

2010 Taster Courses

Two-week courses are being held across the country again in 2010.

They are free, students get to visit companies and see the industry for themselves, do practical work-related activities and workshops, and gain two unit standards along the way!

Dates and locations

July school holidays (5-16 July)

- ◆ Hamilton Taster Course at WINTEC, Hamilton
- ◆ Christchurch Taster Course at CPIT, Christchurch

Sept/ Oct school holidays (27 Sept- 8 Oct)

- ◆ Auckland Taster Course at MIT, Auckland
- ◆ Palmerston North Taster Course at UCOL, Palmerston North
- ◆ Kawerau Taster Course at Kawerau College (residential for Eastern Bay of Plenty residents only)
- ◆ Tainui Taster Course (residential for Waikato Tainui students only)

For applications and more info:
www.esito.org.nz/career_centre/
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ESITO Taster Courses lead to apprenticeships

Jamie Hunia from Kawerau College and **Maria Elo** from Tauhara College are two young women who have grasped the opportunity to work in the electricity supply industry. Both gained an apprenticeship at Mighty River Power Limited and they will train to be electricity supply electricians over the next three and a half years.

Jamie attended the Kawerau residential Taster Course held at Kawerau College. Although initially planning to go into the navy, doing the Taster Course and speaking to Mighty River Power's the late Ian Carr, changed her mind. Jamie says that the best part of the Taster Course was seeing all the different types of electrical work and realising it's not just domestic. For Jamie the opportunity to come to Wintec on the apprenticeship and knowing there is a high chance of a job at the end, was too good to turn down.

Maria Elo was a student at the Palmerston North Taster last year and heard about the course through her careers advisor. Although she knew about hydro and geothermal generation through living in Taupo, seeing a wind farm up close was a highlight of the course for her. What is she enjoying most about the apprenticeship? Maria says it is not having a student loan—getting theory and practical and not worrying about finances.

There are a total of twelve Year 1 Mighty River Power Apprentices in 2010.



Jamie Hunia (left) and Maria Elo are both Year 1 apprentices at Mighty River Power.



Taster visit to Southdown Power Station



On the final day of Taster Course students give a short presentation about what they learnt.





Success Stories from 2009!

Check out what your students are doing this year

Northland

Uraya Beazley from the Correspondence School was a top taster student at MIT and has an ESITO scholarship for the MIT pre trade in electricity supply.

Auckland

De La Salle students Manase Mafi and Lyon Skelton, completed the Auckland Taster & gained ESITO Scholarships for the MIT pre trade in electricity supply.



Auckland Taster course students display their certificates.

Waikato

Three Hamilton Taster students gained apprenticeships with Mighty River Power —Hayden Cresswell (Hillcrest High School), Jonathan Morgan (Francis Douglas Memorial College) & Nathan Tesselaar (Morrinsville College). Jonathan and Nathan also did ESITO's Gateway Programme.

Praveen Momoisea (Tamatea High School) and Dennis Chong (Hamilton Boys) gained Scholarships for the Wintec pre trade in electricity supply.

East Coast

Olivia Davidson (Gisborne Girls High School), has headed to Canterbury University for a Bachelor of Engineering degree with an ESITO Scholarship.

Eastern Bay of Plenty

ESITO scholarships were awarded to Thomas Houston and Sam Hall (both from Whakatane High School) and Kawerau Taster Course students. Jamie Hunia (Kawerau College) gained a Mighty River Power apprenticeship.

Central North Island

Maria Elo (Tauhara College), gained a Mighty River Power apprenticeship after attending the Palmerston North Taster Course.

Christchurch

2009 CPIT pre trade students on ESITO Scholarships gained apprenticeships—Simon Berghan as an electrician at Connetics, Gill Carr as an electrician at Trustpower and Hamish Van Koeverden as a line mechanic at Mainpower.

Cameron Mee (Riccarton High School) from the 2009 CPIT Taster Course gained an apprenticeship at Mighty River Power.



Year 1 Mighty River Power apprentices who attended ESITO Taster Courses: from left Jamie Hunia, Hayden Cresswell, Nathan Tesselaar, Cameron Mee, Maria Elo and Jonathan Morgan.



Kendra Butler (Fraser High School) has come a long way in a few years. After attending a Taster Course at Wintec in 2004, Kendra has now completed her modern apprenticeship as an electrician at Mighty River Power. In 2009 she was awarded Generation Trainee of the Year at the ESITO Excellence Awards. She was commended by the judges for her high academic achievement and her willingness to help other trainees to set and achieve their study goals.

New Gateway units coming in 2010

We are currently developing the resources for two new units.

Unit 1299 *Be assertive in a range of specified situations* will be great for any student but especially for those in customer contact and business administration work placements.

Unit 10507 *Use personal protection equipment within an electricity network environment* will be useful for work placements in electricity generation and network companies.



In Your Neighbourhood - 2010

Central North Island

- 13-15 April Three-day Tainui Taster, Huntly
- 19 May Eastern Bay of Plenty Careers Expo, Edgecumbe College
- 21-22 May Rotorua Careers Expo
- 13-14 June Career Paths Waikato Expo
- 5-16 July Hamilton Taster Course at Wintec

Northern South Island

- 22 March Specifically Pacific Expo
- 21-22 April West Coast Expo, Greymouth
- 9-11 May Christchurch Coca Cola Expo
- 5-16 July Christchurch Taster Course at CPIT

Northern North Island

- 24-25 March Pathways to Employment Expo, Auckland
- 8 April Tainui Taster, company visits

Southern North Island

- 18 March Hands On Expo, Porirua
- 12-13 May Hawkes Bay Today Expo
- 2 August Made it Manawatu Expo, Palmerston North

Southern South Island

- 1-2 August Timaru Careers Expo
- 19-20 August Southland Careers Expo, Invercargill



SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED FOR 2010

16 scholarships were awarded in 2010 for electricity supply related courses.

Congratulations to all recipients and good luck for your studies this year!

Pre Trade Course in Electricity Supply

Uraya Beazley, Dennis Chong, Richard Franklin, David Garraway, Samuel Hall, Zigmas Inta, Manase Mafi, Praveen Momoisea, Phillip Pullin, Lyon Skelton

Engineering degree

James Butcher, Philip Clements, Aidan Cudmore, Olivia Davidson, Torry Hanson, Thomas Houston



Students experience climbing a power pole during the Palmerston North Taster Course



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