



The world comes to Scotland looking for workers

The dream of a new life in Australia, Canada or New Zealand will soon become more of a reality for hundreds of Scots in Glasgow on the 22nd & 23rd September.

Australia needs skilled workers ; an estimated 500,000 in Western Australia alone, as the resources boom continues to create job opportunities across the state. In New Zealand, the Christchurch earthquake requires skilled migrants to help rebuild the city, and in Canada too, there are many thousands of vacancies in oil and mineral rich provinces like Alberta.

Now a dedicated event, **Down Under Live** arrives in Glasgow to cater for a growing audience wanting to leave the UK behind in search of a new life abroad. Recent government statistics revealed that that Australia is the top destination for people migrating from the UK, with over 17,000 people moving from Scotland alone. In 2010, 489,000 people emigrated overseas from the UK.

For most, it is the promise of a higher quality of life, with enhanced job prospects that entices them to move. Australia's unemployment rate is half that of Scotland, and the Australian government is actively recruiting skilled workers to help with vital skill shortages. 42 year old Mark Hickford and his family moved from Dumfries to Adelaide in Australia, and says he has no regrets about leaving. "I'm not sorry I moved as I believe the quality of life has more potential than the UK, and the weather is better. " While he admits to missing friends and family, he is adamant that the lifestyle in Australia is better than she could have hoped for in the UK.

The key for a successful move overseas is to get independent, trusted advice and that is what visitors to **Down Under Live** can get from their day at the show. Staged in a friendly and helpful atmosphere, each day features over 6 hours of dedicated presentations on emigrating, with the aim of providing answers to the hundreds of questions potential migrants have.

Every aspect of the emigration process is covered, from shipping your goods to where the best schools are, so that visitors will leave with a plan for starting their new life. Hundreds of job opportunities will also be on display, as well as the opportunity to talk to recruiters and employers, and experts with long experience of helping people to emigrate will staff over 30 stands that visitors can browse during the day.

Moving to the other side of the world may well be a massive undertaking, but as Mark Hickford advises "Just do it. Whatever you think you've got to lose by not taking a risk will invariably still be there if it doesn't work out. We are here to stay!"

Down Under Live – the UK's biggest event for emigrating to Australia & New Zealand will run alongside **Canada Live**, a show dedicated to all things Canada at the SECC in Glasgow on the 22nd & 23rd September 2012. Doors open on both days at 10am and tickets cost £10 each in advance for access to both shows.

For more information , images or interviews

John Weir, EDP Ltd

01179 323586 / john.weir@edpltd.co.uk