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Local Enterprise Office - Supporting Integration into Enterprise Start Up for Refugees and Migrants across Ireland

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Local Enterprise Office



Local Enterprise Office – South Cork

Local Enterprise Office South Cork is a dedicated branded enterprise support office for Cork County Council.

Network of thirty one Local Enterprise Offices are based nationally through the local authorities and will continue to act as 'one stop shops' to deliver enterprise supports in their local regions.

Mission Statement

“

We aim to promote entrepreneurship, foster business start-ups and develop existing micro and small businesses to drive job creation and to provide accessible high quality supports for your Business ideas.

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Services:

[Business Information & Advisory Services](#)

[Enterprise Support Services](#)

[Entrepreneurship Support Services](#)

[Local Enterprise Development Services](#)



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Start or Grow your Own Business



Pre-Start - The Business Idea Stage

- Starting a business is a challenging and rewarding experience. The Local Enterprise Office is the first place to go when deciding what steps you need to take to get started

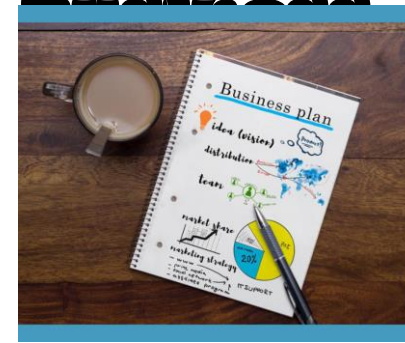
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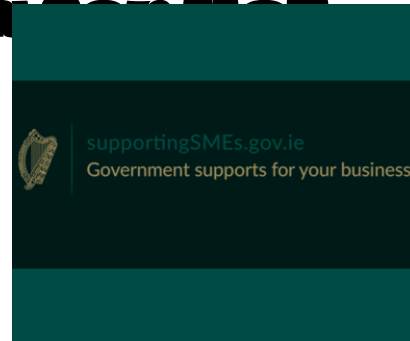
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Mentoring

The Mentor Programme is designed to match up the knowledge, skills, insights, and entrepreneurial capability of experienced business practitioners with small business owners and managers who need practical and strategic one-to-one advice and guidance. The mentor contributes informed observations and advice to aid decision making.

All applications for mentor assistance are dealt with individually and are preceded by a business needs analysis to assess the key needs of the business and determine the most relevant mentoring objectives

Who Qualifies? Business Mentoring Programmes are open to both new and existing businesses located within the South Cork Region

The Role of the Mentor

- Listen
- Advise and provide direction
- Help to identify problems and suggest areas for improvement
- Discuss solutions and innovative ways of improving business activity
- Help with the decision-making process
- Share experience and knowledge
- Provide structure and context for discussion
- Offer assistance in compiling a business plan



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Training Programmes

LEOs provide a wide range of high quality training programmes, which are constantly being updated to reflect the needs of our clients.

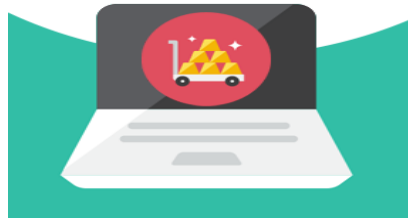
Training is extremely valuable, and all our trainers are of the highest quality and have years of experience in training the business community behind them.

Social Media Training



How to Sell Online

HOW TO SELL ONLINE



Financial Management



Sales & Marketing Tips



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If entrepreneurs don't see what they would like, they can email, call, or message the LEO on Facebook, and let us know! So that the programmes and training can be extended and more beneficial to enterprise needs.

All Current LEO Training Programmes can be booked or found [HERE](#)

Trading Online Voucher

What is a TOV?

The voucher is a financial grant to small businesses to develop or enhance their ability to trade online, by enhancing or creating a website

A business may apply for funding to a maximum value of €2,500 or 50% of eligible expenditure (exclusive of VAT), whichever is the lesser

Qualifying Criteria for a TOV

You must: Be trading for at least 6 months; Have 10 employees or fewer; Less than €2m turnover

Attend a TOV Training Seminar with your Local Enterprise Office in the previous 9 months

Important: Voucher approval must be gained prior to incurring any expense

Voucher Application: With your application, you will need to submit three quotes for work - Click to read a handy guide to getting a quote for your website



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Starting Points

All the above are the first available supports to this particular cohort. As circumstances change access to other supports become unlocked but this very much depends on the applicants situation.



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