

Tai Poutini Polytechnic Media Release

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Careers Expo showcases options and opportunities

Over a hundred career-seekers, schools, businesses and training providers made the most of Tai Poutini Polytechnic's (TPP's) annual Career Expo today (Friday 13 September).

Held each year by TPP, the Careers Expo gives West Coasters an opportunity to find out more about their options to create a better future for themselves – whether just starting out in a career or if they are looking for a change.

Twenty-five local businesses and organisations were on-hand at the expo to talk to people about opportunities in local industry. TPP and other training providers also shared options and ideas for people thinking about options for their career or those looking to upskill in their current job.

Tayla McIntosh, Greymouth High School Student – says the expo was a great way to find out what's available in terms of training. "It was really good to also be able to talk to employers, see what jobs are out there and what training I need to get started."

Anna Gilshnan, Design Windows – says the expo is a great initiative. It provided us with an excellent opportunity to showcase what career opportunities are available on the West Coast.

TPP Leader- Engagement Mequa Hourston says it was fantastic to see so many people attend the expo and learn more about opportunities on the West Coast.

"We are pleased to welcome so many local businesses and organisations to this year's expo. As well as showing people what job options are available, it's also a great way for businesses to network and build local relationships."

Creating connections between West Coasters, local employers and training providers is the concept behind TPP's new Career Hub and Coast Connect – creating connections between local businesses and job seekers. The hub, based at TPP's Greymouth campus, is a place for the community to visit and learn more about opportunities. Staff are available to talk through options and they also work closely with local businesses to offer training support and help find the right candidates. You can also take a look at www.coastconnect.co.nz to see what jobs are out there and what training options you have to get work-ready.

"Thanks to the West Coast Trades Academy, the expo also hosted Plumbing World Ambassadors, Jesse James and Logan Dodds from the Trade Up Collective. The two young plumbers delivered a great presentation about the benefits of learning a trade and the opportunities it has created for them," Mrs Hourston says.

"We had a really great afternoon out and it was good to see so many members of the local community interested in learning more about the opportunities here on the Coast."

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