

Prison Services Assessor Forum – appreciating worth



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Prison Services' assessors from around the country gathered in Christchurch last week to soak up two and a half days of assessor-centric workshops, activities and presentations.

Designed to support the professional development of assessors, the forum included sessions focusing on learning styles, coaching in the workplace and what qualities make an effective assessor.

Ray [Rocky] Rockhouse from Rolleston prison says this year's forum built on what was started at ETITO's first ever Prison Services Assessor Forum in November 2008, "The forum was really valuable. The delivery and professionalism was great and the input we got from everyone made it worthwhile."

With a key focus of the forum being 'appreciating worth' Prison Services GTE Manager Paul McCracken was impressed with the work the assessors got through during the programme, "There's an obvious enthusiasm for this type of opportunity, and what we wanted was for the assessors to leave here with a renewed verve for the job of assessing and having identified opportunities to contribute to the development of professional corrections staff."

