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### Get Activated!

Are you sitting on an idea that could be the next big thing, but need a kick-start to make your business concept fly?

Then join us at Activate, Grow Wellington's intensive business start-up programme that aims to boost the next generation of world-leading New Zealand enterprise.

The next Activate Wellington programme starts on 1 October, with the Lower Hutt version kicking off on 6 October. Come along and hear from some of Wellington's brightest and best businesses who are already on the road to success at a networking event on Thursday 17 September at The Loft, Level 4, Whitcoulls Building, Lambton Quay.

For more information and to RSVP, click [here](#).



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### Small Business Summit

Small business is the lifeblood of our economy and this summit gives small businesses the chance to not only break out of the recession but also to come away inspired that they CAN make a difference.

Grant Spencer, Deputy Reserve Bank Governor, will open the Summit and other speakers include Hon Maurice Williamson, Ross Robertson and Pam Martin.

For further information and to register, click [here](#).

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### Kicking off Monday...

September 14 is the launch date for Job Match, a service that aims to help organisations retain skilled personnel when their workload may be temporarily reduced.

Or, if your organisation needs an extra pair of hands for a short period of time, then Job Match can also help you.

Click [here](#) for more information



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### Lean Manufacturing Workshops

Funded by NZ Trade and Enterprise as part of the Enterprise Training Programme, these eight workshops provide an introduction to lean operations management and its application, benefits and pitfalls.

The three-hour workshops run from 21 September to 9 November and to attend this course you must currently be trading as a small business, employing fewer than 50 staff.

For further information, click [here](#)

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### Structuring your tax affairs

Come along to this Get Ahead Seminar which is aimed at helping business owners to structure their affairs for tax and asset planning purposes.



Hannah McQueen, a leading tax and structuring specialist, will provide tailored advice for your situation. Hannah has recently been voted Young Accountant of the Year - Northern Region, and is the co-presenter of a new TV One show called 'Save our Homes'.

For more information, click [here](#)

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### Sustainability for Leaders

Need help with defining what sustainability means for your organisation?

The two-day Sustainability for Leaders training course is targeted at helping businesses reduce costs, improve performance and increase profitability using a decision-making framework that integrates sustainable practice as a core business driver. It also focuses on developing smart strategies and practical solutions that are aligned with the shift towards genuinely sustainable practices.

For more information, click [here](#)

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### Honours Student Poster Presentation

The School of Engineering and Computer Science at Victoria University invites you to an honours student poster presentation.



This is an opportunity to meet the faculty's students and staff and find out more about the projects that this year's honours students have been working on. Drinks and nibbles will be available. For catering purposes, please respond by Friday 11 September to [ally.reid@ecs.vuw.ac.nz](mailto:ally.reid@ecs.vuw.ac.nz)

**When:** Thursday 17 September, 4.30-6.00pm

**Where:** Cotton Club (Room 339, Level 3 of the Cotton Building), Gate 6, Kelburn Parade

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