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Training News February/ March 2008

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2008

We hope you are refreshed and ready to make the most of the New Year.

If you are thinking about signing an employee onto a training programme, take the first step and talk to our team today. We can tailor a training programme to suit your business needs. Our flexible options include entry level through to full apprenticeship programmes that provide employees with a strong skill base and an industry-recognised qualification upon completion.

Discuss your training needs with our friendly team today – phone 0800 654 455.

Benefitz of technology + training

Two apprentices at Benefitz have the unique opportunity to run a new hybrid digital/offset press – the only press of its kind in New Zealand.

The North Shore based business installed the brand-new Screen Truepress in January and their team are excited about its potential.

Managing Director, Aidan Bennett, says the Screen Truepress combines the quick set-up time of a digital machine with the process and quality of offset printing.

“It images printing plates on the press quickly and then prints with conventional printing inks. There have been machines around that have touched on this type of technology, but we believe the Truepress has taken it to a completely new level.”

Benefitz’s impressive printing power also includes a Komori NL 528 and covers small format digital (iGEN3 and DC8000), large format digital (two 1.6 metre Mimaki’s), flatbed digital (Scitex VEEJet), grand format digital (5 metre Scitex XLJet and 3.2 metre Mimaki). They print everything from business cards through to five-metre wide billboard skins.

Benefitz recognises both the importance of keeping up with technology and training staff. Their two apprentices, Jonathan Gates and Richard Woolmore are both well into their Sheet-fed Offset apprenticeships, with Jonathan expecting to complete his qualification this year.

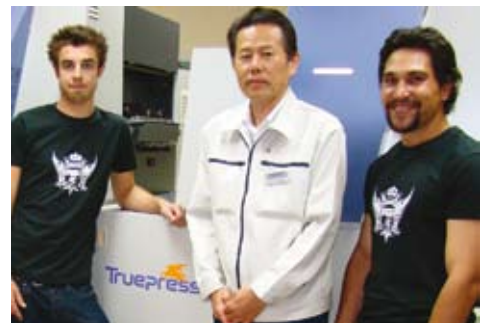
Jonathan says: “The change from the 2-colour GTO to running the new Truepress is very exciting.

“The Truepress is a fantastic machine when you consider that we can make a set of 4-colour plates on the press and be printing in five minutes. That’s what I love about working at Benefitz. Because we are so diverse I have had experience in areas that wouldn’t be possible in a more narrow business.”

Benefitz Offset Printing Manager, Alan Nickless, says both apprentices are doing really well.

“As a business we are very focussed on training as it is very important for our company to develop skilled operators.

“Our approach has been to provide opportunities for people to train right across the business and the offset area is obviously an important part of that. We are providing training opportunities for new digital operators as well.”



Jonathan Gates, left, and Richard Woolmore with Minoro Iwamoto of Dainippon Screen Japan, during the installation of the new Screen Truepress.

Gateway builds bridges between schools & business

PrintNZ Training is involved in an initiative that benefits both school students and print businesses.

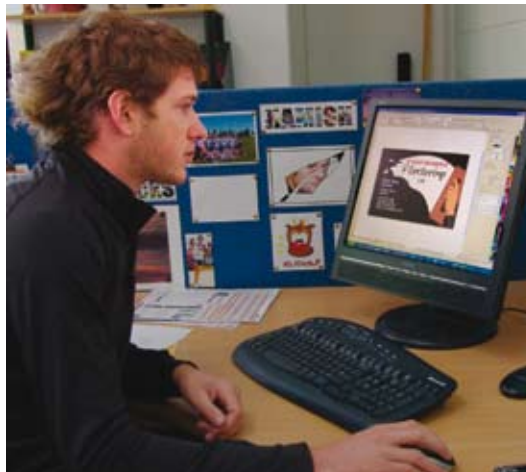
Gateway is a government-funded programme that offers senior secondary school students the opportunity to gain work experience in more than 50 industries including printing.

