

Innovation Park becomes 'Seat of Learning'

Stirling University Innovation Park has become a 'seat of learning' for young students participating in complementary education. The highly successful [Kip McGrath Education Centre](#) has moved into larger premises within Scion House.



The Kip McGrath franchise was established in Stirling by Fiona Macdiarmid ten years ago to assist students from six to sixteen and provides individual learning programmes for more than 200 students. KMEC Centres specialise in the teaching of English, Maths, Reading and Spelling. Stirling's KMEC facility is the first in the UK and Europe to offer assistance to dyslexic children and adults using the Cellfield programme. Cellfield uses computer intervention technologies which aims to "rewire" the processing system in the brain with targeted exercises ... [more](#).

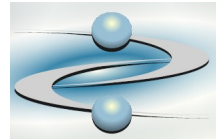
Lunch & Learn Session - Growth or Stagnation? It's Your Choice. Wednesday, 18th May 2011, 12 Noon - 1pm Dumyat Conference Room, Stirling University Innovation Park



You've developed your business to a stage where you have regular customers and a steady sales pipeline. Everything is going well, so all you need to do is more of the same – right? That might work for a while, but if you really want your business to survive in the longer term, you need to be diversifying your product offerings right now. But how can you do that and keep everything else going as well?

In this participative session, Wendy Inglis Humphrey, lead consultant of [Otocos](#) will give you insight into business dynamics and when you need to be working on your next product in order to maintain or grow your business. She will explore your options that can help you prioritise what's important and make decisions about how to spend your time. Otocos works with clients to create order, improve understanding and transform ideas into action. They help you to be more productive, communicate your aims better and deliver what you say you will. For further detail or to register, please [click here](#).

6th Convergent Technologies Showcase & Conference - Healthcare Efficiency through Prevention & Intervention Wednesday, 11th May 2011 9:30am - 3:00pm, Stirling Management Centre



A range of circumstances from demographics to the current economic crisis is driving enormous change in healthcare across the globe. Improving efficiency is crucial and innovative technology solutions will play a key part in this. This event focuses on introducing innovative technology businesses to a burgeoning healthcare market they may never have considered entering and will bring together healthcare professionals, clinicians, academics, inventors, investors and technology companies.

This year's Keynote presentations will be given by Dr Peter Donnelly, CEO, Bio Business (*Connecting Health with Technologies – does it provide solutions?*), Eunice E Muir, Executive Nurse Director, NHS 24 (*Telehealth in Scotland*) and Margaret Duffy, COO, NHS Forth Valley (*Developing World Class Facilities*).

To find out more about the event and to register as a delegate or an exhibitor, please [click here](#).

Raising New Finance for Growth Companies – Interactive Workshop Tuesday, 17th May 2011, 10am - 1pm, Stirling University Innovation Park

The Company Creators



FACT: Only one company in three that is currently trying to raise finance in Scotland will succeed.

Deserving businesses with good funding cases are daily being rejected by banks, while angel investors have queues at their doors. It's never been harder to raise finance of any type in Scotland: to succeed requires determination, focus and above all – a deep understanding of the requirements of funders and the knowledge of how to position a funding proposition to meet those requirements.

[Company Creators](#), a specialist firm of entrepreneurial business advisers, has joined with SUIP to organise a half-day Interactive Workshop for businesses seeking additional funding. This event will provide MDs/FDs with the inside knowledge they require to start preparing a viable funding case.

Scottish Technology Showcase Tuesday, 7th June 2011– SECC, Glasgow



The [Scottish Technology Showcase](#) is the perfect event to enable you to find technology solutions to your business challenges.

Whether you are bringing a new product to market or seeking ways of improving your processes through the use of technology, this FREE event will feature over 120 exhibitors who will showcase innovative technology and services to help you reach your business aims. The Scottish Technology Showcase also presents the unique opportunity to network with over 1000 like-minded local and international businesses and technology leaders from various industries, encouraging collaboration and innovation.

For further details of speakers and running events during the day please [click here](#).

STEP Student and Graduate Placement Programmes

The Bright Green Placements portfolio offers your business the chance to engage with students and graduates of different levels on short term projects from between 8 and 12 weeks. All programmes link Scotland's most progressive businesses with ambitious, focused and highly skilled students and graduate from Universities across the country.

Placements are offered under the following 3 programmes: STEP Classic, Environmental Placement Programme and Graduate STEP.

For further information and details of these programmes please [click here](#) or contact Louise Evison at louise@thebusinesspartnership.org.uk

Dragon's Den



Will 2011 be the year to turn your business dream into a multi-million pound reality? The Dragons are back and ready to invest!

After its record breaking series in 2010, Dragons' Den is open for business once again, giving entrepreneurs from across the country the opportunity to pitch for investment and fulfil their business ambitions.

Last year saw the multi-millionaire investors offer their own money to 17 worthy entrepreneurs.

The rules are simple: entrepreneurs can ask for cash investment in return for equity in their business. However, they must get at least the amount they ask for or they will walk away with nothing. The Dragons want to invest in the very best that British business has to offer. They're prepared to listen to a pitch for any type of business but they have to believe that it requires investment and will make money before they'll back it with their own cash.

If you're genuinely seeking investment for your business idea or invention, they would like to hear from you. For further details on the application process [click here](#).

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