

DAILY PROGRAMME – FASD-CAN ANNUAL HUI

TITLE: Connect, Link & Learn – FASD in Aotearoa presented by FASD-CAN NZ
DATE: Saturday 7th September
VENUE: St Andrews Centre, The Terrace, Central Wellington
TIME: 9.30am – 4pm (Registration from 9am)

HUI PROGRAMME:

9am – 9.30am – registration and grab a cuppa

9.30 – 9.45am

Mihi Whakatau (Opening & Welcome) - Claire Gyde (chairperson FASD-CAN) & Keriata Stuart

9.45 – 10.00am - Who's in the Room?

10.00 – 10.45am - Dr Valerie McGinn “Understanding the FASD diagnostic process & how best to decipher the results”

10.45 – 11.15am - Morning tea

11.15 – 12.00pm – Sarah Goldsbury “Te Ara Whakamana: Enhancing the mana of tamariki with FASD”

12.00 – 12.45pm – Panel / Q & A – (Claire & Keriata to convene the Q & A discussion)

12.45 – 1.15pm - Disabilities Commissioner – Paula Tesoriero – an update on the state of play re FASD & other Neurodiverse Disabilities

1.15 – 1.45pm – LUNCH BREAK

1.45 – 2.15pm – FASD–Can AGM – everyone welcome.

2.15 – 3.00pm - Harsh Vardhan – Sensory processing and the Alert Programme: A toolbox for children with FASD.

3.00pm – 3.30pm - Panel / Q & A – (Leigh to convene the Q & A discussion)

3.30 – 3.50pm - Kayleen Katene from Ministry of Health, FASD Action Plan - An update of the future for FASD.

3.50 – 4pm - Judge Tony Fitzgerald – closing address

A closing Karakia by Keriata Stuart.

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NB: Professionals \$30 / Parents & caregivers Koha appreciated (unwaged FREE)

NB: Travel grants are available for parents & caregivers who are paid up members of FASD-CAN. (Not avail for those within the Greater Wellington region, Wairarapa or Horowhenua.)

Please send an email to lee.tempest@fasd-can.org.nz to apply for a travel grant a.s.a.p. (must be in by 31st August)

NB: Parking avail for \$15 per day if arranged before hand with the venue:

office@standrews.org.nz

NB: Prof Dev Certificates available on the day.

NB: BYO lunch (café's & lunch bar avail close by) / morning tea will be provided.

Bios:

Paula Tesoriero MNZM is a world-champion athlete and a former senior public service manager, who is currently serving as the Disability Rights Commissioner. This role promotes and protects the rights of disabled New Zealanders. A law graduate from Victoria University, Paula has worked in private practice and as a General Manager at Statistics NZ and the Ministry of Justice. Winning gold in a world-record breaking time at the Beijing Summer Paralympics in 2008, in the women's 500m time trial, and two bronze medals, her services to cycling were recognised when she was made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2009. She retired as an athlete in 2010. Paula says her role as the Disability Rights Commissioner enables her to make a meaningful contribution to changing the outcomes for disabled New Zealanders, who make up nearly a quarter of our population.

Dr Valerie McGinn is a Clinical Neuropsychologist and Clinical Director of the FASD Centre, Aotearoa where she is part of a multidisciplinary FASD diagnostic and treatment team. Most of the children and young people referred to the Centre are, or have been in state care with high and complex needs. Many have been excluded from school or have offended due to their disability needs not being recognised. By using FASD informed practice methods developed by Dr McGinn the life course of many have been changed for the better. Since 2008 Valerie has diagnosed and advised in the management of hundreds of at-risk children and adolescents with FASD. She has also provided over 100 FASD assessments to the New Zealand Courts resulting in FASD now being widely recognised and accommodated within the legal system. She provides FASD-informed workshops, diagnostic training, supervision and advisory services.

Sarah Goldsbury is a registered Clinical Psychologist of Ngāti Porou and Te-Aitanga-A-Hauiti descent. Sarah is based in Gisborne, but works for The FASD Centre Aotearoa completing assessments based in the cities and towns outside south of Auckland. Sarah also completes Youth Forensic court reports in Gisborne and Hawkes Bay. Sarah's past roles have included Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service, Child Development Service, Ministry of Education Learning Support (Behaviour Service) and Regional Youth Forensic Service. Sarah has particular interests in Māori models of wellbeing and psychology, especially Te Ara Whakamana, enhancing the wellbeing of tamariki with FASD.

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Harsh Vardhan is employed as an Occupational Therapist and the Clinical Coordinator at Child Development Service, based at Hutt Valley District Health Board (HVDHB). Harsh has special interest in working with children and young people with FASD, sensory processing disorder, dyspraxia, autism and other disabilities. He represents Occupational Therapists as President, Tangata Tiriti, Occupational Therapy New Zealand- Whakaora Ngangahau Aotearoa. He is project manager for the Choosing Wisely programme of the DHB and holds a postgraduate diploma in health services management.

Judge Tony Fitzgerald has been a District Court Judge for 20 years. He has previously worked in the Family Court but now spends 70% of his time in the Youth Court and the rest in the adult criminal Courts. Therapeutic jurisprudence and Solution Focused Courts are of particular interest to him. Judge Fitzgerald has travelled to Canada to increase his understanding of FASD and was keynote speaker at the first Australasian conference on FASD. More recently he presented his “Unexpected Journey” into the world of FASD at the FASD symposium held at the University of Auckland. We are privileged having Tony as the patron on FASD-CAN.

Keriata Stuart (Te Atiawa, Taranaki, Ngāti Mutunga) has worked as a researcher, policy advisor and manager in many areas of Māori wellbeing. She has been engaged with FASD prevention advocacy for over 20 years, and for her Master of Public Health researched with Māori women to explore influences on why Māori women might continue, cut down or stop drinking alcohol during pregnancy.

Kayleen Katene - is Senior Project Manager, Child & Family Programmes, Population Health and Prevention, Ministry of Health. FASD Action Plan 2016-2019.