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JOINT FORUM ON TRAINING AND JOB SEARCH OPTIONS FOR DISPLACED WORKERS

The South West Regional College of TAFE, in collaboration with Centrelink and Jobs South West Community Services, will be hosting a forum for members of the community affected by recent retrenchments to be held at the Harvey Campus in Uduc Road on Friday 20 March. Representatives from the three agencies will be available from 10.00am to 3.00pm to provide community members with information on their training, job search and career development options. Other support agencies are being contacted to consider joining the forum.

Ms Wendy Burns, Managing Director of the South West Regional College of TAFE, commented, "Our College recognises the impact a changing employment landscape can have on individuals and communities and in collaboration with key service providers, we will be making our services available to offer options for the individuals so effected."

"Displaced workers will have the opportunity to consider obtaining qualifications to support competitive employment through recognition of their existing skills. This may also enable them to fast-track training for an alternate career," she said. The College will also consider short courses required by individuals that might enhance employment opportunities.

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The CEO of Jobs South West Ms Posy Barnes said "Through our Employment Directions Network we can provide free retraining for retrenched workers. We act quickly and effectively to reduce the impact of retrenchment on local families."

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During the forum, Jobs South West will be offering a range of services including:

- Assistance with career exploration
- Assistance with developing the skills required to gain employment
- Job search support
- Assistance with resumes
- Provision of access to information and internet based resources
- Assistance with information on accessing employment and training services in the region
- Funding for training through the Profit from Experience program
- Assistance with exploration of alternative enterprise pathways such as self employment

For more information on the forum contact the Harvey Campus on (08) 9780 7050 or to discuss your training needs contact the South West Regional College of TAFE on (08) 97807070. Jobs South West can be contacted on 1800 641 375 for immediate career development and retraining assistance.

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