

Pukekohe:

first in the North to welcome “Our Stories”

Pukekohe is the first North Island town to see *Our Stories*, an exhibition that opens the doors to the lives of people with disabilities living in this community.

Our Stories was opened on Friday night at the New Zealand Steel Gallery, Franklin: The Centre. It is open to the public free until Wednesday May 28.

Our Stories is a photo exhibition, plus much more. Its success lies in the way that people meet and interview people with disabilities about their lives. It was brought to Pukekohe by IHC and CCS Disability Action.

Mayor Mark Ball and Paul Hutchison, National MP with responsibility for the disability portfolio, spoke at the opening, along with Trish Grant, IHC's Director of Advocacy and David Matthews, Acting CEO, CCS Disability Action.

Primary school workshops started yesterday and run until May 23.

There are limited spaces still available for schools that want to learn about disability issues in a learning environment.

Tonight features the employers evening, from 5.30pm at the gallery. Andrew Bayly, Enterprise Franklin Trustee, is MC. This is an opportunity for employers to hear what is working well in Franklin businesses, and what assistance is available for employees and employers. Everyone welcome!

The Community Development evening for service, sports, recreation and leisure providers is on Tuesday May 20 5.30pm - 7.00pm at the Gallery and features Grant Sharman, coach of the New Zealand Wheel Blacks.

Thanks to Whitehouse Tavern Trust and Manukau City Council for supporting this event.

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