A student signs a formal agreement with their college and PrintNZ Training and might undertake two unit standards, such as safety and industry knowledge. The student then spends one day a week in a local workplace learning new skills and knowledge. They are assessed in the workplace and gain unit standards which can contribute towards a National Certificate qualification.

In 2008 the Tertiary Education Commission expects 340 schools nationwide to participate.

Printstop @ Spectrum in Napier has been involved in Gateway for two years. Managing Director, Clare Shirkey, says they have had three students complete work experience through Gateway and she recommends the programme to employers.

"It gives you a no-obligation way of finding out if the person is suitable for the position, an opportunity to give them some basic training before they start (if the employer decides to hire them), and it is also a way of giving a young person a supported first step into life in the workforce," says Clare.



A former Gateway student, Ryan Smith began his Digital Processes for Print apprenticeship in November 2007.

Her latest Gateway student has signed on as an apprentice.

"Ryan asked to come and visit us as he was interested in a career as a graphic artist. At the start of 2007 he organised the Gateway programme through his school so that he could come to us for work experience. A young man with that amount of "get up and go" is too good to miss out on!

"Ryan is doing even better than I had hoped – he's willing, reliable, eager and quick to learn and with a really good flair for design. One of the reasons I took on Ryan is that he showed initiative right from the start. By signing him on as an apprentice I believe that I'm doing the best that I can afford for him at the moment, in providing him with good, sound basic training and a skills base on which he can further his career."

Ryan Smith, 18, is equally happy with how his Gateway experience has turned out.

"I ended up leaving the 7th form mid-year but it turns out that it's the best thing I could have done. While most of my friends are off getting huge student loans, I'm making money! I was stoked about the job offer and I don't have a single regret about taking it."

If your business is interested in Gateway, contact your local college or email alicia.lambert@printnz.co.nz

Apply to Trust 4 Skills today!

Trust 4 Skills has grants available for people interested in challenging themselves in the great outdoors or Diploma students interested in adding to their knowledge.

Outward Bound grants

Each year Trust 4 Skills provides funding for several industry members to participate in Outward Bound. In 2008 Trust 4 Skills has set aside grants for up to four industry members. If this interests you, visit the Trust 4 Skills website at www.printnz.co.nz for an application form and eligibility criteria.

Comments from 2007 Outward Bound participants:

"With the help of Trust 4 Skills a long-time dream of mine was realised. The rewards are great when the effort you need to achieve them is more taxing."

Robert Thompson, The Gisborne Herald

"Thanks to the Trust for sponsoring me on what was a great and very worthwhile challenge."

Chris McFie, Wyatt & Wilson Print

PrintNZ Centenary Conference grants

The PrintNZ Centenary Conference takes place from 13-15 October 2008 at Wairakei Resort, Taupo. This is an excellent professional development opportunity and is the only event of its type in New Zealand.

A broad range of speakers will be in attendance covering a wide range of business, technical and sales topics.

Trust 4 Skills considers the Conference to be a great learning opportunity. As it did for the 2006 conference, Trust 4 Skills has grants available to cover the cost of four Diploma in Print Management students who wish to attend.

For more information, contact Ashley Chisholm at PrintNZ Training on 0800 654 455 or email ashley.chisholm@printnz.co.nz



Apprentice Awards showcase future leaders

Congratulations to the Apprentice Awards branch finalists listed below. These finalists have been selected out of 100+ apprentices and trainees who completed their training during 2007.

When picking branch finalists we looked for people who have a positive attitude towards their job and training, good assignment, assessment and workshop marks and positive feedback from their Training Liaison Officers.

A questionnaire has been sent to all employers of finalists. This information will be added to all of the info we already have on the finalists to help us decide the winner of each branch. Winners will be contacted by phone and letter in early March.

The branch winners will attend the PrintNZ Training Apprentice Awards Breakfast on 16 May 2008 at Sky City Auckland.

All branch winners (excluding National Certificate trainee) are then in the running towards the ultimate print industry training title - Apprentice of the Year. The Apprentice of the Year will be announced on stage at the Pride In Print Awards on the evening of 16 May 2008.

