

West Coast Pathways and TPP Media Release

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Coast students consider career options

More than 1,200 West Coast secondary students have been considering their future career and study options at this week's two-day West Coast Pathways Roadshow.

With around 30 providers from around New Zealand attending the roadshow, held in Westport and Greymouth on Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20 June, students have had a great opportunity to think about their job options and learn more about training and education choices.

The annual roadshow is a partnership between Tai Poutini Polytechnic, the West Coast Trades Academy, REAPs and regional high schools.

TPP Leader – Engagement Mequa Hourston says there was plenty on offer for students at this year's event.

"We've been talking to high school students and those learning through correspondence and home schools. It's been great to speak directly to students, learn about their plans for the future and help steer them in the right direction so they can achieve their goals.

"Creating learning pathways is a great way to show students the options and opportunities that are available to them, and exactly how they can achieve what they want. This year we also invited local businesses to take part and it was a good opportunity to talk about the jobs available on the Coast right now, and what students need to do to prepare for them."

Ravyn Coburn, GSH student says the roadshow was a good way to learn more about his future options.

"I've spoken to heaps of people today and they've been really helpful. It's great to be able to talk about what's involved in different courses and what I need to do to get ready for training. I didn't really know there were so many options out there but the roadshow has helped me start thinking about what I want to do next."

WO2 Keryn Gibbens, of the NZ Defence Force, says the event provides West Coasters with a great opportunity to learn more about options for their future.

"We have been coming to the pathways expo over a number of years and have found it has been beneficial for NZDF and the community," he says.

Photo: Ravyn Coburn and Sammy Sixtas Jones, Year 12 GHS students pictured with NZ Defence Force – WO2, Gibbens.

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