

Coast to Capital Growth Hub

Coast to Capital Support Stakeholder Update

This is the latest update of the support that Coast to Capital LEP and the Coast to Capital Growth Hub Team are providing to businesses in response to the [COVID-19](#) pandemic, as well as the post [UK Transition](#) from the EU.

Growth Hub Brexit Transition Support Overview

Over the past two years, our Growth hub has been at the frontline of supporting local businesses, expertly positioned to help businesses address the challenges faced by the UK's transition from the EU.

As a strategic and constructive partner, we worked closely with government to help businesses prepare for the transition at the end of last year. This has continued to pose a significant challenge for unprepared businesses in the early months of 2021, and we have remained committed to providing impartial and free advice to help businesses adapt.

Read the full post on '[How our Growth Hub has helped businesses get through the challenges of adapting to the new realities of EU exit](#)' on our [Economy Watch blog](#).

Peer Networks 2 Programme

Peer Networks is a national peer-to-peer networking programme which brings together SME business leaders that want to grow and develop their organisations for future success and is fully funded by the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy.

Delivered locally by the Coast to Capital Growth Hub, they create diverse cohort groups of business leaders to collaboratively work through common business issues. Through interactive peer learning, they enable you to discuss your own challenges, gain and reflect on valuable feedback and implement practical solutions to overcome them. More information is available online [here](#).

The programme will be launched on Saturday 1 May and the first Cohorts will begin in June 2021. Businesses can apply by following the application form [here](#).

Growth Relationship Manager Business Support

Our team of Growth Relationship Managers work with businesses to assess their needs and introduce solutions. They can help identify potential sources of funding, facilitate growth strategies and connect clients with partner providers of support.

The Growth Relationship Managers undertake a structured review to identify the key areas to address to realise the business's growth ambitions. Following the review the Growth Hub team can fund a day of a specialist's time in a key identified area.

Our Growth Relationship Team Leader, **Ryan Davies**, heads up the [Brighton, Worthing and Adur](#) area as well as the [East Surrey, Gatwick and Crawley](#) area. With **Karen Tyrrell** covering the [Arun, Chichester, Horsham and Mid Sussex](#) area.

More information [about our Growth Hub Team](#).

The Business Hothouse

The Business Hothouse is an £11 million government funded business support programme running until July 2022. It offers free, expert-led workshops and intensive programmes to anyone aged 18+ and it also offers access to a £2.65 million Invest4 business grant fund. 90% of applications to the fund result in a cash award.

The Business Hothouse has a range of free, remote workshops running via their expert delivery partners over the coming month. More information is available online [here](#).

Information - Coast to Capital Growth Hub Portal

The Growth Hub Team continue to maintain the [COVID-19](#) and [UK Transition](#) section of the Growth Hub Portal with links to available support. We continue to collate partner information and place it in our COVID-19 Business Support [area](#) of the Coast to Capital Growth Hub – please do share with your networks as you feel necessary.

We also regularly update our [event pages](#) on the Growth Hub website to include information from membership organisations, the private sector and business support providers.

We remain keen to work in partnership with business support organisations to deliver a coordinated range of activity during these challenging times.

- If you want to discuss any collaborations please contact [Lou Williams](#) in the first instance.
- If there are any updates, or you want to submit new content, for the portal please contact [Malcolm Brabon](#).

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