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### Jump start your business idea

Want to dramatically improve your chances of starting a new business successfully?

Then this one day course could be for you. Entitled *Jump Start Your Business Idea* the session will feature leading entrepreneurs who will help you stack the business odds in your favour, including keynote speaker, Lawrence Green, from Venture Education Ltd.

Best of all, 100% of the proceeds from the day go to the **New Zealand Women's Refuge** for their child advocacy work. So come along and not only grow your business dreams but also support a fantastic cause.



**When:** 29 August, 9.00am-4.00pm

**Where:** Victoria University's Pipitea Campus

For further information, click [here](#)

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### The JOLT Challenge

Learn the latest strategies and tools on self intelligence - and gain an insight into fostering self management and leadership with teams and organisations - with the JOLT Challenge.



Wade Jackson is the author of JOLT Challenge - The Self Intelligence Experience by Mind Warriors. At this Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce event, he will use an holistic approach to give participants the steps to take action and creative positive change in all areas of their lives.

**When:** 26 August, 5.15pm-7.00pm

**Where:** Level 28, Majestic Centre, 100 Willis Street

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

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### 2009 \$Unlimited Investment Challenge

Are you looking for investment to take your business or product global? If you think your business idea is the next big thing and need to secure funds to grow your business into the global marketplace, the 2009 \$Unlimited Investment Challenge is for you.

Unlimited Magazine's **\$Unlimited Investment Challenge** offers all New Zealand companies the chance to get in front of NZ's top investors to pitch for investment.

It can, however, be hard to know what investors expect, or even how to get their attention. Hence, a series of investment-ready seminars in Wellington, Christchurch and Auckland will help groom companies to get the ultimate opportunity to pitch to top investors.

For more information, and to register online, click [here](#)

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### Her Business Network - August breakfast event

Having been in the interiors business for 25 years, there's very little that Claire Drake doesn't know about the industry.



Claire, who set up one of Wellington's leading design stores, Limited Editions, will talk about surviving 25 years in business, the mistakes she made and lessons learned. She will share her thoughts on what is required for success and how to make the most of the recession. And, if time allows, there will also be some quick interior design secrets and tips!

**When:** 19 August, 7.00am-8.30am

**Where:** WRCC, Level 28, The Majestic Centre, 100 Willis Street, Wellington.

Click [here](#) for more information.

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### Growing your business

Businesses wanting to book a ride on the growth express over the next 12-18 months are the focus of a two-day workshop, entitled *Lean Business*.

Hosted by The Business Centre, the two one-day sessions are aimed at providing businesses with the knowledge and tools to assess their current processes and design future processes in a way that avoids the problems that increasing scale often brings with it. The first day covers the basic principles of lean business design while the second day looks at the development of business processes.

**When:** 2 and 9 September, 9.00am-4.00pm

**Where:** The Business Centre, Radio NZ House, 155 The Terrace, Wellington

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

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### Got a loud shirt?

Mark **Friday 18 September** in your calendars: Loud Shirt Day is the day for everyone to wear their loudest and brightest shirts to work, have fun and donate to The Hearing House charity that helps enable deaf children to speak.



Last year, almost 1,400 businesses and schools took part and raised over \$140,000 for The Hearing House and the Southern Cochlear Implant Programme. With your company's help, they are sure to give even more deaf children a voice.

Register your company today and receive a 2009 Loud Shirt Day Pack.

Click [here](#) for more information

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