2017, Christchurch (2-5pm providers); (6-9pm for disabled people and their families)

Bring your ideas and join the conversation on how we can better support families to sustain the caring role. We want to hear whether you think the draft respite strategy is heading in the right direction. What do you like? What don't you like? The agenda is designed to stimulate discussion and get us thinking about what the future could offer. The draft respite strategy proposes transformational changes to the current respite model. We are proposing:

- The introduction flexible respite budgets.
- Easy administration, with fewer rules about how funding can be used
- Development of a wider range of respite options
- Stakeholders working together to plan how those who need respite the most can access services.

Please contact the Ministry of Health by Friday 31 March 2017 by email respitestrategy@moh.govt.nz to register your interest in attending the workshop. Please let us know which workshop you will attend and how many people will come with you. The draft respite strategy will be available on the Ministry of Health website. You can make a formal written submission using a word or online template, or by email to respitestrategy@moh.govt.nz

Supporting Decision-Making Workshop for all our members and supporters in Taranaki

24th May 5-8pm and/or 31st May 10am-1pm, New Plymouth

The NZDSA is delighted to be calling for expressions of interest from families/whānau and people who provide support or education to people with Down syndrome in Taranaki to attend a Supporting Decision-Making Workshop facilitated by the Community Advocacy Team at IHC. The workshop facilitators are active supporters and advocates for our community and bring a wealth of knowledge and experience which they have shared with us at sessions at the NZDSA Forum, STRIVE training funshops, as well as the Supported Decision-Making workshops which they have facilitated for the Manawātū and Canterbury Down Syndrome Communities.

At the workshops you will:

- Explore what Supported Decision-Making is and why we all need to know about it
- Increase your skills for supporting others to make decisions
- Share ideas about some of the challenges
- Build on your knowledge for ensuring the people you support are getting what they need.

Cost: Free

RSVP: 17th March 2017. Spaces are limited so to secure your space at the workshop register your interest by emailing Zandra at neo@nzdsa.org.nz and indicate your preference to attend either the 24th May 5-8pm and/or the 31st May 10am-1pm. Please note that the number of registrations received will determine if it is viable to host these workshops. [Click here](#) to see the flyer.

Choices Workshop - Free Funshop for all our members in Taranaki

Session 1: Thursday 25th May from 10am to 1pm, New Plymouth

Session 2: Thursday 1st June from 10am to 1pm, New Plymouth

A Funshop is a place to learn and talk about making choices and decisions, a place to have fun and a place to spend time with old and new friends.

What will we talk about at the Funshop?

- Your right to make your own decisions

- What helps you to make decisions
- What gets in the way of making decisions
- Choosing the right support to help you make decisions.

We have great facilitators from the IHC Community Advocacy team who have run workshops for the youth NZDSA camps, workshops at the Forum and self-advocacy training.

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Supporting Decision-Making Workshop for all our members and supporters in Auckland

14th June 5-8pm and/or 28th June 10am-1pm, Auckland

The NZDSA is delighted to be calling for expressions of interest from families/whānau and people who provide support or education to people with Down syndrome in Auckland to attend a Supporting Decision-Making Workshop facilitated by the Community Advocacy Team at IHC. The workshop facilitators are active supporters and advocates for our community and bring a wealth of knowledge and experience which they have shared with us at sessions at the NZDSA Forum, STRIVE training funshops, as well as the Supported Decision-Making workshops which they have facilitated for the Manawatū and Canterbury Down Syndrome Communities.

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Choices Workshop - Free Funshop for all our members in Auckland

Session 1: Thursday 15th June from 10-1pm, Auckland

Session 2: Thursday 29th June from 10am to 1pm, Auckland

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Transition Seminar

Wednesday 21 June 2017, 12-2pm, Penrose

Wednesday 5 July 2017, 7-9pm, Otahuhu

Presented by Lisa Martin from Disability Connect. [Click here](#) for more information.

Altogether Autism Conference 2017

19-20 July 2017, Auckland

Transition Expo

Tuesday 8 August 2017, Mt Eden

[Click here](#) for more information.