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Are we getting too soft?

News that unemployment among those aged 16-19 is 14% and could soon reach 20% is a worry. Young people need work, not a dole handout. Young people seeking work often require job training— and persistence. Yes, finding work is difficult. But reports say many young people have just stopped looking for work. After a few attempts, they've given up trying. It's not difficult to forecast their future.

Contrast that scenario with the story of African American Curtis Robinson who, at 16, left Alabama looking for work in the north. Being a dark face in white Connecticut couldn't have been easy. Yet he worked two fulltime jobs simultaneously and within two years had saved enough cash to buy a run-down grocery store. By age 22 he also owned a restaurant, drycleaner, apartment building and a building supplies company. Read his story here > www.saintfranciscare.com/Content.aspx?id=4294969798

What has happened to our Kiwi ethic of 'Give it a go'? Are we getting too soft? Yes, some of us are.

Brian Morris Principal

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Christine Davies Curtis invites you

to her book launch on Saturday 28 August, at Waiheke Island Library. ***So You Want To Live On Sark*** is the story of how she and her husband moved from mainland England to the Channel Island of Sark.

People who live interesting lives often say "There's a book in this" and Christine has proved there is.

Christine completed her book after her graduation from NZIBS Creative Writing course.

There will be two book launches! After the live one on Waiheke Island, there will be a virtual book launch on Sark. Christine will give her speech on Skype to the assembly of channel islanders on Sark.

One benefit of small print run self-publishing means extra copies will be printed by the UK printer. That beats shipping books across the world. To buy Christine's book, email for details: cedcurtis@gmail.com Well done Christine!

Brian Morris, principal

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New courses for 2010

♦ How to write a romance novel ♦ How to write poetry
♦ How to become a Life Coach ♦ How to write short stories
♦ How to write mystery thriller whodunit novels
♦ How to write rhyming children's stories

Digital Photography now has three levels: Beginners, Freelance Photographers, and Advanced level (using Photoshop). Call Carol Morris for a chat: 0800-801994.

Let us help you achieve your personal objectives for 2010.

Please mention these opportunities to your friends who aren't sure which path to take through life. Gaining a new skill and a qualification is better than drifting. Besides, qualified people with a diploma earn more.

If you have a curiosity about these extension courses, please email your interest to: **registrar@nzibs.co.nz**

Information will be sent automatically when the course you want is available, with start dates and fees.

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'Say it in six words' competition

is one of the Student Discussion Forum competitions.

What title would you give a newsletter for **airship pilots**? (Hey, every group needs a newsletter for its members.)

There are fresh competitions every month, including **photography** competitions. **Proofreading Bloopers** competition. Write one sentence (any length) which says it all – about any topic.

Write **'the first 100 words of your novel' competition**. There are lots of reasons to ENJOY your studentship with the New Zealand Institute of Business Studies. Let's all make it an enjoyable learning experience. Group participation is the key. Multiple entries are encouraged. There's a book prize for winners. The most important benefit is to take part.

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Student Discussion Board

Think of SDB as your Student Common Room. **How to log in** is described IN DETAIL in your *Student Handbook*, page 11. Folks, keeping viruses and electronic nasties off the SDB is a constant task. We've had to install a double safety process. Apologies for the inconvenience.

To get on the SDB, this is what you need to do. Type www.nzibs.co.nz in the address bar of your internet browser.