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## *UPcoming: UP Careers 17 October*

Permanent or Contract? Income or Security? Seniority or Variety? Money or Growth? Or can you have it all? Our next event, on **October 17th**, gives you a chance to challenge two key IT employers in Wellington and hear from those trading the permanent career path and the contracting alternative.



Our guests will debate:

- What is an IT career - does the traditional path still work?
- Is contracting all about the money?
- Do companies only employ contractors because they can't plan their workload?
- Do companies only employ permanent staff because they can't afford to pay contractors?
- What are the skills you need to be successful on each path?
- Can you take both paths during your career?

It's an employee's market right now so take advantage of this UP opportunity to get the skinny on which way to jump. And have some free beer and pizza...

**Details on the website shortly so put 17th October, 5:30 in your diaries now!**

## ***UPcoming: 2007 Annual General Meeting***

What an amazing year for UP! We will be celebrating it in style at our **AGM Thursday 1 November** with a stimulating programme, and food and drinks courtesy of the Mayor of Wellington (who will be in attendance).

Being an AGM there are a few formalities ... and we will quickly get through them. An official notice of AGM will be sent to you next month.

This year we are aiming to announce the new committee for 2008 at the AGM. Are you or a friend keen to make a difference? Or participate and learn what makes UP tick?

Then please put your name forward, or encourage a friend.

Already, in the past few weeks we have had a

number of people come forward asking to be on the committee. There are several spaces available, and one is bound to be just what you will be interested in. It is a great time to join UP: we are financially secure, have more members than ever before, and have run more events this year than any previous year.



### **Call for Nominations**

The Young IT Professionals' Network Incorporated (trading as Unlimited Potential) calls for nominations to its Executive Committee. Please send nominations by email to [bronwyn@up.org.nz](mailto:bronwyn@up.org.nz). Nominations must be received by no later than **Saturday 6 October 2007**.

If the number of nominees exceeds the number of positions available, an election will take place at the Society's AGM. Details will follow in the official notice of AGM later next month.

### ***Gadgets, Games & Geeks 2007 roundUP***

It was good to see so many attendees inspired to blog about the GGG event, both before and after. We promised Gadgets, Games and Geeks - so while we didn't quite have Wii gaming on the big screen after the event - by all accounts you enjoyed our line up of speakers. We [snapped a bunch of pictures](#) during the night, and we'd love to see yours.

Glynn Foster spoke on where Open Solaris is headed, and there were a number of technical questions asked by the attending \*nix community.



*Lucky iPod winner Robin Beasley*

Maricio from Geekzone apparently was left [lusting after a MacBook](#) seeing Lee from the Apple division of Renaissance show off his one running Windows XP Pro on Parallels. Robin Beasley also went home happy, carrying an Apple iPod won in the business card draw.

[Yaktivate.com](#) flew their CEO over from the US to present to UP on the steps it takes to do business in the Web 2.0 world - starting with building a community online.

Attendees heard some pre-release details and saw some of the game-play in the upcoming [Sidhe Interactive](#) release of MTVs Jackass game.

Brian Sweeney spoke on spoke on [NZEdge.com](#) and inspired us with an insight into the innovation capital, Wellington.

In the exhibitors, Bruce from [e-lm.com](#) demonstrated one of the more full featured e-lifecycle tools that is available on the market, today. You couldn't miss the Apple tv and huge screen down the back of the hall, playing shorts from the US shows of our very own Flight of the Conchords - and we hope you all tried the wireless pens Liz Knight had on show. We're already thinking about 2008, and hope to bring back the wow again.

## ***Sponsorship UPdate***

The UP brand has gone from strength to strength which means we've been able to secure more sponsorship – it's pretty clear there's huge value in being associated with us!

You may have seen **Vision Recruit** at the GGG event in August – we're really pleased to have them on board as a Silver sponsor. Vision are an energetic information technology and telecommunications people partner – a recruiter providing services in executive selection as well as permanent and contractor recruitment. They're based in Wellington and Auckland and are in the middle of building their new website which you can get a sneak preview of at <http://www.visionrecruit.com/>.

We also applied for and received **Wellington City Council** funding to support the UP activities – which means we get the lovely Bronwyn Smith to help us keep the wheels oiled and the newsletter out on time...!!

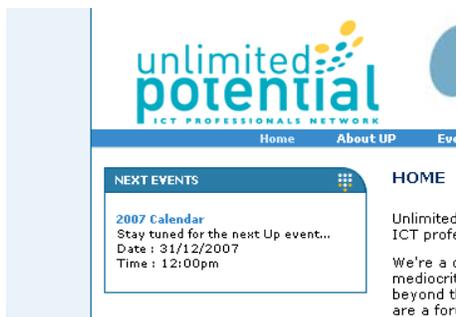
**Gen-i**, (<http://www.geni.co.nz/>) are also supporting us as Silver sponsors and with a great venue.

Gen-i is at the forefront of helping clients take advantage of the convergence of IT and telecommunications, and the new opportunities this makes possible. We're glad they make UP opportunities possible.

Thanks, as always, to our other sponsors too.

## ***Have you seen the new UP website?***

Our new website [www.up.org.nz](http://www.up.org.nz) went live mid May, and we do hope you like the new look. We have noticed a fair number of hits on our new RSS feed, and are developing new ways to allow you to get UPdates from us.



We've also had a number of suggestions for improvements in usability and features and will be actioning some of them soon. If you have a feature or suggestion, or just can't login to the site, then do give us [feedback](#). We've created a quick poll on the site - but you'll need an LJ account or [OpenID](#) to login to vote:

<http://up.org.nz/poll>

## ***Membership UPdate***

Unlimited Potential membership grows steadily with every event we run, thanks mainly to your efforts - keep bringing your friends along! One year ago UP had 793 members and now we are just short of 1000. To make it even better, we have had an influx of female members, bringing the gender ratio up to 24%.

**See you all at UP Careers in October!**

**With Love,**

**UP Executive**

A big thanks to all our sponsors, without whom we wouldn't be able to run any of these events:



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