## **Business Gateway**

Business Gateway is a partnership between Scottish Enterprise, the Scottish Executive and Local Authorities that acts as a single point of contact for all publicly-funded services to business.

Business Gateway provides services to existing and start-up businesses in the Edinburgh area led by Scottish Enterprise Edinburgh and Lothian.

By bringing together key resources such as information, advice, learning opportunities, support and help with access to funding, Business Gateway delivers an effective one-stop-shop to help start and grow all types of business.

According to research, more than 80% of the businesses that start with the help of Business Gateway are still successful two years on. One service provided by Business Gateway that users find particularly valuable is the Business Information Service, which provides tailored market research and information to help businesses fully understand and exploit opportunities within their market places.

A wide range of workshops, seminars and other events are also run by Business Gateway to assist people at various stages along their business development journey, whether they need help developing their business ideas, writing a business plan, or need to develop specific skills that will enable them to start or grow their businesses. Call or log on to the Business Gateway website to find out about the events that are running in your area, and to book your place.

The Business Gateway website also offers a range of tools and information to help tackle a wide variety of business issues. For people just thinking about starting a business, the Start Up Action Plan tool is a simple interactive online tool that will help users assess how ready they are to start, and signposts a range of other support and services they may find useful to take the next steps.

For further information, contact: www.bgateway.com Tel 0845 609 6611



