

## Disability and Learning Difference resources, information and updates

This information has been designed for Teachers, School Staff, Disability Service Providers and Local Organisations affiliated with the Bayside, Glen Eira and Kingston Local Learning and employment Network (BGKLEN), please note that the information below is NOT restricted to these Local Government Areas.

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### Public Speaking Training

Marriott Support Services is having Peter Dhu run some public speaking training focussed on telling your story well, engaging audiences. The sessions are primarily with the Marriott Ambassadors however not exclusively so. The sessions run on Fridays 5<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May 5pm-8pm at Marriott House McKinnon, pizza is included. The sessions are free, however going to both sessions is very important. For more information about attending these sessions contact Jennifer Lumsden P: 03 9947 1112 M: 0407 977 067 E: [jennifer.lumsden@marriott.org.au](mailto:jennifer.lumsden@marriott.org.au)

### Region 14 - NDCO Pathways Resource Guide 2017

The Region 14 Pathways Resource Guide is now available for download on the Victorian NDCO Website. Please follow the link for access: <http://www.ndcovictoria.net.au/region-14#directories>

### New online resource – understand your rights

The Youth Disability Rights Hub, an online resource which aims to help young Victorians with disabilities aged 12-25 learn about their rights, was recently launched by the Youth Disability Advocacy Service (YDAS) together with the Youth Affairs Council of Victoria (YACVic).

The Youth Disability Rights Hub is easily accessible on smartphones and mobile devices and has been developed in extensive consultation with young people with disability.

The website is divided into 12 topic areas including education. Each area contains frequently asked questions, captioned videos and contacts for more advice.

The Youth Disability Rights Hub has been funded by the Legal Services Board Grants Program. Head to [www.youthdisabilityrights.org.au](http://www.youthdisabilityrights.org.au) to find out more.

### Building Strong Families - Family Forum and Expo

Glen Eira City Council's 2017 Family Forum will be facilitated by child psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg and is aimed at parents of children aged five to twenty five.

Guest speakers will include leading figure in wellbeing, psychology and relationships Sabina Read, and expert in maternal and child health and wellbeing Professor Helen Skouteris.

The Forum will include an exhibition of local services relating to family, children and youth, followed by a presentation and panel discussion on how we can build stronger families in our community.

Wednesday 31 May  
Glen Eira Town Hall - Auditorium  
Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield  
Tickets: \$10 per head  
Places are limited. No refunds or exchanges.  
Book now at: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=270365>

### How I Learned High School Grades Don't Determine Your Whole Life

Article from Foundations for Young Australians "When you're in it, it's hard to see out of it — high school can make you feel like the rest of your life totally relies on those final results." Link: <https://www.fya.org.au/2016/06/09/how-i-learned-high-school-grades-dont-determine-your-whole-life/>

### Community Consultation Committee needs you!

Council is currently seeking community representatives to join its Community Consultation Committee. The Committee provides leadership and advice to support Council's approach to community engagement.  
The Committee is open to four community members who live, work, play, study, visit, or invest in the City of Glen Eira. If you have a passion for improving public participation and community consultation, then this role is for you.  
Applications are open until 14 May 2017.  
To express your interest, visit [Council's website and apply online](#)

### The I CAN Network

The I CAN Network is Australia's first social enterprise founded by people with Autism, driving a rethink of Autism from 'I Can't' to 'I CAN'. It mentors young people on the Autism Spectrum to live life with an 'I CAN' attitude and brings out the 'awe' in AWETism through education, advocacy and providing opportunities. It builds supportive and empowering networks across schools, universities, TAFEs, communities, businesses and governments.

The services provided by the I CAN Network include:

**Mentoring:**

I CAN runs a mentoring social enterprise that is customised across camps, schools, universities, TAFEs, communities and regions and businesses, which sees young people with Autism paired with older Autistics to develop self-confidence, self-belief, and pride in Autism and their personal talents.

