



BUSINESS GATEWAY West Lothian is offering a number of FREE workshops in Livingston:

- **Creating a Consultancy** on 17 August.
- **VAT for New businesses** on 18 August.
- **Trading Online** on 31 August.
- **Get Real Results from your Website** on 07 September.
- **Improve your Search Engine Ranking** on 14 September.

START UP workshops for people contemplating starting a new business also run in Livingston each month.

A START UP AWARENESS seminar will also take place on 26 August at County Buildings in Linlithgow.

For more information on all Business Gateway events call 01506 777 400.



IN THE NEWS

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WEST LOTHIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE is calling for nominations for the Business Excellence Awards, the biggest celebration of business achievement in West Lothian. <http://www.wlchamber.com>

THE ENTREPRENEURIAL EXCHANGE in association with Scottish business magazine *Business 7* are seeking nominations for their Entrepreneur of the Year awards. <http://www.business7.co.uk>

ALL MAJOR CONTRACTS (including OJEU tenders) currently advertised by West Lothian Council and other public sector organisations can be found on the **Public** website at www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk. The following recently published tenders have closing date in August or September.

- Bulky Waste Recycling Services
- Insurance Broking Services
- Occupational Health Service
- Supply & Delivery of uPVC Windows, Composite Fibreglass Doors & Composite Fibreglass Fire Doors

SMITH ALLAN MARKETING is launching their 2010 West Lothian Business Directory & Loyalty Card that is due to be distributed week commencing 13th September. To advertise contact Smith-Allan Marketing no later than 9th August. <http://www.smith-allanmarketing.com/>

The Scottish Business Crime Centre's Summer newsletter is now online. It includes an article on preventing golf club crime and an update on the recent Drug Training for Licensees initiative in West Lothian.

<http://sbcc.org.uk/public/News-and-Events/News/Newsletters.jsp>



WHAT'S ON

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A BREAKFAST BRIEFING has been organised by Business Gateway West Lothian to highlight a national program to help manufacturers improve their productivity and generate cost savings. The event on 9 September will explain the services of SMAS (Scottish Manufacturing Advisory Service) which has recently introduced new resources and increased the size of its team in West Lothian.

WEST LOTHIAN'S ECONOMIC CONFERENCE takes place this year on 14 September. It will focus on how tackling youth skills and unemployment can boost the economy and individual businesses. Speakers include Laurie Hayworth, chairman of social enterprise company Bookdonors and innovative employers including Sainsburys and Johnson & Johnson Medical. To book phone 01506 777937.

thesmallbusinessclub West Lothian Elite is holding a business to business breakfast networking event at the Hilcroft Hotel in Whitburn on 3 August from 8am – 10am. <http://www.thesmallbusinessclub.co.uk>

LOTHIAN BUSINESS CLUB will be holding a lunchtime networking event at Centrex House, Livingston on 7 August from 12 noon – 2pm. <http://www.lothianbusiness.biz/index.html>

WEST LOTHIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be hosting a business Networking Evening on 19 August from 17.30 – 19.30.

A NETWORKING EVENT for new businesses organised by Business Gateway and West Lothian Chamber of Commerce will take place on Tuesday 24 August. You can make some new business contacts and can hear all about the mentoring scheme.

FEDERATION OF SMALL BUSINESSES, West Lothian Branch, are holding an event to explore the business opportunities presented by Green Energy at the Fairway Hotel in Bathgate on 7 September 6.30 - 9pm.

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