

## Real help with your first steps in business...

The Innov8 programme provides support for young people under 31 years old who either have a business idea they want to explore or need advice on running an existing business. Support includes business planning, guidance on start-up and ongoing mentoring. It can also help you access more specialist support such as book-keeping and marketing. Not only this, but you can apply for a grant of £1000 towards start up costs. Innov8+ provides similar support to people over 31 years old.

The programme is managed by Kevin Lugg, the Council's Enterprise Development Officer, and he is based at Sandfields Young Business Centre which was created specifically to help young people start up in business.

As well as the Innov8 programme, businesses at the centre can call on a range of additional help including on-site business advice and support facilities including a reception service, shared broadband facilities and meeting rooms.

**So if you want to find out more about the programme, how to get help, or to discuss your business ideas, get in touch with us today!**



One of success stories...

### **Out of the Box Gift Company**

A personalised confectionery and gift company was started by Sara Flay, after trialling the business idea from making items at home for family and friends. Sara produces personalised and branded confectionery for businesses, individuals and charities and also creates unusual gifts such as candy bouquets, unique favours and bespoke hampers. Sara explained:

*'I moved into the centre in February but quickly outgrew my office and I needed a lot more space. As a new business, I have also taken advantage of both the Princes Trust Cymru and the Innov8 scheme and this has helped me turn my hobby into a real business. I used the grant to create a new website and produce business cards, flyers and compliment slips all of which was created by Unfold Design – another business based in the centre. Basing my company at the centre has helped me keep my overheads low and with so many other businesses located under one roof, it provides lots of opportunities to bounce ideas off each other.'*

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## Cymorth go iawn i gymryd eich camau cyntaf mewn busnes...

Mae'r rhaglen Innov8 yn cynnig cymorth i bobl ifanc dan 31 flwydd oed sydd p'un ai wedi cael syniad busnes y maent yn awyddus i'w archwilio neu y mae angen cyngor arnynt ynghylch rhedeg busnes sy'n bodoli eisoes. Mae'r cymorth yn cynnwys cynllunio busnes, cyfarwyddyd ar sut i gychwyn busnes a mentora parhaus. Mae'n gallu eich helpu hefyd i fynd at gymorth mwy arbenigol mewn meysydd megis cadw cyfrifon a marchnata. Ac ar ben hyn fe allwch chi geisio am grant o £1000 at eich costau cychwynnol. Mae Innov8+ yn cynnig cefnogaeth debyg i bobl sydd dros 31 flwydd oed.

Rheolwr y rhaglen yw Kevin Lugg, Swyddog Datblygu Menter y Cyngor sy'n gweithio o Ganolfan Busnes Pobl Ifanc Sandfields a sefydlwyd yn unswydd i helpu pobl ifanc i ddechrau busnesau.

Yn ogystal â'r rhaglen Innov8, gall busnesau yn y Ganolfan alw am rychwant o gymorth ychwanegol gan gynnwys cyngor busnes ar y safle a chyfleusterau cymorth megis gwasanaeth derbynfa, cyfleusterau band eang cydranedig ac ystafelloedd cwrdd.

Os carech chi ddysgu rhagor am y rhaglen felly neu am sut i gael cymorth, neu drafod eich syniadau busnes, cysylltwch â ni heddiw!

Un stori lwyddiant...

### Cwmni Anrhegion Out of the Box

Sefydlodd Sara Flay gwmni i gynhyrchu melysion ac anrhegion wedi'u personoli, ar ôl rhagbrofi'r syniad busnes trwy wneud eitemau yn ei chartref ar gyfer ei theulu a'i ffrindiau. Mae Sara'n cynhyrchu losin wedi'u personoli a rhai brandiedig bellach ar gyfer busnesau, unigolion ac elusennau, yn ogystal ag anrhegion anghyffredin megis tuswau candi, ysnodenni unigryw a basgedi danteithion arbenigol. Esboniodd Sara:

*'Symudais i mewn i'r Ganolfan ym mis Chwefror, ond tyfodd y busnes yn rhy fawr i'm swyddfa'n fuan ac roedd angen llawer mwy o le arna i. Fel busnes newydd dw i wedi manteisio hefyd ar Ymddiriedolaeth Tywysog Cymru a'r cynllun Innov8, ac mae hyn wedi fy helpu i droi rhywbeth a oedd yn hobi'n fusnes go iawn. Defnyddiais i'r grant i greu gwefan newydd a chynhyrchu cardiau busnes, taflenni a slipiau cyfarch; cafodd y rhain i gyd eu creu gan Unfold Design – busnes arall sydd wedi'i leoli yn y Ganolfan. Mae lleoli fy nghwmni yn y Ganolfan wedi fy helpu i gadw fy ngorbenion yn isel, a chan fod cynifer o fownsio ein syniadau yn erbyn ein gilydd.'*

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