

Doom 'n Gloom? Call for the Temp Army!

Welcome to 2009, a New Year that has the doomsayers trying to think up even more sensational adjectives for the economic situation that surrounds us! Strangely enough, despite the pressure to reduce staff



numbers and costs, the daily workload doesn't seem to get any less demanding and backlogs have a way of snowballing beyond control.

Famous high street names seem to disappear every day, administrators called in to liquidate household brands. Hiring freezes, short time working, voluntary pay reductions and redundancies are all facts of life at the moment and they all take their toll in human terms.

So, how can you hope to support the core business to pre-credit crunch standards when purse strings are pulled tight and manpower is at a premium? Some projects may go on hold for a while but others will become a priority, one that needs to be managed as tightly as possible.

Archives won't file themselves, waste can't bale itself and hop into a compactor, office furniture can't move on its own, shelving won't miraculously appear on the wall where you need it. You are going to need a reliable source of flexible, knowledgeable workers, available at short notice and with a minimum time commitment. That's where temp staffing,



from a supplier you know and trust, is invaluable.

Catch 22 is committed to providing you with a fast, reliable, quality temp staffing service to support your business. Our pricing is keen and transparent, our range of staff is unmatched and our service is quality assured.

We've been in business since 1982, so we've seen our share of recessions and have the experience to help you to continue to deliver a high standard of support within budget and on time. Give us a call anytime for some no-strings advice .



Recruitment and Employment Confederation chief Kevin Green has expressed his organisation's intention to continue to lobby government over the proposed

REC campaigns on loss of VAT concession

withdrawal of the VAT Staff Hire Concession, due in April 2009.

Charities, NHS, healthcare, further education and social housing sectors will be hardest hit by no longer being able to pay VAT on just the margins paid for temporary staff.

The REC estimates that this will add £400 million to the cost of staff

hire; this is in sharp contrast to the government's estimate of £150 million.

Green is urging agencies to lobby their own MPs in an attempt to have the removal of the concession delayed to allow further consultation, otherwise agencies will have to charge VAT in full on wages and their profit margin.

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Quiz Night hits the Decade!

On March 3rd, Catch 22 will be presenting the 10th Annual Charity Pub Quiz and Party Night at the City Pipe in Foster Lane, near St Paul's Cathedral.

Since 2000, the Quiz Night has regularly attracted in excess of 200 people and has contributed nearly £30,000 to our nominated charities.

Even in these straitened economic times, it's an event that regulars wouldn't forsake and provides a great opportunity to get work colleagues and friends together for a fantastic evening's entertainment.

Once again, our evergreen

Quizmaster Dominic Laffy will be presiding over proceedings firmly but fairly and competition for the title of Quiz Kings of 2009 will be hotly contested as usual. Catch's own football team hold the trophy and will be looking to defend it against all comers.

For a team of up to 8 people, we've kept the cost at 2007 levels of £300 which includes food, bar allowance, quiz and prizes plus a donation to the charities.

To be sure of your place at *the* social event of the Spring, just call Vince or Don on 020 7821 1134 or email don@c22.co.uk

Hope to see you there!



The Offer's still open

Request a copy of our handy guide 'What Do Catch 22 Do?' and we'll give you a limited edition mug absolutely free. The guide outlines all the services that Catch 22 has to offer and the mug is perfect for tea, coffee or your fave hot drink. Just email your details to london@c22.co.uk

Fancy a Pasty in the Duchy?



After the windswept majesty of Hadrian's Wall in 2007, this year's Challenge takes us to the picturesque Cornish Coastline in a bid to complete 45 miles over two days of the first Bank Holiday weekend in May.

We're expecting over 50 walkers to join Simon Aspinall and Kevin Wideman in their at-

tempt to complete all 280+ miles of the coastline and we'd love to see you there. We're even putting together a less demanding itinerary for those who don't fancy the full 45 mile distance.

Our base and social centre will be the Union Hotel in Penzance, with transport to start and finish points provided each day. Experienced group leaders will be in attendance for every phase of the walk.

If you'd like to take part in this fantastic weekend, simply call Vince or Don on 020 7821 1134 or email don@c22.co.uk

Walkers are very welcome but

if you don't feel up to it, you can always sponsor someone else or contribute to the charities—just give us a call!

Since The 3 Peaks in 1997, we've raised in the region of £200,000 for Scope, Breast Cancer Campaign and The Lord's Taverners. Please help us keep up the good work and get to £30,000 for 2009.

