

NEXT MEETING

WHEN:	Thursday, 19 APRIL 2011. (5:30 pm for drinks and nibbles)
WHERE:	KF01, Kirkwood Village at the University of Canterbury, off Kirkwood Avenue
TOPIC:	'A Simple Recipe for Business Success - How trainers can use it to delight their customers'
SPEAKER:	Colin Clapp
INVESTMENT:	Members and Affiliates \$5, non-members and friends \$10.

If you would like to attend this meeting please RSVP to

P residents Corner

Greetings fellow members of NZATD – as we move and work around our city, we note the temperatures beginning to fall and we can all sense the oncoming arrival of the cooler months. We know and understand that's simply the cycle of the year just being 'normal'. Its interesting but at the same time as our seasons are changing and the leaves fall in a 'normal' way, there is new life emerging in our city. Unstable buildings are being lowered and new structures are being built in their place and make no mistake, Christchurch and its people are busy.

Despite the challenges that still exist in our city, there is much optimism in the people I meet with. They can see the city is beginning to expand and grow as new people come to Christchurch to assist with the rebuild. Sure, many of these people will come, work and depart again but there will also be a large percentage who decide that this is a 'mighty fine place' to live, work, raise their families and settle.

They will enjoy living here, just as generations have done previously before them. New businesses will rise in what will arguably be the safest and most modern, liveable city in our proud country. I tend to ignore the 'neighsayers', as they add very little value to the argument - Christchurch will be a city that is seen as progressive, modern, stable and safe. These are ideal conditions for people to learn and develop.

Simultaneously, as our city changes its size, structures and layout, NZATD is moving (locally and nationally). There is a new interest amongst members to more fully utilise the value of their membership, to maintain and expand our strategic alliances and to increase our profile and ability

to positively influence key decision makers associated with Training, Learning and Development in New Zealand. You should have all received your first printed copy of the shared AITD/ NZATD magazine. This is an example of a new initiative/'win-win' (for both organisations) and we look forward to identifying if there are other opportunities to grow and expand, for your benefit.

Since the beginning of the year, NZATD Canterbury has met twice and both meetings have been well attended by members and visitors. Our speakers (Diane Edwards and Victoria Donohoe) have provided us extremely interesting presentations related to their work and their experiences. The people who have attended have reflected very positively on the meetings. We look forward to continuing to provide varied and relevant topics/ activities for our local meetings.

As at this week, we have 43 members in Canterbury and there are a number of people wishing to learn more about our organisation. If you know of someone who you believe would grow as a result of joining NZATD, bring them along, introduce them to our meetings, resources and people. They will thank you for thinking of them and helping them to move forward.

APRIL SPEAKER

Our presenter for April is Colin Clapp – Colin will be speaking on the subject of **'A Simple Recipe for Business Success - How trainers can use it to delight their customers'**

Colin's ability to show people more profitable and fulfilling perspectives on life and work stems from over 20 years of business and work experience. He is passionate about living his life's purpose; Success and Significance through a philosophy of Give, Take, Invest and Enjoy, bringing this philosophy to everything he does.

After leaving school with minimal qualifications, Colin waited until his mid-thirties to jump back into the educational deep-end to gain an MBA from the University of Durham, one of the top 100 business schools in the world. He was also proud to be voted the 'Student Who Contributed the Most' by his cohort. Born in the UK, Colin achieved a dream when he moved to New Zealand in 2004.

Come along, meet and hear Colin, mix with your colleagues. The meeting starts with drinks and nibbles at 5:30 pm and Colin will be commencing his presentation at approx. 6:00 pm.

REMINDER - NZATD IS ON LINKEDIN

As previously advised all Canterbury members are invited and welcome to join the NZATD National on-line networking group. This is a great opportunity for you to connect with other NZATD members and like minded L&D professionals across the country. Use it to keep in touch when you can't attend meetings. Ask question of your peers. Let us know what you have to celebrate and share ideas: training sessions, stories, good books – the choice is yours.

Networking sites are only as good as the people who use them so why not join up now. Just follow these instructions:

1. Go to www.linkedin.com
2. On the top menu click Groups



3. In the search window on the top right enter NZATD and pick NZATD from the menu provided.
4. When you are taken to the Group page, click
5. You will be told that your request has been sent to the group organiser. When we have checked that you are a member, we will accept your request and you will be added to the group.

2012 NZATD NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Conference Theme - Inspiration and Aspiration in Aotearoa/ New Zealand

Dates – 25/ 26 October 2012

Location – Ellerslie Convention Centre, Auckland

Overview – The speakers and content have now been finalised, an event production firm has been contracted to support the event and registrations for attendance will shortly be open. Keep an eye on the website and mark the dates in the calendar and plan your attendance!

Previous conferences have been very well attended – book early and avoid disappointment!

LOCAL CHRISTCHURCH MEETING DATES

The meeting dates for the next 4 Christchurch meetings are as follows:

Thursday 19 April 2012

Thursday 17 May 2012

Thursday 21 June 2012

Thursday 19 July 2012

Location - KF01, Kirkwood Village at the University of Canterbury, off Kirkwood Avenue

Any suggestions or ideas for events are welcome, as well as feedback (both positive and negative) and offers of assistance

BRANCH ADMINISTRATION

The Branch Executive remains stable and committed to the success of the Canterbury branch. The elected members of the Branch Executive are:

- ***Branch President*** – Russell Wordsworth
- ***Vice President*** – Grigor McDonald
- ***Treasurer*** – Sarita McClean
- ***Communications*** – Pip Taylor
- *Leonie Wright*
- *Carl McOnie*

OK, hopefully this short newsletter informs you and keeps you connected with your local branch if you have not been able to make the local meetings. Russell will be back in the Presidents chair from 19 April and I will look forward to catching up as we progress through the rest of the year.

Grigor McDonald
Acting Canterbury Branch President

*T*he final word

Teaching is more than imparting knowledge, it is inspiring change. Learning is more than absorbing facts, it is acquiring understanding.

William Arthur Ward