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Document 2 From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia, 7 July, 2016

**Co-working** is a style of work that involves a shared working environment, often an office, and independent activity. Unlike in a typical office environment, those co-working are usually not employed by the same organization. Typically it is attractive for work-at-home professionals, self-employed entrepreneurs, or people who travel frequently who end up working in relative isolation. Coworking is also the social gathering of a group of people who are still working independently, but who share values, and who are interested in the synergy that can happen from working with people who value working in the same place alongside each other.

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Office sharing becoming new trend for Christchurch businesses

Shared spaces, co-working, hot-desking, desk-surfing. Whatever you call it, there is no denying it's a growing trend.

Gabrielle Stuart spoke to some of the many Christchurch business people forced out of their offices and to rent a desk after the February, 2011, earthquake like Rebecca Tavete who began working from home.

She was expecting a sense of freedom - working in comfort at home, at her own pace, without the stress of trying to make it to the office. "I definitely wasn't prepared to feel isolated and distracted.

"It was a sense of freedom to start with, but it gets on top of you when you're not able to talk with those around you, and bounce ideas off them. Your thought process slows down and you feel out of the loop."

She also discovered housework and pets weren't the only distractions when working at home. "Friends and family think you're at home, so you're not working. So they'll pop in, which is great, but it'll take up an hour, often your most productive hour."

Last week, she held the first open house at Argo, the co-working space she is creating in New Brighton, which she plans to open officially next month.

Her vision was to create the space she wanted for her business. Somewhere you could have the flexibility of working from home, where "you can pop out of the office and go for a surf", while keeping a network of creative business people to work alongside and having access to meeting rooms and spaces where clients can be hosted.

She works as a freelance event producer, and keeping a conventional office didn't make sense as she often had to travel overseas to Australia or Hong Kong for her work.