

Western PEI Careers and Employer Expo

by Patricia Roy

The Western PEI Careers and Employer Expo held in October at the Mill River Resort helped students to start thinking about career options, says Coordinator **Michelle Sigouin**.

The event attracted 47 exhibitors and 410 visitors. Students in Grades 7 to 9 from **Hernewood Junior High** and high school students from **École Pierre Chiasson** and **Westisle Consolidated** attended.

For more information about **Resources West Inc.**, call 853-4555 or visit www.resourceswest.pe.ca

The expo was sponsored by Resources West and Service Canada.



The following exhibitors provided information on career choices:

Many choices in healthcare

Kristine Vandenberghe, Administrative Assistant for the PEI Health Sector Council, says there are lots of job opportunities for youth in many branches of the healthcare system.

“There are so many choices.”

For more information, call the PEI Health Sector Council at 367-4460 or visit www.peihsc.ca



Kristine Vandenberghe has available the recently released Health Career booklets.

Beauty care industry offer choices

Sandra Jones is the owner-operator of **Above and Beyond Hair Salon** in Alberton. She says career opportunities are plentiful in the beauty care industry. “People can own their own business, work for an employer, and even work with seniors or hospital patients.”

Sandra Jones (left) and employee Tara Warren.



For more information on hairstylist training, visit www.gov.pe.ca and search **hairstylist**.



Self employment is also a choice for youth



Lucille Brennan is with **CBDC West Prince Ventures Ltd.**, which offers business advice and loans to entrepreneurs.

“This expo is a great opportunity to get students thinking about entrepreneurship and to create awareness about avenues available to help them get started in business.”

For more information, call 853-3636



Bricklayers in demand on the Island

Clarence Gallant from the **PEI Bricklayers Union** says there is a shortage of masonry workers. “The average age is over 55, and many will be retiring soon. There are lots of employment opportunities and there is a big demand for bricklayers.”

William Young, Executive Director of the **Masonry Industry Association of Atlantic Canada Inc.**, says the association has demonstrated the need for a masonry course on PEI. “We hope a course will soon be available on the Island,” he says.



Clarence Gallant shows Grade 12 Westisle student Mary DesRoches how to apply mortar when laying bricks.

For more information, call the **Masonry Industry Association of Atlantic Canada Inc.** at 506-450-9670 or visit



www.miaac.ca

Working for the Coast Guard: getting paid while you study

Pierre Lacroix is a Recruitment Strategies Officer with the **Canadian Coast Guard College** in Sydney, Nova Scotia. He says youth choosing a career in the Coast Guard have the opportunity to get paid while studying.

“Students agree to work for four years in the coast guard following their graduation from the four-year navigation or marine engineering program. The degree program is recognized around the world. Graduates can choose to continue working for the coast guard or work on container or cruise ships, for example.”

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For more information, visit www.cgc.gc.ca and search **Canadian Coast Guard Officer Training Program** or call the **Canadian Coast Guard College** in Sydney, Nova Scotia at 902-567-3233 or toll free at 1-888-582-9090.

