

Centrelink's Career Information Centre leading the way



Centrelink's Career Information Centre (CIC) in Adelaide was selected as a lead event in this year's celebration of National Career Development Week held from 17 to 23 May, 2010.

Recognising the theme "Get the life you love" the CIC's Cathy Sanderson organised a visit to the CIC by a group of students and their instructor from Women's Education studies at the Elizabeth campus of TAFE.

Cathy said, "It was a great opportunity during National Career Development Week to design an activity at the CIC for this target group. They're all women with families who are studying at TAFE to further their education and set a new career path. I wanted to give this group some insight into the range of options available to them in seeking new directions in their lives."

With Sharon Stewart their TAFE instructor providing encouraging support, the group had a fun afternoon on Tuesday 18 May with a number of career development activities. There were interactive activities, career quizzes, games and career maps. This was accompanied by afternoon tea.

The group also had some time to look at the wide range of resources available at the CIC to assist students, potential students and those seeking employment or changes in a career path.

Sharon Stewart said, "I think this was a very valuable exercise working in partnership with the Career Information Centre as part of National Career Development week."

Cathy said, "To top off the afternoon I presented a USB Memory Stick to three of our participants who gave the best answers to the career development quizzes. A further six participants gained a National Career Development Week promotional bag containing a variety of items including t-shirts, caps, pens, note paper, rulers and computer mats. However everyone left with a show bag full of career information and relevant Centrelink information."

Cathy added, "The event went really well. It was a really positive experience for all concerned. This group of women seemed determined to do well in their future studies and in their career choices, not only for themselves but for their families too."