



# WINDSOR-ESSEX

## ENTREPRENEUR SUPPORT NETWORK

**SUPPORT IS JUST 3 STEPS AWAY:**

1. IDENTIFY YOUR BUSINESS STAGE
2. DETERMINE WHAT ASSISTANCE YOU NEED
3. FIND THE SUPPORT ORGANIZATION(S) TO HELP

| YOUR STAGE |         |             | WHAT YOU NEED |                  |         |           |                        |                  |                   |                        |                     |            | WHO CAN HELP |   |
|------------|---------|-------------|---------------|------------------|---------|-----------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------|--------------|---|
| IDEA       | STARTUP | ESTABLISHED | OFFICE SPACE  | PRODUCTION SPACE | FUNDING | WORKFORCE | FINANCIAL CONSULTATION | LEGAL ASSISTANCE | SALES & MARKETING | RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT | PLANNING & STRATEGY | MENTORSHIP | NETWORKING   |   |
|            |         |             |               |                  |         |           |                        |                  |                   |                        |                     |            |              | <b>Futurpreneur Canada</b><br>A national non-profit providing financing, mentoring and support tools to aspiring entrepreneurs age 18-39   <a href="http://troschkow@futurpreneur.ca">troschkow@futurpreneur.ca</a>   519.777.1300  |
|            |         |             |               |                  |         |           |                        |                  |                   |                        |                     |            |              | <b>Rise Asset Development</b><br>Rise offers loans to entrepreneurs with a history of mental health or addiction challenges   <a href="http://www.riseassetdevelopment.com">www.riseassetdevelopment.com</a>   1.855.464.7473   |
|            |         |             |               |                  |         |           |                        |                  |                   |                        |                     |            |              | <b>Enactus Windsor</b><br>A student run, nonprofit organization focused on improving the quality of life for residents locally   <a href="http://enactuswindsor.com">enactuswindsor.com</a>   <a href="mailto:contact@enactuswindsor.com">contact@enactuswindsor.com</a>  |
|            |         |             |               |                  |         |           |                        |                  |                   |                        |                     |            |              | <b>Hackforge</b><br>Hackforge is a makerspace connecting the tech community through learning   <a href="http://www.hackf.org">www.hackf.org</a>   <a href="mailto:info@hackf.org">info@hackf.org</a>  |
|            |         |             |               |                  |         |           |                        |                  |                   |                        |                     |            |              | <b>National Research Council of Canada - IRAP</b><br>Technical and business advisory services and financial contributions for Canadian SMEs   <a href="http://irap.nrc.gc.ca">irap.nrc.gc.ca</a>   519.971.2015   |
|            |         |             |               |                  |         |           |                        |                  |                   |                        |                     |            |              | <b>St. Clair College Genesis Centre</b><br>Provide our students and alumni with business skills in pursuit of their entrepreneurial goals   <a href="http://genesis@stclaircollege.ca">genesis@stclaircollege.ca</a>   519 972 2727 Ext 4139  |
|            |         |             |               |                  |         |           |                        |                  |                   |                        |                     |            |              | <b>University of Windsor EPICentre</b><br>Education, programs/services, funding and incubation space for students and alumni-based start-ups   <a href="http://www.epicentreuwindsor.ca">www.epicentreuwindsor.ca</a>   <a href="http://epicentre@uwindsor.ca">epicentre@uwindsor.ca</a>  |
|            |         |             |               |                  |         |           |                        |                  |                   |                        |                     |            |              | <b>WECAN - Windsor Essex Capital Angel Network</b><br>Connecting Entrepreneurs and Investors   <a href="http://www.weangelnetwork.com">www.weangelnetwork.com</a>   <a href="mailto:admin@weangelnetwork.com">admin@weangelnetwork.com</a>  |
|            |         |             |               |                  |         |           |                        |                  |                   |                        |                     |            |              | <b>Wetech Alliance</b><br>Helping entrepreneurs in tech-based industries at any stage of growth   <a href="http://www.wetech-alliance.com">www.wetech-alliance.com</a>   <a href="mailto:info@wetech-alliance.com">info@wetech-alliance.com</a>   |
|            |         |             |               |                  |         |           |                        |                  |                   |                        |                     |            |              | <b>WindsorEssex Economic Development Corporation/ Small Business Centre</b><br>Lead economic development agency in the region to advance economic development, business and entrepreneurship.   <a href="http://www.choosewindsorex.com">www.choosewindsorex.com</a>   <a href="http://www.windsorexsmallbusiness.com">www.windsorexsmallbusiness.com</a> |
|            |         |             |               |                  |         |           |                        |                  |                   |                        |                     |            |              | <b>Business Development Bank of Canada</b><br>BDC is dedicated exclusively to entrepreneurs offering loans, investments & advisory services   <a href="http://www.bdc.ca">www.bdc.ca</a>   519.257.6805   |
|            |         |             |               |                  |         |           |                        |                  |                   |                        |                     |            |              | <b>Business Resource Centre of Essex County</b><br>(Essex CFDC) assists county ventures with business development and flexible lending solutions   <a href="mailto:help@ec-businessresourcecentre.ca">help@ec-businessresourcecentre.ca</a>   519.776.4611  |
|            |         |             |               |                  |         |           |                        |                  |                   |                        |                     |            |              | <b>Mitacs Inc.</b><br>National, not-for-profit organization that funds collaborative R&D projects between industry & universities   <a href="http://www.mitacs.ca">www.mitacs.ca</a>   <a href="http://accelerate@mitacs.ca">accelerate@mitacs.ca</a>   |
|            |         |             |               |                  |         |           |                        |                  |                   |                        |                     |            |              | <b>Ontario Centres of Excellence</b><br>Provides funding for scalable businesses and opportunities for wage subsidies   <a href="http://www.oce-ontario.org">www.oce-ontario.org</a>   <a href="mailto:application-support@oce-ontario.org">application-support@oce-ontario.org</a>   |
|            |         |             |               |                  |         |           |                        |                  |                   |                        |                     |            |              | <b>The Downtown Windsor Business Accelerator</b><br>We provide startups with space, mentorship and programs in a unique and collaborative environment   <a href="http://downtownaccelerator.com">downtownaccelerator.com</a>   <a href="mailto:info@downtownaccelerator.com">info@downtownaccelerator.com</a>   |
|            |         |             |               |                  |         |           |                        |                  |                   |                        |                     |            |              | <b>Ministry of Economic Development, Employment &amp; Infrastructure</b><br>Provincial Government business advisors for existing companies to connect to resources   <a href="mailto:nancy.creighton@ontario.ca">nancy.creighton@ontario.ca</a>   519.252.1704  |