

Cultural Enterprise Factsheet

Resources for Graduates in Wales

Schemes

@Wales Digital Media Initiative

Provides specialized business development support for innovative, high growth early stage businesses; and is a part of the incubation chain strategy in Wales to accelerate the growth of SMEs.

Contact: 029 2044 4777 / www.atwales.com

BBC Talent

The BBC Talent scheme aims to assist comedians, presenters, musicians, writers, film makers and performers further their creative talents. The main aim of the scheme is to uncover raw talent, so passion is favoured over formal qualifications or experience.

www.bbc.co.uk/newtalent

BOS Direct - Start Up for Young People 18-30

The scheme offers pre-start support to 18-30 year olds in the form of one-to-one business assistance, help with funding applications and market research, mentoring sessions, and subsidized specialist assistance.

Contact: 0808 160 1830 www.menterabusnes.com

Ideas Factory

Run by Channel 4, the Ideas Factory offers careers and training advice in the following areas: Art and Design, Music and Sound, Performance, Business, Funding and Awards, Film and TV, New Media, and Writing.

www.ideasfactory.com

Knowledge Exploitation Fund (KEF)

KEF is designed to promote collaboration between industry and educational institutions and to build enterprise skills among students and staff. An Enterprise 'champion' will support graduates' new start-up businesses, establish support networks, enable access academic research to create commercial products, exploit intellectual property developed in the educational institution, and build enterprise into the curriculum. Graduates setting up businesses can qualify for scholarships of up to £144 per week to help them in the early stages of the business.

Contact: the Entrepreneurship Champion at your nearest Welsh university

Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTP)

KTP is a Department of Trade and Industry initiative designed to help companies access the expertise of university staff and graduates. Up to 60% of the total project costs can be funded under the scheme. With the help of a partner university, a company defines and agrees a 1 - 3 year project that will enable it to draw on the expertise and apply it to the business.

Contact: 0870 190 2829 / www.ktponline.org.uk

Knowledge Catalyst

Run by the Arts and Humanities Research Council, the scheme aims to make such activities accessible to organisations for whom the KTP scheme is not appropriate, for example charities, not-for-profit organisations and some publicly funded bodies. Projects of between 3 and 15 months can be supported, and the AHRC will fund 60% of the cost of successful projects.

Contact: 0117 987 6500 / www.ahrc.ac.uk

NESTA

The Creative Pioneer Programme exists to encourage individuals involved who are in the early stages of their careers (up to five years out of graduation) to become creative entrepreneurs. It offers access to knowledge, expertise, training, support and business funding.

Contact: 020 7645 9500 / www.nesta.org.uk/theacademy/home.html

Shell LiveWIRE

Shell LiveWIRE provides information, advice and practical support for 16-30 year olds starting up their own business. One-to-one advice is delivered through a national network of local business advisers and young business mentors. The Shell LiveWIRE website also contains a learning section, library, forum, finance action planner, and information on the £10,000 prize, Shell Livewire Young Entrepreneur of the Year Awards

Contact: 0845 757 3252 / 0191 423 6229 / www.shell-livewire.org

Wales Spinout Programme

The Wales Spinout Programme offers start-up assistance for people wishing to set up a business in Wales where there is a close ongoing relationship with a Welsh Higher Education institution.

Contact: 029 20338122 / www.spinoutwales.co.uk

Taste of Enterprise

Located at the recently renovated Newport Indoor Market, Taste of Enterprise offers a place where up to 25 businesses can test trade, business incubation units, business support information and advisers. There is also an upper floor area for exhibitions, events and performances.

Contact: 01633 254117 / www.centreforbusiness.co.uk

Technium Challenge

Technium is a network of flagship technology centres that enable knowledge-based start-up and spin-out companies to realise their potential. The Technium Challenge is an annual business planning contest which allows new enterprises to compete for a fast-track route into a Technium.

