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Mentors Network Launched

In October we launched our Mentors' Network in Christchurch and in Auckland. The aim of the network is to allow mentors and trainers (and anyone with a responsibility for training others) to network together share their skills and knowledge and learn new ways to pass on their knowledge to others.

The Mentor's Network helps to make sure companies make the most of the expertise that already exists in their workforce. It's a well known fact that trainees have better success when they have someone in their workplace to support and mentor them.

If you have a mentoring or training role in your company you're welcome to join the network, free of charge, to access a whole range of additional services and support from PaMPITO.

Important Dates 2010

February will see the first of the Mentor forums with Christchurch happening on 18th February and Auckland on the 25th February. Topics for discussion will include:

- Mentors' role and importance
- The new PaMPITO Mentor's Guides
- Professional development opportunities
- Online discussion forum.

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Services offered to Mentors in 2010

- **Networking**
Starting in 2010 there will be quarterly Mentor network functions to allow mentors to share experiences and provide feedback on support they need from PaMPITO.
- **Buddy Mentors**
The network will allow mentors to work together and assist each other with teaching and training issues or share tips and experiences that could further assist individuals in the learning Process.
- **Professional development**
Facilitated workshops, speakers and seminars will deliver relevant topics to further assist Mentors in their roles. We will shortly let you know the dates these will be offered in 2010.
- **Mentors qualifications**
There will be opportunities for Mentors to undertake nationally recognised qualifications that relate to their Mentoring role and activities.
- **Individual advice and support**
Mentors can get relevant one to one support and advice in the workplace through the Mentor Network.
- **Online Forum**
We are well underway with planning for the "Mentor Online Forum" where Mentors can post questions, advice and snippets of information to share with other mentors. This service will be available during the first quarter of 2010.

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