

Tai Poutini Polytechnic Media Release

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Driving simulators to robot-building – Techweek 2022 hits the West Coast

More than a dozen free, tech-focused events are coming to the West Coast as part of this year's Techweek 2022 programme.

From robot-building and a virtual driving simulator, through to events on digital wellbeing and gaming support for parents, this year's local event schedule has something for everyone.

Tai Poutini Polytechnic is once again supporting the annual nationwide tech event, which showcases and celebrates New Zealand technology. Techweek is a nationwide series of events, providing a platform for everyone to meet, share ideas and create connections for a better tomorrow. Tai Poutini Polytechnic supports the national tech event by promoting and coordinating locally focused events here on the West Coast.

Events kick-off on Monday 16 May, running through to 22 May. This year's themes include: skills and knowledge, digital transformation, climate and sustainability, global impact, leaders and innovation, and Māori tech participation.

Tai Poutini Polytechnic Techweek Coordinator Paige Smith says there is a fantastic range of local events lined-up this year.

"I encourage everyone to take a look at the online events schedule as there's sure to be something of interest. We're really excited to host at our Greymouth campus a [free driving simulator](#) event to help Year 12 and 13 students to test their road safety and driving skills and knowledge on the latest driving simulator. There's also a great [event targeted at schools](#), where local businesses are showcasing how the latest in technology is being used around the West Coast.

"There are also some excellent events that offer support and guidance in key areas of technology. I'm sure parents will be interested in the free session offering a guide to the positives and negatives of [gaming for young people](#). Along with other events such as those that support businesses develop and [expand their online presence](#), sessions focusing on [digital wellbeing](#) and a focus on [VR an the Metaverse](#), we've got a great programme this year.

"At Tai Poutini Polytechnic, we're proud to support this fantastic programme and make sure our community can participate in a range of new and interesting events."

Event schedule

Some events are targeted at different age groups, most are free to attend and many require registration. For a full list of events and to secure your attendance, visit [TW22 Programme - Techweek](#).

Tuesday 17 May

Innovating for change – Business Breakfast, Hokitika.

<https://techweek.co.nz/whats-on/programme/view/innovating-for-change-business-breakfast-154/>

Digital Wellbeing – Westport

<https://techweek.co.nz/whats-on/programme/view/digital-wellbeing-westport-230/>

Creating and Expanding your Online Presence – Westport

<https://techweek.co.nz/whats-on/programme/view/creating-and-expanding-your-online-presence-westport-232/>

VR & the Metaverse - Westport

<https://techweek.co.nz/whats-on/programme/view/vr-and-the-metaverse-westport-228/>

Build 'SPIKE' the robot, Greymouth

FREE event for those in school years 5 to 8

<https://techweek.co.nz/whats-on/programme/view/build-spike-the-robot-237/>

Wednesday 18 May

Rethinking Solutions, thriving, not just surviving - Innovation Workshop, Greymouth.

<https://techweek.co.nz/whats-on/programme/view/rethinking-solutions-thriving-not-just-surviving-155/>

Thursday 19 May

Driving Simulator – Virtual Reality experience for youth , Greymouth

<https://techweek.co.nz/whats-on/programme/view/driving-simulator-169/>

Controlled technology in local businesses – School tour

<https://techweek.co.nz/whats-on/programme/view/controlled-technology-in-local-businesses-school-tour-219/>

Creating and Expanding your Online Presence – Greymouth

<https://techweek.co.nz/whats-on/programme/view/creating-and-expanding-your-online-presence-323/>

Friday 20 May

Driving Simulator – Virtual Reality experience for youth, Greymouth

<https://techweek.co.nz/whats-on/programme/view/driving-simulator-169/>

A Parent's Guide to Gaming – Greymouth

<https://techweek.co.nz/whats-on/programme/view/a-parents-guide-to-gaming-234/>

Digital Wellbeing – Greymouth

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VR & the Metaverse – Greymouth

<https://techweek.co.nz/whats-on/programme/view/vr-and-the-metaverse-greymouth-229/>

Saturday 21 May

Digital Art & Design using Blender, Greymouth

<https://techweek.co.nz/whats-on/programme/view/digital-art-and-design-using-blender-88/>

Digital Design using Blender & 3D Printing, Greymouth

<https://techweek.co.nz/whats-on/programme/view/digital-design-using-blender-and-3d-printing-89/>

Sunday 22 May

Extension Workshop: Digital Art & Design with Blender for 3D Printing, Greymouth

<https://techweek.co.nz/whats-on/programme/view/extension-workshop-digital-art-and-design-with-blender-for-3d-printing-176/>

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