

WHAT IS THE NORTHERN INNOVATION HUB DOING FOR HIGHLAND BUSINESSES?

Over the last three years, the Northern Innovation Hub has supported a number of both account and non account-managed businesses across a wide range of sectors. With even more upcoming opportunities, read on to find out what's coming up for the Northern Innovation Hub and how you can get involved.

A WEALTH OF INNOVATION SUPPORT

From one-day workshops and online events, to intensive year-round support, the Northern Innovation Hub (NIH) brings together a wide range of fantastic opportunities designed to fit the needs and aspirations of businesses based in the Highland Council area.

If you're looking after a business in any of the following sectors who could benefit from our support, feel free to get in touch:

- Tourism
- Young People and Technology
- Life Sciences
- Food and Drink

LATEST OPPORTUNITIES

Support for young business leaders

Ambitious young business leaders have until Monday 21 June to get their applications in for our next IMPACT30 cohort. Starting in August 2021, IMPACT30 will see participants work with business mentors from AAB Consulting, focusing on the tools, skills and knowledge required to take their business to the next level.

Learn more about IMPACT30 [here](#).



New Podcast!

We're really excited to launch our new series of Technology Placement Programme (TPP) podcasts. The series features recent participants, who share their insights and experiences. The TPP offers Highland SMEs the opportunity to take on a graduate or student, with the scheme supporting up to 50% of their salary.

The podcasts can be found [here](#).



New series of Tune Into Tourism webinars

Have you seen our latest series of Tune into Tourism webinars yet? The Road to Recovery series looks at how to help tourism businesses by highlighting the key trends in tourism as we emerge from the pandemic.

All of our new webinars are available to watch [here](#).



New healthcare support programme is live

Our Business to Healthcare (B2HC) programme has now launched! B2HC supports small companies, charities and social enterprises to engage with decision-makers in the NHS and wider health and care sector.

The recording of the introductory webinar is available to watch [here](#).



Find space to innovate, collaborate and grow with NEXUS

With COVID-19 still limiting in-person meet-ups, the NEXUS team has been delivering a series of networking webinars covering the life sciences and technology sectors. Our next webinar is set to drop on **17 June**. Keep an eye on our [homepage](#) to catch the latest episode or listen back to recent instalments, which provide fascinating insights into developing projects in the sector.

Watch our first 2021 NEXUS webinar with Tritonia Scientific Ltd [here](#).



Our next NEXUS webinar will take place on 17 June with NHS Highland, [click here to sign up](#).

Pathfinder is back!

We are inviting applications from life sciences and technology businesses to join the next cohort of our hugely-popular Pathfinder Accelerator programme. Set to start on **September 9**, Pathfinder Accelerator is a fully-funded, six-month programme for businesses looking to fast-track the launch of a new product, service or business model.

For those wanting to know more, we will be holding taster sessions on **Thursday 24 June** from 12 to 1pm and **Wednesday 28 July** from 12 to 1pm. The events will offer an introduction to the programme plus opportunities to meet members of the Skillfluence team who - in partnership with Investing Women Angels - will coach participants.



Find out more about Pathfinder [here](#).

New online support-finding tool for food and drink businesses

In these changing times, The Highland Food and Drink Innovation Network has developed a handy new tool so businesses can keep abreast of what support is available to them. The Highland Food and Drink Innovation Support Map is a soon-to-be-launched online tool which helps connect business to the correct assistance at local, regional and national levels.

Keep an eye on our [webpage](#) for updates and upcoming events.



GET IN TOUCH

If you have any questions about the NIH, or the support we offer, we would love to hear from you! Feel free to contact any of the team below:



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