



Advisory Boards Pilot Programme June 2009 - November 2010

How did the Pilot come about?

In 2008, the Department of Labour commissioned a study to examine the link between productivity levels in Canterbury ICT companies and the potential benefits of effectively using Advisory Boards. A report was produced to publish the findings of the study and this document led to the development of a proposal and subsequent project plan for the Pilot Programme we are launching.

Who is involved?

The Department of Labour owns the project and has contracted the Canterbury Development Corporation (CDC) to deliver the Pilot Programme. The CDC has in turn contracted Connect Advisory Incorporated to assist with delivery.

Overview of the Programme

Ten Canterbury technology companies will be selected to participate over the coming six months. Each will participate in an initial meeting with a group of potential advisors matched to their initial requirements. At this meeting, key issues will be identified and discussed and the panel present will take the opportunity to comment and offer guidance. After the meeting, the company will have the opportunity to select 3-4 of the group to form their Advisory Board.

For each participating company, the programme runs for 12 months with Connect facilitating the establishment of the Advisory Board and offering support to help ensure the effective operation of the Board. Templates and other resources to help with documentation and setting effective processes in place will be provided to the participating companies.

The companies selected are responsible for remunerating their selected Advisory Board members themselves.

Becoming an Advisor

Registrations of interest are being sought from people suitably qualified to act as advisors for the participating companies. If you have not received this form and would like to register your interest, please get in contact with us using the details below.

The commitment of the advisors is for the full 12 months of the programme from when the company joins.

Companies interested in participating

There are still places left on the programme, so if you are a company who would like to be considered, please use the key contacts below to begin this process.

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