**Education:**

I CAN runs a Speakers Agency comprised of Autistic speakers, so that groups can hear stories of people with Autism and learn about how to enable people with Autism through 'quiet magic'.

**Advocacy and Giving:**

I CAN runs campaigns that drive a rethink of Autism, such as AWEgust for AWETism, which brings out the 'awe' in AWETism and raises funds for mentoring programs in low socio-economic areas.

For more information email: [hello@icannetwork.com.au](mailto:hello@icannetwork.com.au) or visit [I CAN Network](#)

### AMP's Tomorrow Fund

AMP's Tomorrow Fund is once again offering amazing Australians doing great things the chance to share in \$1 million in grants. AMP Tomorrow Makers come from all walks of life and locations, abilities and interest. What they share is a determination to positively impact our community.

The 53 AMP Tomorrow Makers of 2016 were made up of artists, athletes, social innovators, scientists, educators, entertainers, entrepreneurs, filmmakers, fashion folk, musicians and medical researchers, all working towards their goals across a huge variety of fields. These determined individuals are sharing in \$1 million in grants to help them take it to the next level.

Applications for 2017 opened 3 April 2017.  
For more information visit [AMP's Tomorrow Fund](#)

## Learn to drive - for people with an intellectual disability or learning difference

Are you anxious about your son/daughter learning to drive? Do they have a mild intellectual disability or learning difference? Why not try Marriot Drive Train?

This program offers;

- Experienced Driving Educators that are patient, approachable and communicate well with diverse young people;
- Weekly classes to assist young people to obtain Learner's permits, we recognize we all learning differently;
- Assistance with Vic Roads tests and driving lessons all within a supportive environment;
- Opportunity for parents to learn how best to educate their young people to drive by sitting in the back seat during a driving lesson;
- Dual control driving lessons;
- Optional half to full day driving out of the city to build experience and confidence.

**Express your interest:** email [drivetrain@marriott.org.au](mailto:drivetrain@marriott.org.au)

## Still Time to Register for Rights Workshop for Young Women and Girls with Disability

Do you want to understand and advocate for your rights?

- Are you a girl or young woman with a disability?
- Are you aged 13-18 years?
- Do you live in the broader Melbourne area?

WWDA Youth are holding a small workshop for girls and young women with all types of disability to talk about self-advocacy. They are seeking Expressions of Interest from young women and girls to attend our workshop in Melbourne, Victoria. The interactive workshop will be fully accessible and held in early May 2017.

At the workshop, you will have an opportunity to talk and learn about human rights and how to advocate for them. We will talk about the [Disability Convention](#) (CRPD) and the [Women's Convention](#) (CEDAW). It will be a fun, engaging workshop that will support you to empower yourself and understand your rights.

To register your interest, please complete an Expression of Interest form available from the [WWDA Youth website](#) or contact WWDA by phone or email using the details in the Expression of Interest form.

## 2017 Victorian Learn Local Awards

Nominations are now open for the 2017 Victorian Learn Local Awards.

The Learn Local education and training network plays a major role in the development of local individuals, local businesses and local communities throughout Victoria. It delivers the skills that support our economy and underpin the inclusiveness of our communities. The Awards are an opportunity to showcase this valuable work. Through the Awards we acknowledge the network's many contributions and celebrate the success of learners, practitioners and training providers across the State. For more information visit:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/awards/Pages/learnlocal.aspx>

## Berendale School Career and Transition Expo



## You are invited to the Berendale 2017 Career & Transition EXPO

Bringing vital information to students and families

Come and talk to : **Skills Plus Employment**

**Holmesglen Tafe** **Kingston Council**

**Marriott Employment Options**

And Many More.....

**THURSDAY MAY 4TH 2017**  
**DOORS OPEN AT 6:30pm -**  
**8:30PM**  
**2 Berend St, Hampton**

If any information has been represented incorrectly, or if you would like to include information regarding your organisation in the next edition, please contact:

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