

## Kevin Wins ASENZ National Leadership Award

Catapult is pleased to announce that Kevin Blogg, Director of Catapult was awarded the Association for Supported Employment in New Zealand (ASENZ) National Leadership Award for 2009 at its annual conference in Wellington in September.

ASENZ, an organisation of which Catapult is a member, is the result of a network of providers and advocates of supported employment services from throughout New Zealand who have established ASENZ to offer support, encouragement and advocacy to those organisations providing supported employment services, service users of supported employment and others with an interest in the inclusion of people with disability in the mainstream workforce.

Its mission is to provide a high profile forum for the promotion, establishment and development of Supported Employment Services for people with disabilities in New Zealand, through information, networking, research and policy advocacy.

Catapult staff and trustees are very pleased to see Kevin's work in service development and peer support recognised by this prestigious award.



Kevin Blogg, pictured left, was nominated for the award by Lachlan Keating, Southern Regional Manager of Deaf Aotearoa.



For more information about ASENZ visit  
[www.asenz.org.nz](http://www.asenz.org.nz)

## Welcome Gemma

Gemma Tweedie joins our team at Catapult as our new Administration Assistant. Gemma started with us in September on the Work and Income Community Max Scheme as part of Catapult's Best Practice Development project.



Gemma Tweedie, Catapult's new Administration Assistant

Gemma will assist our Office and Systems Administrator in the day to day running of our office, and will also contribute to the development of best practices based on the ASENZ Framework for Quality in supported employment.

Gemma brings to Catapult experience in education and residential settings in the disability sector, and has completed a Bachelor Degree in Fine Arts from Otago Polytechnic.

We look forward to working with Gemma and welcome her to our team here at Catapult.

## Our Supporters

We would like to express our thanks to all our supporters, new and existing, for enabling us to continue to provide our services in the supported employment sector.

- Ministry of Social Development
- Work and Income
- Christchurch City Council
- Canterbury Community Trust
- ACC
- Maurice Carter Charitable Trust
- Pub Charity
- Eureka Trust
- The Tindall Foundation

Catapult are also members of the following organisations:

- ASENZ (Association for Supported Employment in NZ)
- Disabled Person's Assembly
- CEIG (Community Employment Initiatives Group)
- EEO Trust
- Canterbury Employers' Chamber of Commerce
- FINZ (Fundraising Institute of New Zealand)

## V Power Champion Title

Increasing sales that took Shell Shirley petrol station from the last in the 222 petrol stations in the country to 12th nationally for V Power petrol sales has recently earned Ian Clutterbuck, a client of Catapult, the V Power Champion title for the cluster of stations he works for in Christchurch. What's more, Ian earned this title in the first six months working for Shell Shirley. "Customers love him," says Mark Edmintin, Ian's manager. "They certainly notice when he's not here."

Ian is a real people person and credits his success in sales to the fact that he gets on well with people and enjoys talking to them. He is happy talking to all sorts of different people, and varies his sales pitch accordingly.



Ian, left, with manager, Mark Edmintin

Despite his multiple health issues, Ian has proven that he is a valuable and successful staff member. It took a little while to sort out the best working hours for Ian and the management at Shell have been very supportive in helping Ian work through this. Ian was recently working 38 hours a week but when this proved to be detrimental to his health, the hours were reduced to 32, with the support of management. Anton Hutton, who recruits for Shell, saw good potential in Ian when Catapult referred Ian to him. He has supported Ian to find the right work site, the right hours and days to work, as well as the identifying the right tasks for Ian to do. He was certainly spot-on in identifying Ian's sales skills!

Ian loves his job and says the aim now is to take the station from 12<sup>th</sup> in the country to number one in the country!

*Catapult would like to congratulate Ian on this great achievement, and would also like to thank Shell Shirley for their support and commitment.*

## Clients Feature in Tindall Foundation's Annual Report Calendar

The Tindall Foundation is a philanthropic family trust and each year they produce a calendar as part of their Annual Report. The calendar features community groups they have supported over the last twelve months. Catapult has received support from the Tindall Foundation in the past and they asked as if we were interested in contributing an inspiring story for this year's calendar.

Featured in the calendar are Kemuel and Drew, two clients Catapult have supported into employment at a local Countdown Supermarket.

Both young men have made strong progress in their personal and professional skills over the last year. The pair are responsible for helping the flow of trolleys going at the Church Corner branch of Countdown on Saturday late morning and early afternoon - one of the busiest places to be in Christchurch. This has required high levels of team work and perseverance. Both Kemuel and Drew have risen to their challenges and in the Calendar they mention how their abilities have grown and how they are both now very confident taking on further roles and responsibilities.

One of Catapult's volunteers, Dave Perry, has provided placement support, and both Kemuel and Drew have met at Catapult to brainstorm developing their team skills. It has been inspiring for us to see these two young people handling a high level of pressure and continuing to grow with it.

Drew and Kemuel will feature in the Tindall Foundation's Annual Report Calendar in the month of August 2010.



Kemuel, pictured left, and Drew, on the right, working together at Countdown Church Corner.

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