

## April 2017

### Events / Activities / Courses / Conferences

#### **2017 Autism West Symposium "The Big Picture" : with first guest speaker Jeanette Purkis confirmed**

Tickets go on sale at Monday 17 April 2017. See <http://autismwest.org.au>

#### **Accessible information services for all ages : Visability library provides a wide range of innovative services to make materials accessible for people who are blind, vision impaired, or who have a print disability.**

See <http://www.visability.com.au/our-services/leisure-sport-rec/talking-books/>

#### **Activ Volunteer Events : Celebrating our Activ Volunteers - invitation to all Activ volunteers: 8 May 2017 : Activ, Wembley**

For further information call 9208 5000 or email [volunteering@activ.asn.au](mailto:volunteering@activ.asn.au)

#### **Anglicare Training : upcoming workshops**

See <http://www.anglicarewa.org.au/training-courses/our-calendar/default.aspx>

#### **Autism and Intellectual Disability Family Services presents "PEERS", an evidence based program tested extensively in America on adults with ASD**

Booragoon | 27/4/17 – 10/8/17

Joondalup | 27/4/17 – 17/8/17

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#### **Autism Association : various workshops and seminars for clinicians, community organisations, teachers and families in both the metropolitan and country regions. Up coming workshops include:**

01-Apr-17 Early Days My Child and Autism | Midland

08-Apr-17 Early Days Understanding Behaviour | Fremantle

27-Apr-17 Early Days Play and Social Learning | Shenton Park

06-May-17 Early Days My Child & Autism | Shenton Park  
 13-May-17 Early Days Understanding Behaviour | Joondalup  
 17-May-17 Practical Strategies for Anxiety - Primary School | Shenton Park  
 20-May-17 Early Days Understanding Behaviour - Dads Workshop | Shenton Park  
 27-May-17 ASD and Me – Explaining Autism to your child | Shenton Park  
 30-May-17 Early Days Tips for Everyday Living Skills - Sleep | Shenton Park  
 Professional Learning  
 4-5/05/2017 PECS Level 1 Training  
 see Training calendar for further details [https://www.autism.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/2017-Jan-Jun-Calendar\\_v2.pdf](https://www.autism.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/2017-Jan-Jun-Calendar_v2.pdf)  
 and [https://s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/juiceboxcreative-autismwa/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/07093637/Seminars\\_2017\\_v1.pdf](https://s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/juiceboxcreative-autismwa/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/07093637/Seminars_2017_v1.pdf)

**Autism West presents author Kathy Lette : a night of insightful discussion : 9 May 2017 : University of Notre Dame**

Kathy will be discussing her latest book, Best Laid Plans, an exploration of the challenges faced by parents of children on the autism spectrum once they grow up, shining a light on a previously undiscussed subject.

See

<https://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=260947&bof=1>

**Autism West : Social groups for kids and young adults on the spectrum between 10-30 years :**

Autism West Program - Term 2 2017 Program : Adults Coding; Step into Social ; YES (Youth Engaging Successfully) ; The Awesome Group ; Creative Skills sessions ; Holiday Makers ; Public speaking ; : See

<http://autismwest.org.au/cms/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Term-2-Program-2017.pdf>

**BeFriend - various events : BeFriend is a not-for-profit group committed to reducing social isolation in the community and working towards a socially inclusive society. It is a good way to meet people as well as have some fun.**

See website at <http://befriend.org.au/>

**Carer WA - various events**

See <http://www.carerswa.asn.au/events/calendar/all>

**CATA Group : Calendar**

Various activities including : art & craft, music, woodwork, social, pottery & ceramic

See <http://cata-group.squarespace.com/calendar/?view=calendar&month=April-2017>

**Catch Music : inclusive music for all ages and abilities**

See <http://www.catchmusic.org.au/> & <https://www.facebook.com/CatchMusic>

**CLAN WA : Free Community Courses : Southeast Metro, Peel/Rockingham, Mirrabooka region**

<http://www.clanwa.com.au/> See & <http://www.clanwa.com.au/courses/clanwacourseslistof/familyskillscourselist/> for more information on courses

**Developmental Disability Council WA Events Calendar : Various events for people with disabilities, their families, and staff in the disability sector**

Yarning about Disability : 1 May : Pinjarra

See <http://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/developmental-disability-wa-2046684199> for further information

**Disability Services Commission : Events**

See <http://www.disability.wa.gov.au/events-dsc/events/events-2017/april/> for further information

**Down Syndrome WA : Calendar of Events**

Butterfly Ball : an enchanted evening : 27 May 2017

Current groups are New parents, Developmental playgroup, Aim High, National Facebook, Hills, Lower South West, Cockburn/Kwinana, Albany, Bunbury, Kalgoorlie, and Central Perth.