Thank you to all of our sponsors - without your support the Apprentice Awards could not take place.

Apprentice of the Year Award sponsors:



Apprentice Awards: Branch finalists

Binding & Finishing Award

Orlando Akaata: GEON BFG, Wellington
Romilly Smith: University of Otago Library, Dunedin
Robyn Cubitt: Actionmail Ltd, Auckland
Dylan Jukes: PMP Print Times Colour, Warkworth

Award sponsored by the [Print Finishers Association](#)

Digital Processes for Print Award

Brendon Evans: Sealed Air (NZ), Hamilton
Joanna Doohan: Brebner Print Ltd, Napier
Ben Johnston: Craigs Design & Print, Invercargill
Troy Conole: The Gisborne Herald, Gisborne

Award sponsored by [Natcoll Design Technology](#)

Formerly known as the
Graphic Pre-press Award

Paperboard Packaging Award

Brent Martin: Ryco Dies Ltd, Auckland
Alvinesh Kant: Interpac Packaging Ltd, Auckland
Kelvin Forbes: Charta Packaging Ltd, Lower Hutt

Award sponsored by the [NZ Paperboard Packaging Association](#)

Screen/Letterpress Dry Offset Award

Fatai Lolohea: Visy Rigid Packaging, Auckland
Meng Lim: Security Plastics, Christchurch
Martin Wilson: Tecpak Industries Ltd, Dunedin

Award sponsored by [Blue Print Imaging Ltd](#)

Sheet-fed Award

Tina-Marie Pereira: Printlink, Wellington
Andreas Kililis: Adprint Ltd, Wellington
Kieran Dale: Logick Print & Graphics Ltd, Auckland
Chris Gordon: Freestyle Artworks, Wellington
Autu Pou: GEON Printco, Auckland

Award sponsored by [PrintNZ](#)

Reel-fed Award

Peter Wannan: Wedderburn Scales Ltd, Auckland
Lillian Tobin: Aperio Group Ltd, Christchurch
Richard Hughes: APN Print, Wanganui
Evan Arthur: Gravure Packaging Ltd, Wellington
Steven Greenhalgh: Business Media Press Ltd, Auckland
Vincent MacKereth: Huhtamaki Packaging Worldwide, Akld

Award sponsored by the [Newspaper Publishers Association](#)

National Certificate Trainee Award

Vishal Maisuria: Sealed Air (NZ), Porirua
Albert Seumalii: Sealed Air (NZ), Auckland

Award sponsored by the [Engineering, Printing & Manufacturing Union](#)

Joseph Martin: Chequer Packaging Ltd - GFG, Christchurch
Kenn Crichton: Amcor Kiwi Packaging (Case), Hastings

Training completions

Congratulations to the following 83 people who have achieved valuable industry-recognised qualifications during the final quarter of 2007 (1 October to 31 December).

Apprenticeship completions

Orlando Akaata, GEON BFG; Matthew Ashton, PMP Print, Manukau; Daniel Bancroft, PMP Print Times Colour; Anesone Bragovits, Nicholson Print Solutions; Wade Collins, Sealed Air (NZ), Hamilton; Peter Dalziel, Kale Print & Design Associates Ltd; Christopher Dawson, The Southland Times Co Ltd; Joanna Doohan, GEON Brebner, Napier; Brendon Evans, Sealed Air (NZ), Hamilton; Derek Ferry, Croxley Stationery Ltd; Kelvin Forbes, Charta Packaging Ltd; Paul Frankhouser, Canpac International Ltd; Steven Gilbert, Convex Plastics Ltd; James Greener, Premier Plastics Ltd; Nicholas Gribble, Tubepack Ltd; Christopher Kakato, Epic Flexible Packaging Ltd; Alvinesh Kant, Interpac Packaging Ltd; Andreas Kililis, Adprint Ltd; Jason Laine, APN Regional Print; Keith Lucas, Adhesif Print Ltd; Brent Martin, Ryco Dies Ltd; Stephen Murray, Sharp Print Finishers Ltd; Natasha Packham, Aperio Filmpac; Tina-Marie Pereira, Printlink; Tony Reid, Custom Cutting Formes Ltd; Owen Sinclair, PMP Print, Manukau; Romilly Smith, University of Otago Library/Bindery; Damon Tafatu, Gravure Packaging Ltd; Daniel Thornton, Webstar; Lillian Tobin, Aperio Group Ltd; Mark Townsend, PMP Print, Christchurch; Jonathon Trent, Aperio Filmpac; Peter Wannan, Wedderburn Scales Ltd; Jason Waru, Nicholson Print Solutions; Brock Williams, Image Centre Ltd; Martin Wilson, Tecpak Industries Ltd.