Contact: 01443 845500 / www.technium.co.uk

Funding

Genesis Foundation

The Genesis Foundation is a UK-based charity created to support young artists in a variety of art forms, including theatre, dance, opera, symphonic institutions, chamber music, creative writing, film arts and the more popular forms of art and culture where suitable. Genesis aims to become involved in projects that provide a springboard into a career.

Contact: www.genesisfoundation.org.uk

Hattori Foundation

The foundation aims to assist talented young instrumentalists - soloists between 21 and 27 or ensembles with an average age not exceeding 27 - whose talents and achievements give promise of an international career. Selection is by audition.

Contact: 020 8944 5319 / www.hattorifoundation.org.uk

Tillett Trust

Funds are directed towards assisting outstanding young classical musicians at the start of their professional solo careers and to help them obtain performing experience.

Contact: 01363 777844 / www.thetilletttrust.org.uk

Organisations

Arts Council of Wales (ACW)

ACW exists to develop the arts in Wales through managing grant schemes to support the arts and by developing strategies and partnerships to increase arts provision.

Contact: 029 2022 1447 / www.artswales.org.uk

Arts Training Wales

An independent organisation providing professional development services for people working in the arts throughout Wales

Contact: 029 2056 9898 / www.a-t-w.com

Business Eye

Business Eye is a free, impartial information service for Wales created to find answers to business questions.

Contact: 08457 969798 / www.busesseye.org.uk

Creative & Cultural Skills

The Sector Skills Council for advertising, crafts, cultural heritage, design, music, performing, literary and visual arts. It is an industry-led organisation that campaigns for the delivery of skills and support that employers, artists and freelancers need.

Contact: 020 7089 5866 / www.cciskills.org.uk

CIRIC (Creative Industries Research and Innovative Centre)

A new initiative at the University of Swansea that provides support to creative practitioners, researchers, educators and entrepreneurs who reside within the Objective One area of Wales.

Contact: 01792 481241 / www.sihe.ac.uk/ciric/

Design Trust

The Design Trust is a registered charity which promotes the excellence of British design and helps designers with business training after they leave college. The Trust's website is aimed at students and recent graduates and includes The Design Trust's Business Start-Up Guide, information on awards, competitions and other news.

Contact: 020 7320 2895 / www.thedesigntrust.co.uk

Go Wales

GO Wales is a business development and employability programme which is run by Welsh Universities. Schemes include placements, Continuing Professional Development and GO Wales Jobs.

www.gowales.co.uk

Menter a Busnes

Menter a Busnes runs a number of schemes aimed at increasing levels of income and economic activity, as well as promoting the Welsh language in business, including Ffatri Fenter (Enterprise Factory) which aims to helping people under 40 to start and run experimental companies for a specific period of time

Contact: 01970 636565 / www.menterabusnes.com

Skillset Cymru

Skillset is the Sector Skills Council for the UK Audio Visual Industries (TV, animation, photo imaging, film, radio and interactive media). Its mission is to encourage the provision of demand led training and vocational education, which meets the needs of the Audio Visual Industries in Wales.

Contact: 029 20 590 621 / www.skillset.org/uk/cymru

Wales Co-operative Centre

Provides practical, hands on business advice and consultancy, including business planning, financial forecasting, funding application advice, business skills, co-operative and credit union training, and a full legal registration service.

Contact: 029 2055 4955 / www.walescoop.com

Useful Links

www.a-n.co.uk – A-N Artists information company website

www.artquest.co.uk – advice and information for artists

www.aais.org.uk – Association of Archaeological Illustrators & Surveyors
job shop

www.the-aop.org - The Association of Photographers has downloadable careers
advice and a job shop

www.bjphoto.co.uk – Photo College includes advice for graduates

www.dandad.org - British Design & Art Direction representing the UK's thriving
design and advertising communities

www.prospects.ac.uk – the UK's official graduate careers website, including
career profiles, advice and information

<http://www.thestage.co.uk/connect/howto/> - advice on the theatre profession

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