

Summerside Job fair provided many career options to job seekers

by Patricia Roy

Job Search

The ninth annual **Summerside Job Fair** held in April attracted 38 exhibitors and many were businesses currently looking for workers. About 350 visitors and job seekers attended.

Lila MacIsaac-Buchanan, team leader for the **East Prince Youth Development Centre**, was one of the organizers of the event. "The Job Fair was about building job prospects, creating awareness and researching opportunities about careers in many different sectors," says Lila.

The Summerside Job Fair was held in partnership with the **Tourism Industry Association of PEI** and the **East Prince Youth Development Centre**.

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Careers in tourism and the service industries:



Causeway Bay

Lindsay Walker and **Britany McKie** work at the **Causeway Bay Linkletter Hotel** in Summerside. Lindsay started working at the front desk. She transferred to the housekeeping department and then to the laundry department about a year ago. "I love working here. I work by myself and I like the independence," says Lindsay.

Britany has been working at the front desk for close to a year. "I really like it," says Britany. "I enjoy meeting people."

For more information, visit www.causewaybayhotels.ca. To apply, contact **Tammy Wilson** at 436-2157 or send a résumé to tammyw@causewaybayhotels.ca.



Stanley Bridge

Greta Pike began her career in the hotel business in 1992. She started as Front Desk Manager and went on to work at a few hotels in the Summerside area as Director of Sales and Marketing and then as General Manager.

"I have worked for the **Stanley Bridge Resort** for the last year as Front Desk/Sales Manager," says Greta. "It is enjoyable and the people I work with have a great team spirit."

For more information, contact **Greta Pike** at 886-2882 or visit www.stanleybridgeresort.com



Slemon Park

Lisa Hemeon is originally from Newfoundland. She has a background in Human Services and is trained as a Paralegal. After returning to the Island in 2007, she applied for work at the **Slemon Park Hotel and Convention Centre**, where she is now the Housekeeping Manager.

She says her previous training complements her current job. "I can use my Human Services skills when dealing with my staff.

"This job is the best thing that could have happened to me. I really like working with people. As a single mom, being able to find employment close to my home was very important to me."

For more information, visit www.slemonparkhotel.com. To apply for housekeeping positions, contact **Lisa Hemeon** at 432-1788 or apply on-line to lhemeon@slemonpark.com. For all other positions, contact **Kevin Mouffier** at 432-1796.



Sun Life Financial

Debbie Phillips is the Manager of **Sun Life Financial** on PEI. She has been with the company for 35 years. Debbie has worked in several areas of the country during her career, and has worked on the Island for the past 12 years.

"I'm one of those lucky people who has been able to stay with the same company most of my working life," says Debbie. "Continuing education has been a big part of my career and it is mandatory in order to keep my Financial Planner certification, which is just one of my designations. I am also a Chartered Life Underwriter, a Chartered Financial Consultant, a Fellow of the Life Management Institute, and a Registered Life Underwriter. You end up with a lot of letters after your name and a lot of knowledge from courses taken over 35 years," Debbie says with a laugh.

For more information about a financial services career, contact **Debbie Phillips** at 894-8513 ex. 206. Visit www.sunlife.ca/debbie.phillips or drop off or send a résumé to Debbie.Phillips@sunlife.com