

Development Coordinator (Canterbury Based)

- **Exciting opportunity in the Harness Racing industry**
- **Role available through to 31 July 2027**
- **Approximately 20 hours per week**
- **Flexible working arrangements**
- **Commencing as soon as possible**

Harness Racing New Zealand (HRNZ) exists to work alongside the participants in our sport to promote and regulate a thriving, sustainable, and positive harness racing industry in New Zealand.

We are seeking an experienced harness racing participant to take on the role of Development Coordinator. In this role, you will be responsible for educating and tutoring Trials and Junior Drivers, supporting them to develop the skills and confidence required to succeed in our sport.

The successful applicant will play a key role in developing the next generation of harness racing talent in the South Island. This role also includes mentoring young people to help them explore and develop career pathways within the harness racing industry.

Key Responsibilities

Reporting to the Education & Horse Care Manager, the Development Coordinator will:

- Attend cadet classes occasionally
- Educate new Trials Drivers
- Tutor and educate Junior Drivers
- Identify when additional specialist support is required and liaise with the Education Team to coordinate this (i.e.; sports psychology, wellbeing support or extra media training)
- Work closely with the Education Team to keep paperwork up to date
- Attend team meetings as required
- Attend Adjudicative Hearings on, or outside of race days as required to support Junior Drivers
- Assist with cadet stable visits in the South Island (as appropriate)
- Be available for some evening work, race days, and occasional weekend work
- Travel to Auckland and Invercargill will be required
- Tutor Amateur or Senior Drivers when requested by the Racing Integrity Board

What You Will Bring:

- Experience as a licensed Harness Racing driver
- A demonstrated commitment to mentoring and developing others
- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Sound analytical and problem-solving ability
- A collaborative approach and a genuine desire to see others succeed
- Strong organisational and time management skills
- The ability to plan ahead and manage competing priorities

For more information on the role, please contact Natalie Gameson at natalie@hrnz.co.nz.

To apply, please send your cover letter and CV to: natalie@hrnz.co.nz by Monday 23 February, 5pm.