

GROWING CORBY

CORBY BUSINESS GROWTH PROGRAMME

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The Growing Corby programme officially launched on the 2nd April with one key aim - to help grow and support businesses in Corby and those looking at relocating to Corby. Since our launch, we have now successfully supported more than 70 businesses. 41 grants of £2,500 have been awarded, 15 businesses or individuals have received free market research, 3 interns have now been placed and 15 social enterprises have received free advice and guidance.

To find out how your business could receive the free support available, visit www.growingcorby.co.uk or call 01536 560224.

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Free innovation workshops now launched

Growing Corby are pleased to announce the launch of a series of workshops. Four free workshops, spread from September to November, will cover the important topic of business innovation.

The workshops will commence with **'The art of doing something new'** on 22nd September, which will take attendees on a journey to explore new markets, process improvements and product development. Other follow-on-workshops will explore **innovation in marketing, innovation in creative industries and how to innovate in a service business**

To register for these free workshops, sign up here - <http://eventpilot.evolutive.co.uk/events.aspx?siteID=298>

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Coming up with a grant winning business idea is child's play

An educational toy, inspired during a toddler's playtime in a Great Oakley garden, has secured the support of a Growing Corby grant.

Owner of Ur-Tubes, Jean Fisher-Taylor said "Our grant will allow us to go to childcare exhibitions in Coventry and at London Olympia, which is a great way for us to get our product and meet the end users of our product".

Jean also added, 'I don't think people know enough about the services available to



Calling all social enterprises, co-operatives and charities

The dates of our next workshops, aimed at social enterprises, co-operatives and charities have now been launched.

On the 15th and 16th September, the popular 'Foundations of a social enterprise' workshop will be running, which covers the basics of business, identifying your target market, marketing your business and developing a business plan.

On the 29th and 30th September, the 'Business and contract ready' workshop will be

start-ups. This kind of grant is a huge help! This will enable us to grow even faster'.

taking place, which will explore the building blocks of business and making sure they are in place to move forward, organisational structures and tender preparations.

Read their full story and find out how your business could also benefit from the Growing Corby grant - <http://growingcorby.co.uk/portfolio/grant-for-ur-tubes/>

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A memorial mason goes 3D thanks to Growing Corby grant

A Corby based memorial mason is set to go 3D with a cutting edge engraving machine - thanks to a Growing Corby grant.

A £2,500 grant from the Growing Corby business growth programme is set to transform the business, enabling the mason to order a state of the art Granite Impact Etching Machine.

Tom Garvie, owner of Angels Memorials, explained "This grant means I will be able to create 3D head stones which, rather than fading over time, will last forever. I will also be able to use the machine to engrave images on to headstones, so that photographs of loved ones can be captured in stone.

Read the full story at <http://growingcorby.co.uk/portfolio/angels-memorials-grant/>
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Could your business benefit from a grant?

If you are reading this newsletter and thinking 'what could my business do with £2,500?', then stop thinking and start doing?

Applying for the grant is simple. Just email the Growing Corby team at enquiries@growingcorby.co.uk to receive an application form. Fill that in and send back along with a copy of your business plan and 2 years financial forecasts.

Got some questions? Don't worry! Feel free to give our friendly team a call on 01536 560224 and they will be more than happy to talk through the process with you. If you would prefer, we could arrange a 1 to 1 meeting to go through all our available services.

To find out more, visit <http://growingcorby.co.uk/services/free-grants/>
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