

# CHiLD POVERTY ACTION GROUP

CPAG warmly invite you to the launch of:

## “It shouldn't be this hard”: children, poverty and disability

Potters Park Events Centre  
164 Balmoral Road, Balmoral, Auckland 1024

Child poverty and child disability are inextricably linked - children with disabilities are more likely to live in poverty than other children and much of this is to do with indifferent policy and indifferent policy makers. 'It shouldn't be this hard': children, poverty and disability is the most recent research publication from Child Poverty Action Group. The research looks at the current status of support programmes for families with disabled children noting that access to support payments have been cut over the past five years while the needs of families and the rights of disabled children continue to be overlooked by policy makers.

### SPEAKERS:

**Alan Johnson:** CPAGs co-convenor as well as a social policy analyst with The Salvation Army's Social Policy & Parliament Unit. Alan wrote the chapter on Housing in CPAG's latest flagship publication Our children, our choice priorities for policy.

**Colleen Brown:** Colleen currently chairs the Parent and Family Resource Centre in Onehunga; a Not For Profit organization supporting parents and families with disabled family members. She has been involved with many different facets of the disability sector for over 30 years setting up informal support groups and running lobby groups.

**Dr Louise Porteous:** Louise is a senior developmental paediatrician in South Auckland. Louise sees firsthand the what it life is like for struggling families who have a child or children with disabilities.

Thur 19 Mar  
11am-12pm

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