

Careers Expo to showcase West Coast job opportunities

Local employers, tertiary providers and support agencies are coming together to showcase West Coast jobs and training opportunities at the 2017 West Coast Careers Expo at Tai Poutini Polytechnic (TPP).

The Careers Expo will be held on Saturday 16 September at the Greymouth campus from 11am to 2pm. Dozens of local businesses will be involved on the day, along with tertiary training institutions and support agencies from across the region. There's still time for more businesses to get on board – this is a great opportunity to profile your organisation to potential employees. Any anyone who wants to take part can contact West Coast Faculty Administrator Catriona Bayliss on 0800 800 411.

TPP West Coast General Manager Teresa Schwellnus says this year's event is aimed at both job-starters and people looking to change careers.

"They'll be able to look at all sorts of career opportunities and the training available on the West Coast that will help give them the skills needed to get started," she says.

Agencies like the Ministry of Social Development will also be there to talk through funding options.

"The West Coast Careers Expo is a big event that's focused on more than what we do here at the Polytechnic. We've invited local businesses and other education providers to be a part of the day so it becomes a real showcase of the career and job options here on the West Coast.

"People will be able to come along and find out exactly what employers are looking for in new staff; then they can think about the sorts of study options that might help them get started.

"We're hearing local employers say they need people with a range of skills to fill different positions across the business – so there might be options out there that people didn't know about.

"As well as young people looking to get started in a job, we're also expecting the expo to appeal to people who have worked for years and are now looking to change careers or develop a new skill that will lead to a good job in a different business," she says.

As well as offering local people an insight into the job opportunities available across the Coast, the Careers Expo signals a new approach being taken by the Polytechnic to partner with local industry and the community. Taking a region-wide approach to the expo aims to support wider economic development and training objectives on the West Coast.

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