

2011 Taster Courses Applications open!

ESITO is holding eight free taster courses in 2011. Details are listed below.

27-29 April — Tainui 3 day course at Ngaruawahia High School

25-29 July — Hamilton Taster Course at WINTEC

18-22 July — Christchurch Taster Course at CPIT

19-21 July — Tainui 3 day course at Morrinsville College

10-14 October — Palmerston North Taster at UCOL

6-14 October — Kawerau Taster Course at Kawerau College (residential)

10-14 October — Auckland Taster Course at MIT

10-14 October — Tainui one week Taster Course at Hopuhopu (residential)

To apply download an application form at www.esito.org.nz/career/centre/

For further information call 0800 437486

Te Wiare Wilson — from Taster Course to apprenticeship

Te Wiare (or Tui as he likes to be known), was a Year 13 student at Morrinsville College who attended the Tainui Taster Courses in 2010. He got interested in electrical things through enjoying working with speaker wires when he was younger. He made the most of the taster course experiences and at the end of 2010 he was fortunate to gain an apprenticeship with an electricity supply company. I asked him a few questions.

What did you think of the taster courses?

"The three-day taster course was really good. It helped me understand the basics of what the electricity supply industry is all about. The one-week taster course was also a highlight as it went into depth on the different types of natural resources that electricity supply companies use today to create electricity."

What are you doing this year?

"I am now working for Contact Energy as an apprentice. Mighty River Power and Contact Energy have formed an apprenticeship training partnership to make this possible. The thing I like the most about my apprenticeship is new friendships with the other 11 apprentices who were also selected. I also am enjoying the amount of knowledge and experience I am gaining while doing my studies at Wintec. I'm looking forward to my work placement at the Wairakei Power Station."

Any tips for school students thinking about careers?

"Try the things that you might be interested in, and even if it doesn't work out you can always move on. Eventually you will find the one thing you will like."

Update — Tui has already shown himself to be an apprentice with a great attitude through gaining the Year One Ambassador award at the Mighty River Power Apprentice Awards!

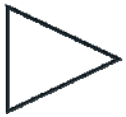


Tui with his Year One Ambassador Award.

WHO IS ESITO? ESITO is the industry training organisation (ITO) for the electricity supply industry. ESITO develops qualifications for the industry as well as arranging for training to be delivered and helping trainees complete their qualifications. ESITO also works with schools and groups across the country to provide career activities for people interested in the industry.

See page 2 for more information about our career activities

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ESITO CAREER ACTIVITIES

Our career activities in 2011

ESITO has a strong programme of careers activities such as taster courses, Gateway, attending career expos, school career events and visits. We aim to help people experience the industry and see if it's the one for them.

Gateway

ESITO's Gateway programme has 7 unit standards along with teacher notes and assessment materials. The Resource Pack costs \$87 plus GST. ESITO staff can provide advice on finding a work placement in the electricity supply industry.

Taster Courses

This year we will be running **eight free taster courses** in the locations listed on page one. Tasters are a great way for students to experience the careers in the industry first hand before making career decisions. Suitable students are at least 16 years old, have NCEA Level 1, are likely to be doing science, maths and technology subjects and will enjoy hands-on learning.

Taster courses are jam packed with exciting activities. On a course students visit electricity companies and see the jobs people do, do work related activities such as electrical workshops, learn about careers and gain a unit standard.

Pre-employment scholarships

ESITO has scholarship funds available for study of electricity supply industry courses in 2012. Eligible courses include the pre-trade electricity supply certificate, NZ Diploma of Engineering, Bachelors of Engineering Technology (3 years) and Engineering (4 years).

Applications open on 1 August 2011 on ESITO's website: www.esito.org.nz/career_centre/.

Career Expos

ESITO also attends many major career expos across NZ along with school careers evening and expos (see page 3)

Taster Course opens up career options

Lorraine Te Kakara is a Year 13 student doing NCEA Level 3 at Kawerau College and is also the head girl. I asked her why she did the taster course in 2010.

"I knew that the course had something really good to offer because only 10 students were selected in the Eastern Bay so I took up the offer not knowing whether I was going to be the only girl. I ended up having a priceless time meeting new friends who I still keep in touch with."

And what was the best part of the course?

"For me it was when we went to Hamilton to Mighty River Power and got an inside look on how the price of electricity was determined, learning how they control the peak demand for electricity from one office. The course gave me a great idea of what the industry is about and showed me a lot of exciting jobs for both females and males.

The other highlight was meeting the other 9 students on the course — they were awesome."



Lorraine (front left) and other Kawerau Taster students on Arapuni swing bridge.

Focus on a career pathway — Cable Joiner



Cable jointers at work.

Cable jointers work on high and low voltage electricity cables. The job involves installing, joining and soldering power cables and testing and measuring the performance of the cables and insulation.

Cable jointers complete a traineeship with an electricity supply company, learning both on the job and also completing a National Certificate in Electricity Supply Levels 2 & 3 to gain registration, followed by Level 4 to work on high voltage cables. Cable jointers may work on power stations or on underground utilities in the country, towns and cities. Not surprisingly, cable jointers have been very busy in Christchurch since the earthquakes, fixing cables that have been damaged due to ground movement.



In Your Neighbourhood - 2011



Central North Island		Northern North Island	
27-29 April	Three-day Tainui Taster, Ngaruawahia	5 July	Manurewa High School Careers evening
18 May	Eastern Bay of Plenty Careers Expo, Whakatane High School	12 July	Onehunga High School Careers evening
19-20 May	Rotorua Careers Expo	Southern North Island	
12-13 June	Career Paths Waikato Expo, Hamilton	25-26 May	Hawkes Bay Today Expo, Napier
25-29 July	Hamilton Taster Course at Wintec	3-4 July	Made it Manawatu Expo, Palmerston North
Northern South Island		Southern South Island	
18-22 July	Christchurch Taster Course at CPIIT	5 May	Clutha Careers Expo, Balclutha
		22-23 May	Timaru Careers Expo

The electricity supply industry offers a wide variety of careers from electrical trades such as line mechanics, cable jointers and electricians, to operators of power stations, technicians, business administration, contact centre operators, management and professional engineering and a whole lot more!

ESITO Careers contacts

Schools and Community Coordinator — Gabrielle Riley.

Based In Hamilton, Gabrielle also attends events around the country. Email careers@esito.org.nz or phone 07 8342696.

Local ESITO Customer Service Managers and Gabrielle can visit schools to talk to classes about the careers in the electricity supply industry.

The Career Centre on ESITO's website has information, career stories, career resources that you can order online and DVD clips and more.

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