

Devon Worklessness Briefing Note: Exeter

Support for businesses and people affected by worklessness in Exeter

The Devon Worklessness Group at its July 2010 meeting requested a note about support in the city for businesses and people affected by worklessness as encouraged by or supported by Exeter City Council. This brief note does not cover all aspects of provision in the city.

Looking for a commercial property to lease or purchase freehold

The Economy and Tourism Unit at the City Council provides an inward investment service, which includes co-ordination of the on-line and searchable Exeter and Heart of Devon Commercial Property Register – www.exeter.gov.uk/register : for employment sites and commercial premises for lease or freehold within Exeter, East Devon, Mid Devon, and Teignbridge.

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Small business and social enterprise support in Exeter

Exeter City Council established **Exeter Business Support** as a partnership with Business Link, the University of Exeter and one of its companies, Peninsula Innovations Ltd., Exeter College Business School, and subsequently the CEU Ltd., based in Dix's Field, Exeter. Apart from the normal support available from Business Link, see www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotg/action/home?site=106, people looking to start up a small business or a social enterprise can receive 1:1 advice and guidance from the following:

Phil Deem, Exeter Business Support Advisor for general start-up support

- email: phil.deem@exeterbusinesssupport.co.uk
- tel: 0775 2222 676
- web: www.exeterbusinesssupport.co.uk

Joe Pearce, Space for Success – Innovation Centre for Hi-tech start up support

- email: Joe.pearce@spaceforsuccess.co.uk
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Lorna Turner, CEU Ltd for Social Enterprise Support

- email: lorna@ceultd.co.uk
- tel: 01392 666281
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Charlotte Hayes & Sarah Henderson – Young Entrepreneurs Support Solution (YESS) for Exeter and the Heart of Devon (14 to 18 years) – PS4D funded, led by Exeter College

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Helping people affected by worklessness in Exeter

Exeter City Council together with a local charitable organisation provide finance for the **Exeter Positive Steps Fund**, which is co-ordinated by Devon Community Foundation, aiming to facilitate support through local providers to work in the most deprived areas of Exeter and help people affected by worklessness back on the road into employment, see also www.exeter.gov.uk/deprivation

For more information about the Exeter Positive Steps Fund, contact, Martha Wilkinson, Chief Executive, Devon Community Foundation

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