

Website boosts mentoring opportunities for NZ travel industry

10 October, 2023 Access to professional mentoring for travel industry staff has become easier with the launch of an upgraded website for <u>Travel Industry Mentor Experience (TIME)</u>.

TIME is a not-for-profit company established in 2019 in New Zealand, and 2009 in Australia, to help ambitious, aspiring leaders of the travel, tourism, cruise, hospitality and aviation sectors accelerate their careers through mentoring.

The program operates through a structured mentoring and peer collaboration framework to deliver agreed outcomes for each participant.

TIME NZ Programme Manager Margaret Spiro says the updated website will make accessing TIME mentoring simpler and more straightforward for those seeking mentors, as well as those wanting to become mentors.

"The travel industry has been through a lot of upheaval and change over the past few years. The sector is now entering a period of growth, which is exciting, but a high proportion of our people have taken on different roles, have had to learn new skills, or are completely new to the industry.

"It is really important everybody is supported through those changes, and mentoring from senior, experienced members of the travel industry has proven to be a very effective way of doing that," Spiro says.

"Mentoring can help anybody at any stage of their careers, and we often have the mentors telling us they learn a lot from their mentoring sessions as well."

TIME NZ currently has a roster of about 30 industry mentors, listed on the updated website with a snapshot of their experience and core skills. Applications to become a mentee, mentor, or to partner with TIME, can also be started through the website at www.travelindustrymentor.co.nz.

"The website is a hugely useful tool, particularly for those in mentoring or wanting to know more about what it offers," Spiro says.

"As well as application information, we have a library of workshops, videos and other educational resources that we will be regularly updating."

The site also includes an events calendar and testimonials from TIME graduates.

"In the four years since TIME launched in New Zealand we have worked with 29 graduates, with another 15 currently in mentoring, and another eight about to start," Spiro says.

"Our mentors, partners and supporters are making a real difference to so many individuals helping them realise their potential."

Visit TIME NZ at www.travelindustrymentor.co.nz

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