

## Tai Poutini Polytechnic Media Release

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### Great line-up of West Coast tech events

Whether you're into virtual reality, business innovation or the latest in 3D printing technology – there's plenty of options at this year's West Coast Techweek '22 events.

Every year, Tai Poutini Polytechnic brings the national Techweek event to the West Coast, supporting local activities that showcase the latest in technology.

Last month, Tai Poutini Polytechnic put out the call for interest in events for this year's Techweek programme. The response has been fantastic, with lots of exciting ideas for events that will bring the tech world into focus on the West Coast. With registrations still open until 22 April, there's still time for West Coasters to register an event or raise an idea.

Tai Poutini Polytechnic Paige Smith says Techweek is a fantastic opportunity to get Coasters talking about technology and innovation that is having an impact on their lives.

“As well as tapping into the national activities, we are here to support people and organisations to host their own local events that reflect our unique West Coast economy and lifestyle. We've had strong interest so far and there's still plenty of time and help for anyone who wants to add an event.

“Our team at Tai Poutini Polytechnic can support people through the event process, helping with promotion and facilities to host. We see this as one of the ways we are more than a polytechnic on the West Coast – we're here to help make great things happen for our community.”

Techweek is a nationwide series of events, showcasing and celebrating New Zealand tech – it provides 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.

This year's event runs from 16 – 22 May. Event themes for 2022 include: skills and knowledge, digital transformation, climate and sustainability, global impact, leaders and innovation, and Māori tech participation.

West Coast events so far registered in this year's programme include:

- Virtual reality driver simulator for youth – a free event
- Digital art and design – events free for those aged 14-25
- Innovating for change business breakfast
- Innovation workshops

For more info or to register visit [www.techweek.co.nz/whats-on](http://www.techweek.co.nz/whats-on)

If you have any questions, or to find out more about Techweek2022 please feel free to email [paiges@tpp.ac.nz](mailto:paiges@tpp.ac.nz) or visit [www.techweek.co.nz](http://www.techweek.co.nz)

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