

New NZAEP Bursaries Programme launched

On: 5 July 2013

Ten attendees of New Zealand's premier events industry conference will be the lucky recipients of the inaugural Professional Development Bursary.

5 July 2013

Ten attendees of New Zealand's premier events industry conference will be the lucky recipients of the inaugural Professional Development Bursary.

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and the New Zealand Association of Events Professionals are offering the bursaries to attend the annual Eventing the Future 2013 (ETF13), to be held in Auckland from August 14-15.

The bursaries will provide registration for successful entrants, and are being offered as part of the ongoing partnership between the two organisations. They are aimed at event career-focused individuals who want to make a difference within the industry, and who can demonstrate how the conference will assist their professional development.

"The bursary will support the professional development of recipients in a variety of ways, and I particularly hope that it encourages the attendance at the conference of even more up-and-coming event organisers," said Kylie Archer, Manager New Zealand Major Events.

Terri Van Schooten, Chair of the NZAEP says that developing capability within the NZ events industry is one of the membership association's key drivers and "it is great that the NZAEP is in a position to partner with NZME to make it easier for some of the country's most ambitious event professionals to attend the national conference."

To apply for the Professional Development Bursary, simply answer the following questions and email them to info@nzaep.co.nz no later than 17 July. Please attach your professional profile or CV.

- 1. How will attending the ETF13 be beneficial for your professional development needs and career goals? You may wish to reference specific components of the programme in your answer.
- 2. Where do you think the New Zealand events industry is heading in the next 5-10 years? What do you think the industry needs to support its growth?
- 3. Tell us about yourself and why you should be awarded this opportunity.

The bursaries provide ETF13 registration and are valued at up to \$1000 each. They do not cover transport, accommodation or other miscellaneous expenses. More information about ETF is available at eventing the future.org.nz.

Media contact: 0274 422 141 or email media@mbie.govt.nz