See

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/bbb5c4b221a5baa97723b8a96/files/2016\\_Calendar\\_of\\_events.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/bbb5c4b221a5baa97723b8a96/files/2016_Calendar_of_events.pdf)

DSWA Developmental Playgroup : Every second Friday during term, from 9.30-11.30am in the Neighbourhood Room, The Loftus Community Centre, Leederville RSVP Tara ([stuarttara@inet.net.au](mailto:stuarttara@inet.net.au)) or Nikki

([nikki.luke@inet.net.au](mailto:nikki.luke@inet.net.au)) or join DSWA Playgroup Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/225795147510056/?fref=ts>.

DSWA New Parent Morning Tea : 10am to 12noon at DSWA drop-in centre, Suite 3/2 Canning Highway, South Perth : Contact [support@dsawa.asn.au](mailto:support@dsawa.asn.au) for date. RSVP for catering purposes to Nikki on 9368 4002 or [support@dsawa.asn.au](mailto:support@dsawa.asn.au)

**Have A Go Day : 09/04/2017 : Maylands**

The City of Bayswater has partnered with Inclusion WA to implement 'Have a Go Day' - a free community-led event providing 'Have a Go' activities. See <http://www.bayswater.wa.gov.au/about-bayswater/access-and-inclusion-disability/have-a-go-day>

**Independent Living Centre - Upcoming events include :**

ILC 'Drop By' times (Assistive Equipment Services) : Every Wednesday and Friday between 10.00am and 1.00pm : Nedlands  
 Key Word Signing - Basic Workshop : 19th April 2017 : Nedlands  
 Video Conference: What's New in AAC? : 19th April 2017  
 Scooter Safety Workshop : 27th April 2017 : Nedlands  
 Unity (Accent, Vantage Lite Devices) Support Morning : 28th April 2017 : Nedlands  
 Liberator Rugged 7 and Novachat Support Morning : 10th May 2017 : Nedlands  
 Easy English: An Introduction : 11th May 2017 : Nedlands  
 My Plan - How to write Individual Support Plans in Easy English : 12th May 2017 : Nedlands  
 NEW Workshop!! Fundamentals of Assistive Technology (AT)  
 Enabling frontline staff to understand consumers AT needs : 22 May 2017 : Cockburn  
 Key Word Signing - Basic Workshop : 30th May 2017 : Nedlands  
 AAC in Practice - Hit the ground running! : 7/6/17, 14/6/17, 21/6/17, 28/6/17, 5/7/17, 12/7/17 : Nedlands  
 AES Country Services visit to the Southwest Region : 3rd - 7th April 2017  
 AES Country Services visit to the Midwest Region : 2nd - 11th May 2017  
 AES Country Services visit to the Goldfields Region : 22nd May - 2nd June 2017

See <http://ilc.com.au/whatson/>

**Kalparrin organises a range of events for couples, sole parents, grandparents and other family members including :**

**Caring Blokes; Men's Shed; Grandparents Days; Mothers Weekends; Siblings School Holiday Program; Strong Families. Upcoming events include :**

Dads day out | 29/05/2017 | Bibra Lake see <http://kalparrin.us8.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=37457c3792363bc7e39f45f00&id=86e87cf082>  
 See <http://kalparrin.org.au/events/> & <http://kalparrin.org.au/events/community-events/> for more information

**Kalparrin & WA Special Families - Coffee mornings & play dates : Regular coffee mornings are held in various locations throughout WA. Events are listed on the Kalparrin Families \_ WASF Facebook page, visible to the members.**

See <http://kalparrin.org.au/services-programs/kalparrin-families/>

**Key Word Sign Workshop | 8th May 2017 | Busselton**

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**Kids are Kids : Events**

Social Eyes group program : 11 Apr - 20 Apr

Circle of Security parenting program - for parents of children with autism spectrum disorder : 9 May - 27 June 2017

