



## Inspiring speakers to draw crowds to West Coast Pathways Career Expo

Tai Poutini Polytechnic is excited to announce that Kiwi explorer and role model William Pike will be speaking at the upcoming West Coast Pathways Career Expo.

William Pike is well-known to many schools and parents across the region through the annual William Pike Challenge, an exciting outdoor education and community programme run in primary schools around the country. Pike is a sportsman and explorer who was trapped and lost his leg while climbing when Mt Ruapehu erupted in 2007. He has gone on to become a sought-after motivational speaker and inspiration to students and others around the country.

He is sure to draw bigger crowds than ever to this year's West Coast Pathways Career Expo in June. With more than 40 businesses and training providers taking part, this year's event will be the biggest showcase of career opportunities the West Coast has seen in recent years.

Tai Poutini Polytechnic is leading the event along with support from The West Coast Pathways Committee, Grey District Council Mayors Task Force for Jobs, Development West Coast Upskill Project, West Coast Trades Academy, West REAP, and Ministry of Education.

The expo is the largest annual careers event held on the West Coast and is set to be bigger than ever.

Another guest speaker, award-winning farm manager Rachael Lind, will be on-hand to talk about what it takes to make a career on the land and show that it's not just a job for the boys. Lind is a Dairy Farm Manager and recently won the West Coast Top of the South Dairy Awards – Farm Manager of the Year; she also took out the Top Farm Award for Pamu Farms this year.

Expo organisers are bringing local businesses, training providers and inspiring guests together under one roof to benefit West Coast locals and students. We've got a great line-up of participants including the Department of Conservation, Ngai Tahu Forestry, Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, Open Polytechnic, Southern Institute of Technology, NZ Defence Force, University of Canterbury, the Electoral Commission, Ministry of Social Development and many, many more!

Visitors will be able to check out training and employment options, join in on workshops and listen to speakers. The event is open to the public and schools. <https://www.tpp.ac.nz/pathways/>

### WESTPORT

Date: Wednesday, 16 June 2021

Time: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Venue: Pulse Energy Centre - Cnr Pakington Street and Domett Street, Westport

### GREYMOUTH

Date: Thursday, 17 June 2021

Time: 9.00am – 3.00pm

Venue: Tai Poutini Polytechnic, 73-87 Tainui Street, Greymouth

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