



Are You An Employer?

Since 2003 Catapult has found over 500 jobs for people who asked for our assistance. Our clients have a range of different abilities and skills and so we are always on the lookout for all sorts of jobs in all sorts of industries.

Lately we've found work for people in cleaning, factory work, welding, teacher assistant, after-school care worker, warehouse work, real estate, grounds-work and even entertaining tourists by punting them along the Avon River!

In this edition of Catapult's newsletter, we are profiling the skills and abilities of a selection of our clients. If any of your colleagues, friends or family are employers, you may like to pass these profiles onto them, so they have the opportunity of gaining a new employee without going through a long-winded and expensive recruitment process.

These are just a selection of the people we're working with, and employers are welcome to contact us and discuss your needs with our employment consultants. Our service is free!

Garry has a plumbing/retail background and has owned his own business in both of these areas. He's looking for fulltime employment in the retail sector where he is able to help people with their plumbing requirements.

Ron has been a carpenter for many years but now time has taken its toll and he is not up to a fulltime carpenter's job. He's a great people person and is looking for up to 30 hours work in a retail position where he is able to help people with their carpentry or handyman needs.

Ian's customer service skills are top class and he recently won an award for personally achieving top sales in New Zealand for premium petrol sales. Unfortunately failing eyesight has meant that Ian had to leave this job he loved doing. Ian is looking for work for up to nine hours a week doing office work or working with people.

Sarah is an intelligent young lady looking for a career in teacher aiding, as a trainee phlebotomist or an area with similar career options. She is an experienced Nanny, and teacher of English language and the violin.

The last word goes to David who was involved in a climbing accident many years ago which has left him with limited physical abilities. Because of this he has had to retrain from his initial occupation and has spent a great deal of time and effort in developing computer and software skills. He has a thorough knowledge of 3D graphics and design, including computer based music composition. He also has specialised knowledge and experience in adapting software depending on a customer's particular requirements.

David approaches any task with a high attention to detail coupled with a desire to achieve the best possible result. He has a high degree of personal initiative, thus not requiring supervision and a belief in the crucial importance of effective and empathic communication.

In David's own words:

"It occurs to me that my particular situation makes me somewhat different from the typical jobseeker and for any potential employer a possible challenge perhaps. I would like to think however, that the advantage of this is that you could be very certain that I would be giving you my utmost in terms of commitment, productivity and reliability. For someone like myself, the thought of being able to rejoin the workforce and be useful in such an environment, goes far beyond the normal concept of 'working to pay the bills'; it is close to a dream; a prize it is hard to quantify."



One of our candidates, Drew McDonald, started his position as a Punter on the Avon River in October.

Are you an employer who needs new staff?

Catapult is a free service to both employees and employers, contact us now on 365 7005.

We have just the right person for the job!

Catapult Welcomes New Staff Members



John Bannon

John brings a number of skills to Catapult Employment Services apart from his very successful recruitment experience both recent and past.

Having worked overseas for about 20 years in senior management positions and as a business owner John has a great understanding of

what both employer and employee's needs are, enabling him to match them for long term employment relationships.

John regards himself as a "people person" and places a great deal of importance in helping his clients achieve their employment goals and aspirations.

Outside work hours John enjoys family and friends with a glass of good quality wine - he also hastens to add that with age comes depth of knowledge, wisdom, compassion and patience.



Ngaire O'Donnell

Ngaire started working for Catapult in August as a part time Receptionist and Office Assistant.

She brings to Catapult experience of reception and administration procedures in the public sector.

Ngaire holds both a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Canterbury University and also has a qualification in English Language Teaching to Adults.

Earthquake Aftermath

By Kevin Blogg, Director

With this being our first newsletter since the earthquake on September 4, one would have hoped that, as disastrous as the event was, by now most of the people of Christchurch would at least be aware of what is in place to assist in restoring our city and our homes. Unfortunately this is by far not the case. Aftershocks are now in excess of two thousand.

The home of one of our trustees was severely damaged in the original earthquake, only to sustain considerable further damage in the 5.0 aftershock of October 19. An employer with whom we work closely, has a severely damaged home in Bexley and he still remains unsure of what is happening regarding the future of his home.

Catapult's offices, although in an old brick building, had been strengthened before we moved in, and although we were excluded from using it for a week (so much more fortunate than many other business operators) it sustained minimal damage.

YouTube videos of the event are an extraordinary reminder of the extent of the damage, and the severe impact it has had on people's lives.

In keeping with the saying 'every cloud has a silver lining' the earthquake has left behind the biggest building project in the history of the country. With a single house taking at least four months to build, the effect on employment will be marked. Skilled tradespeople returning to work in the building industry will leave vacancies in other sectors where they had previously been working, building suppliers' level of business will increase, and businesses like food outlets will be busier. Some comments I have heard suggest that we will have a mini boom.

Whatever happens, I feel it always pays to look at the positive, and am looking at seeing more opportunities becoming available for the people who use our service.

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