

## Variety: the spice of life

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Wellington

Just call Deb a globetrotter! This Levin born 'kiwi girl' loves travelling and experiencing different cultures and lifestyles, so it's no wonder she loves the variety of her job as a Pathways administrator.

Deb has been all over the world. She's full of tales of far away places and the colourful characters she's met. She's lived in London, Edinburgh and the United States. She seems to have holidayed almost everywhere, but still she comes home to New Zealand to share her infectious enthusiasm with all at Pathways!

Deb originally trained as a nurse and before joining Pathways worked in physical disability rehabilitation, maternity and a burns unit at a number of hospitals. Pathways first caught Deb's attention as she listened to a friend rave about what a great place it was to work. Deb took the hint and applied for a job. She joined the organisation in 1996 and embraced the organisation's culture of doing whatever it takes!

Her role as Wellington office administrator is varied – and she loves it! A day-in-the-life of Deb at Pathways may include organising events, networking with outside providers, keeping the office running (including keeping track of tea, coffee, milk and loo paper!), making curtains or tea cosies, being a tour guide, driving someone home after an event, moving truck loads of bark onto gardens, organising recruitment advertising, keeping track of diaries...and generally doing her best to go above and beyond to accommodate everyone! For Deb, variety is the spice of life! She says her role at Pathways gives her the opportunity to do a bit of everything and meet many different people. "I really enjoy taking on new projects. As part of the Project Patch, we're currently setting up a cook-off between services! It should be a lot of fun."

Of course with Deb's itchy feet she always has a holiday plan or two simmering away! But until her next overseas adventure Deb will keep busy renovating her Kapiti Coast home, quilting (her sewing room is full of fabric and is the largest room in her house!), gardening, or getting out attending local shows and supporting great talent.

One thing is for certain, whatever Deb's doing; she'll be fully involved and having a great time!