Little munchers and crunchers : feeding program : 2nd May - 20 June

Infant massage group program : 8 May - 5 June

Circle of security parenting : 9 May - 27 June

See <http://kidsarekids.org.au/events/>

**Lion Heart Bereavement program : for grieving children following the death of a parent, primary caregiver or sibling : 11 & 12 April 2017 : Perth metro TBC**

See [https://gallery.mailchimp.com/37457c3792363bc7e39f45f00/files/f469e3c8-7881-4c8f-9adb-d69bb4493042/Lionheart\\_April\\_Flyer.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/37457c3792363bc7e39f45f00/files/f469e3c8-7881-4c8f-9adb-d69bb4493042/Lionheart_April_Flyer.pdf)

**National Disability Services : upcoming events include -**

Collaborating to Impact Mission: Options to Achieve Financial Sustainability and Continuity of Client Services : 20/04/2017 to 4/05/2017 : Perth

WA Disability Support Awards 2017 : 29/04/2017

Governance for Board Members & CEOs : 2/05/2017 : Perth

Effective Employer Engagement Workshops: April-May 2017 : 4/05/2017 : Perth

WA Leadership series : 5/05/2017-2/11/2017 : Perth

Presenting with Impact : 9/05/2017 : Perth

Disability at Work : 15/05-16/05/2017 : Brisbane

Quality systems that work for you : 17/05/2017 : Perth

Applied Human Rights for Frontline Staff : 18/05/2017 : Perth

<https://www.nds.org.au/events-and-training/>

**Positive Partnerships : Free 1 Day Positive Partnerships Workshop for Parents & Carers | 03/05/2017 | Byford**

See

<https://autismtraining.com.au/public/index.cfm?action=occurrenceInvitation&occurrenceId=409>



**SECCA - Disability, Relationships, Sexuality : Upcoming workshops**

Boundary Setting & Protective Behaviours : 18/05/2017

See <http://secca.org.au/events>

**Selective Mutism WA Parent Support Group : Wednesday 24 May 2017 @ 6.30-8.00pm : Activ Library, 327 Cambridge Street, Wembley**

See <http://www.selectivemutismwa.com/#!/contact-us/c1jm9>

**Sensory Flicks**

The Lego Batman Movie booked in for Sunday 9th April at 10am at Grand Cinemas Warwick and Bunbury

See <https://www.facebook.com/sensoryfriendlyflicks>

**Social play and language program : Terms 1 & 2 2017**

Free program run at Curtin University for children aged 6 to 11 at mainstream school with a diagnosis of ASD. Contact [lauren.parsons@curtin.edu.au](mailto:lauren.parsons@curtin.edu.au).

**Story Time at Noah's Ark Toy Library : Every Tuesday during school term at 10am : Noah's Ark Toy Library, 5a Bookham Street, Morley**

See <http://www.noahsarkwa.org.au/Our-Services/Story-Time-Play-and-Learning-at-Morley>

**Towards Elimination of Restrictive Practices 11th National Forum : 4-5th May 2017 : Crawley, WA**

See <https://waamh.org.au/events/towards-elimination-of-restrictive-practices-11th-national-forum-formerly-seclusion--restraint-reduction-forum/registration.aspx>.

**WA Disability Support Awards : Burswood : 29/04/2017**

See <http://www.dswa.org.au/purchase.html>

**WA NDIS Information sessions :**

WA NDIS information session for people who are Deafblind or Deaf – West Perth | 10am – 1pm, Thursday 20 April 2017

Regional sessions

Port Hedland | 11:00am – 12:30pm, Tuesday 4 April 2017

Port Hedland WA NDIS information session for people with disability, families and carers | 5:00pm – 6:30pm, Tuesday 4 April 2017

Karratha | 11:00am – 12:30pm, Wednesday 5 April 2017

Karratha WA NDIS information session for people with disability, families and carers |

3:00pm – 4.30pm, Wednesday 5 April 2017

See <http://disability.wa.gov.au/wa-ndis/wa-ndis/what-is-the-wa-ndis/wa-ndis-information-sessions/>