Level 3 National Certificate completions

Samuel Ansley, PMP Print, Christchurch; Matthew Ashton, PMP Print, Manukau; Gareth Barton, Soar Printing Ltd; Guy Brady, Format-Blue Star Print Group (NZ) Ltd; Simon Butler, APN Print Central; Vishal Chand, United Printing; Brendon Eagle, Webstar; Shane Everitt, Amcor Kiwi Packaging Case Division Ltd; James Fletcher, Sharp Print Finishers Ltd; Donald Frew, Jenkins Group Ltd; Miles Goodlet, Thames Publications Ltd; Nicholas Gribble, Tubepack Ltd; Martyn Hall, Tasman Westside Printers Ltd; Brett Hannah, Hannah & Young Printers Ltd; Nicholas Hewitt, Wyatt & Wilson Print Ltd; Malo Iuta, GEON BPG; Jury Kake, Lithoprint Ltd; Thomas Kemp, Viscount Plastics; Phongsavanh Lanthong, The Print Room; Keith Lucas, Adhesif Print Ltd; Feleti Nofoaiga, Rapid Labels; Iasoni Palemene, Printlink; Bryan Peach, Tecpak Industries Ltd; Anton Phillips, Print House Ltd; Tony Reid, Custom Cutting Formes Ltd; Donnal Rickard, Service Printers (1978) Ltd; Joshua Roberts, Printworld Ltd; Michael Ryan, Sealed Air (NZ), Porirua; Vijay Sagar, York Paper Company Ltd; Kenneth Stirling, Business Media Press Ltd; Lewis Tait, Waikanae Plastics Ltd; Alexander Tepania, Aperio Group Ltd; Mark Townsend, PMP Print, Christchurch; Iatisona Ula, Rapid Labels; Danielle Van Houtte, New Zealand Printing Company; Tony Walters, PMP Print Times Colour; Lisa Wilson, Wyatt & Wilson Print Ltd.

Level 2 National Certificate completions

Kris Amundsen, Admark Visual Imaging; Wayne Clegg, Chaucer Press Ltd; Fergus Glen, Wellington Prison Print Shop; Paul Mackay, Aperio Group Ltd; Vishal Maisuria, Sealed Air (NZ), Porirua.

Assessor/Trainer courses

Do you or your staff oversee training or assessments in your workplace? If so, these courses could be relevant to you.

Train the Trainer courses

These courses are run by Parkers Ltd. They provide valuable skills for those providing training or assessment in the workplace. If you train employees through PrintNZ Training, the cost of these courses is paid for by us.

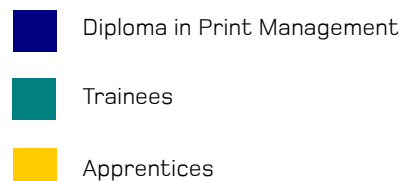
Assessor Training courses

Become a Registered Assessor in your workplace. People wishing to become assessors need to have unit standard 4098 before being registered. This can be gained through a local training provider or through a Parkers course.

Please refer to our website, www.printnz.co.nz, PrintNZ Training, General training, for a full list of 2008 dates and venues for both of these courses.

Training statistics

As of 8 February 2008, 557 apprentices and trainees were completing their training. A further 83 people were studying towards the Diploma in Print Management.



PrintNZ Training participating organisations:

