

Fact Sheet

Support for Businesses in Islington

There are a range of agencies and organisations that offer support for existing and new business ventures in Islington. This information sheet provides details of useful contacts for Islington businesses.



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Angel AIM - <http://www.angeltowncentre.com/>

106 Islington High Street
London N1 8EG

E enquiries@angelbid.org

Angel Business Improvement District is an independent business-led limited company delivering services to the 750 companies in the area until 2012.

Archway Town Centre Group

Anna Woodward
T 020 7527 2234

E anna.woodward@islington.gov.uk

Business Turnaround Service <http://www.centa.co.uk/Page.aspx?PageID=97>

John McNamara, Business Adviser
CENTA Business Services
T 020 7278 5757

E jmcmamara@centa.co.uk

Provides expert, tailored service to vulnerable and struggling SMEs.

Early Years Childcare Development Partnership-

<http://www.islington.gov.uk/business/businesscommunity/childcare/1021.asp>

Business Support Unit
Islington Play Association
West Library
Bridgeman Road
London N1 1BD
T 020 7700 1969

This partnership offers information, support and advice to anyone who wants to start or develop a child-based business such as childminding or starting a nursery.

Finfuture - <http://www.finfuture.co.uk/>

225-229 Seven Sisters Road
Finsbury Park
London N4 2DA
T 020 7272 1465

E contact@finfuture.co.uk

Finfuture provide business support to businesses in and around Finsbury Park through the Finsbury Park Business Forum.

Finsbury Park Business Forum - <http://www.businessforum.uk.com/>

225-229 Seven Sisters Road

Finsbury Park

London N4 2DA

T 020 7527 5172

E info@businessforum.uk.com

The Finsbury Park Business Forum offers a range of services, such as keeping businesses informed of local information, providing an information help line and running networking events, to help support local businesses. The Forum also lobbies the local councils in the Finsbury Park area to issues of concern for local businesses.

Hub Islington - www.islington.the-hub.net/

5 Torrens Street

London EC1V 1NQ

T 020 7841 8900

E Islington.hosts@the-hub.net

Offers flexible time-based membership for spaces to work and meet. Includes all you need to run a project or a business; wireless internet connection and access to meeting and event spaces, printers, scanners, phones, fax, physical and virtual storage space and admin support according to your tariff. Access to a community of like-minded professionals as well as learning and social events and a light business support service.

Islington Business Partnership

<http://www.islington.gov.uk/Business/support/businesspartnership/>

Islington Business Partnership

Public Protection Division

Islington Council

159 Upper Street

London N1 1RE

T 020 7527 3185

E businesspartnership@islington.gov.uk

Supports businesses in Islington including by providing them with advice and information on changes to regulations and legislation to help them to comply.

Islington Chamber of commerce www.islchamber.org.uk

222 Upper Street

London N1 1XR

T 020 7527 2709

E info@islingtonchamber.org.uk

The Islington Chamber of commerce provides help and support in a range of areas such as business development and best practice on employment issues. Please see the website for further details on membership and upcoming events

Nag's Head Town Centre Management Group
<http://nagsheadlondon.co.uk/default/index/contact>
c/o Marks and Spencer
422-434 Holloway Road
London N7 6QA
020 7527 3558
E nagshead@islington.gov.uk

Working to create a high quality environment for businesses, residents and visitors.
Contact the Nag's Head Town Centre Manager, Joyce Pollaya.

Prevista – www.prevista.co.uk
United House
North Road
London N7 9DP
T 0800 840 3210
E mail@prevista.co.uk

Provides a full range of partly and fully subsidised business support and advice.

Pubwatch
http://www.islington.gov.uk/Business/businesscommunity/support_networks/pubwatch.asp
E licensing@islington.gov.uk

Licensees from pubs, bars, restaurants and cafes meet every couple of months to discuss common issues. These meetings are supported and attended by licensing officers from the council and representatives from the police.

Pubwatch schemes are held in the following areas: Arsenal / Highbury; Archway; Chapel Market; Exmouth Market; Clerkenwell; Old Street; Angel / Lower Upper Street; Islington Club Watch (for night clubs).

Whitecross Street Town Centre Group
Davina Fell
T 020 7527 1761
E davina.fell@islington.gov.uk

Wider Support

Association of Community Based Business Advice (ACBBA) www.acbba.org.uk

ACBBA works with several business-led networks from different Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) communities to raise their profile in the market place and develop business opportunities.

Business Link <http://www.businesslink.gov.uk>

Advice and information including start-up, finance, health and safety, and buying and selling a business.

CityBusinessLibrary

http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/corporation/LGNL_Services/Leisure_and_culture/Libraries/City_of_London_libraries/cbl.htm

The City Business Library is one of the leading business information sources in the country. It is situated in the heart of the City of London. The collection is used by the City and the wider community of London, the UK and overseas. Experienced staff help you find the business information you require. If they do not hold the information you need, they will try to advise you of a more appropriate source. The Library has a collection of directories, market reports, books, periodicals and newspapers, plus CD-ROMs and Internet sources. There are no membership requirements.

GLE www.gle.co.uk

Greater London Enterprise is London's economic development company bringing commercial know-how to public policy, and delivering economic regeneration. It has information and links for many subjects from business properties to buy and let, to EU information, business loans for start-ups and more.

Free Online Resources Accessible at Work, in the Library and at Home Provided by Islington Libraries

While the Internet has an enormous amount of free information sometimes you will want to use sources you can be sure are accurate. Islington has subscribed to some of the best of these that you can access at work, in the Library or at home using your library membership.

Cobra and Newsbank can be accessed from home or your business by going to:

http://www.islington.gov.uk/Education/Libraries/MoreThanJustBooks/ReferenceAndInfo/business_resources.asp

and inserting your library card number when prompted.

MINT and Westlaw can only be accessed in Islington libraries. Or you can email us at centralref.library@islington.gov.uk and we can search them and send you the information you require.

Complete Business Reference Advisor (COBRA)



Provides a comprehensive, practical and continually updated information resource for anyone looking to start a business, write a business or marketing plan or conduct research into a new market. It includes new business ideas, details of sources of support and

funding, and a legal library covering laws and regulations affecting small businesses. Detailed UK market synopses cover key trends and future developments across more than 60 market sectors.

MintUK



Covers over 3.5 million companies throughout the UK, including all active companies and half a million unincorporated businesses. Includes up to 10 years' of financial data per company. Mailing lists can be created using a range of criteria such as location, number of employees, turnover, or industry sector. These can be saved onto a memory stick or e-mailed (a maximum of 500 companies can be downloaded per person per day).

Market research: Over 160 UK industry profiles from Datamonitor, presented in a consistent format and including information on the market, its size, companies' market share, the competitive landscape and forecasts for the sector.

Directors: Information on both current and previous directors of UK businesses, including home address, date of birth and nationality. Biographical information for directors of listed companies.

News: Coverage of wider events, not just company news. Articles taken from the Financial Times newspaper, the FT Intelligence Wire UK & Ireland, and Reuters. Recent merger and acquisition activity from BvD's ZEPHYR. Regional and trade press included.

Only available in Islington libraries.

Newsbank



Newsbank contains full text of the major 12 national daily and Sunday newspapers, plus the Evening Standard and the Economist magazine. Four regional titles plus two Scottish and two Irish papers, the New York Times, Washington Post, Times of India and Turkish Daily News are also available. Back files vary in length from 1996 to 2001 to the present and the Times and Sunday Times go back to 1985 – when the Times Digital Archive finishes. All titles should be available online from midday.

Westlaw



Authoritative legal information covering legislation, case law and legal journals as well as news and business information on legal issues. Includes full coverage of European law.

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Islington Reference Library

A number of general business titles are purchased on a regular basis:

Employment memo: Law and practice, human resources

Financial Times guide to business start up

Tax memo

Tolley's Health & Safety at Work Handbook

Tolley's Tax Guide

We also buy titles for particular industries including:

Creative Handbook

Hollis UK Press and Public Relations Annual

United Kingdom Franchise Directory

White Book

Periodicals and Newspapers

General business titles include:

Economist

Financial Times

Fortune

Investors Chronicle

Management Today

Professional Manager

Specialist titles include:

Architects Journal

Campaign

Drapers

Marketing Week

Moneyfacts

Leaflets are available to take away on starting a business, tax and grants.

Books on Business

Include titles on business planning, managing projects and personnel practice.

Council Information

Most Council information is available on the Council web site but we take copies of Council agendas and minutes.

Legal Information

A wide selection of law text books provide a comprehensive coverage of all aspects of English law.

European Information

The library is an official EU Information point.

Internet

Eighteen PCs are available for public use with broadband connection.

Information Service

We offer a free information service to local business open seven days a week and welcome your feedback. Contact us by email, fax, phone or call in and we would be pleased to help you with your business information enquiries.

Every attempt has been made to ensure the information included is accurate. We cannot accept responsibility if an organisation no longer exists or if information has changed.

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Archway Library
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Central Library
T: 020 7527 6900

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E: centrallending.library@islington.gov.uk

Finsbury Library
T: 020 7527 7960

245 St John Street EC1V 4NB
E: finsbury.library@islington.gov.uk

John Barnes Library
T: 020 7527 7900

275 Camden Road N7 0JN
E: johnbarnes.library@islington.gov.uk

Lewis Carroll Library
T: 020 7527 7936

166 Copenhagen Street N1 0ST
E: lewiscarroll.library@islington.gov.uk

Mildmay Library
T: 020 7527 7880

21-23 Mildmay Park N1 4NA
E: mildmay.library@islington.gov.uk

N4 Library
T: 020 7527 7800

26 Blackstock Road N4 2DW
E: n4.library@islington.gov.uk

North Library
T: 020 7527 7840

Manor Gardens N7 6JX
E: north.library@islington.gov.uk

South Library
T: 020 7527 7860

115-117 Essex Road N1 2SL
E: south.library@islington.gov.uk

West Library
T: 020 7527 7920

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