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## Speakers Series launch – reaching your potential against the odds

Former actress, prostitute and now transsexual parliamentarian Georgina Beyer explains how it is possible to beat the odds and reach your potential in an inspirational launch of Campus Living Villages Speakers Series in New Zealand.

In a motivational talk, Georgina explains why it so important to be true to yourself.

"The reality is that I have had an unusual life. A misfit one might think. But within my story is a message for anyone who wants to aim high without compromising who they are," said Ms Beyer.

"The Campus Living Villages Speaker Series is offered as an important addition to the Campus Living Villages Student Life Program. The Speaker Series is established to inspire our residents in their professional development, stimulate their intellectual curiosity, and expand their social awareness," Campus Living Villages General Manager of Operations Tim Weston said.

Victoria University Students are invited to attend the Speaker Series.

When: 7.30pm, 19th September 2006 Where: Unicomm, Level 1, Cumberland

Cost: Free

Ms Beyer shares her story explaining how after growing up as a young boy in Wellington and Auckland, she realised she was a woman trapped inside a man's body. Her journey led her to work as a stripper and a prostitute before undergoing a sex-change operation in 1984. Since then she has worked as an actor, publicist, broadcaster and is now a member of the New Zealand Parliament.

Campus Living Villages operates Unicomm accommodation in Wellington.

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