



Supporting Local Business

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Mid Ulster Business News and Events

As a business in Mid Ulster District Council area, we would like to make you aware of current business programmes, events and awards that may be of interest to you.

Please note that Mid Ulster District Council have a dedicated Business Support Section established on its website providing up to date information to our business community.

[Visit our Business Support page](#)

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Agri-Food Investment Initiative

buying or developing computer software, and buying patents, licences, copyrights and trademarks. It supports Northern Ireland food and drink processors from small and medium-sized businesses to large Agri-food businesses that process Annex I products.

[Agri-food Investment Initiative: More Information](#)

Geovation Accelerator Programme

Ordnance Survey and HM Land Registry have launched the Geovation Accelerator Programme for Autumn 2024.

The programme is a founder-friendly programme designed to help entrepreneurs build their business and help them solve real world challenges using geospatial and property data. The programme is built around startups, giving them what they need to grow their business, develop their minimum viable product, and prepare for investment.

Up to £20,000 in equity-free funding, workshops, coaching and more is available.

The closing date for applications is 12 noon on Friday 30th August 2024

[Geovation Accelerator Programme: More information](#)

Digital Transformation and Emerging Technologies

Digital Transformation and Emerging Technologies is an online programme delivered over four weeks. This is led by Queen's Business School expert, Brenda Clerkin.

The course equips managers and business owners with the practical knowledge and skills to create a mindset change around digital technologies, embrace opportunities presented by digital technology adoption, promote business growth, and to help your business to thrive in a digitally centric world.

A limited number of fully, funded places are available for the Autumn cohort, through the SKILL UP flexible skills fund, supported by the Department for the Economy NI.

The closing date for applications 12 noon on Sunday 1st September 2024.

[Digital Transformation and Emerging Technologies: Registration](#)

Innovate UK funding for Data-Driven Manufacturing Projects

This is the Final Call for the Smart Manufacturing Data Hub's funding is to assist manufacturers on their digital journey. The Smart Manufacturing Data Hub's last round of funding is now live to assist manufacturers on their digital journey.

[Rapid Demonstrator Projects](#) - funding available up to £50,000

This funding aims to support sensor installation, data analysis or similar to enable SMEs to advance their smart manufacturing journey, de-risk major investment and promote growth.

[Lighthouse Projects](#) - funding available up to £150,000

This funding aims to support a range of industry partners (of any size) to develop Lighthouse projects that will support and enhance manufacturing SMEs across the UK to exceed and expand.

Projects will ideally start in August 2025 and last for 6 months. Application forms, T&C's and eligibility criteria can be found [here](#).

For more information contact: aodheen@manufacturingni.org

Draperstown Membership Networking Meeting

Workspace are hosting a networking meeting for local entrepreneurs.

The meeting will focus on:

Networking Opportunities: Connecting with fellow social entrepreneurial leaders and partners.

Inspiring Speakers: Hearing from industry experts and pioneers in social enterprise who will share their insights and experiences.

Community Wealth Building: Being a part of a supportive community dedicated to using business as a force for good.

Date: Tuesday 10th September 2024

Time: 10am-12pm

Location: Workspace, Draperstown, BT45 7AG

Membership Networking Meeting: Registration

Hello Possible Programme

Catalyst are running sessions to highlight 'Hello Possible' the free programme designed to ignite ambition and kickstart business ideas.

The programme aims to spark self-reflection, provide a roadmap, cultivate creativity and foster community.

For businesses looking to explore a new idea, expand an existing initiative, or simply gain fresh perspectives, this programme offers a supportive environment to help you develop an entrepreneurial mindset and identify possible business ideas to explore.

Date: Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th, and Thursday 22nd August 2024

Time: 10am-12:30pm or 6pm-8:30pm

Location: Online

Hello Possible: Registration

The King's Awards for Enterprise 2025

Northern Ireland businesses are invited to apply for the UK's most prestigious business award

The King's Awards for Enterprise recognise and encourage the outstanding achievements of UK businesses in the fields of international trade, innovation, sustainable development, and promoting opportunity through social mobility.

Businesses of all sizes and from all sectors can apply.

The awards are free to enter and you can apply for more than one award.

The closing date for applications is 1pm on Thursday 12th September 2024

King's Award for Enterprise: Application

InterTrade Ireland Cross-Boarder Trade Hub

InterTrade Ireland has created a comprehensive business hub, which contains the latest information for businesses engaged in, or planning to engage in trade between Ireland, Northern Ireland and GB.

InterTradeIreland Cross-Boarder Trade Hub

NI Rates Reval 2026

Land & Property Services (LPS) is revaluing all non-domestic properties in Northern Ireland for business rates. This is known as NI Reval2026.

Businesses are recommended by LPS to complete a Rent and Lease Questionnaire (RALQ).

Complete your RALQ online by 31 August 2024.

Rent and Lease Questionnaire: Contact Form

Go Succeed Events

Click on the links below to view some of the free upcoming business events being hosted by Go Succeed, the council support service for Northern Ireland businesses.

[Meta Thematic Workshop 2 - Content Creation](#)

Date: Wed 14 August 2024

Time: 10am-12:30pm

Location: Online

[Using LinkedIn to Grow your Sales](#)

Date: Thurs 15 August 2024

Time: 10am-12:30pm

Location: Online

[Growing your Sales in the Republic of Ireland](#)

Date: Wed 21 August 2024

Time: 1pm-2pm

Location: Online

[Meta Thematic Workshop 3 - Keywords, Hashtags & Ads](#)

Date: Wed 21 August 2024

Time: 10am-12:30pm

[Selling Skills for the Apprehensive](#)

Date: Thurs 22 August 2024

Time: 10am-12:30pm

Location: Online

[Google Ads for your Business](#)

Date: Wed 28 August 2024

Time: 1pm-2pm

Location: Online

[Access to Finance](#)

Date: Thurs 29 August 2024

Time: 10am-12:30pm

Location: Online

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