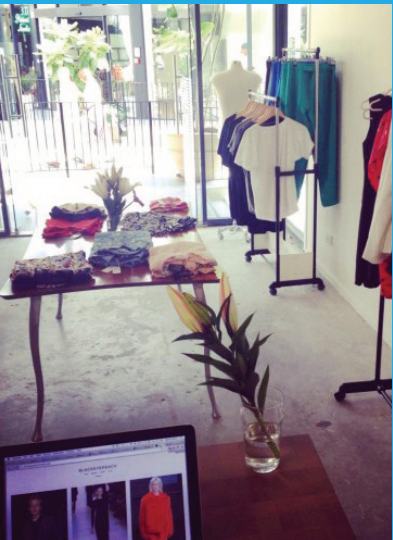


So you want to start a business?



There are many resources available to help you set up your new businesses in Christchurch - whether you are in the ideas phase or the implementation phase, take advantage of the free resources out there

Off you go!



The Ministry of Awesome can help you get your plans in line in terms of the creation and development of your business. The IRD Courses tend to cover a variety of topics in large group sessions. It's recommended that you attend these courses before the other seminars, as they will answer many of the basic questions.

The SBEC seminar is a smaller group with people in various stages of setting up a small business, there is more capacity for discussion and learning from others' plans and experiences. The CDC mentorship is one on one, and great for individual attention to your ideas and plans.

Email: info@lives.org.nz
Or visit www.lives.org.nz to find out how.

Setting up your small business



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There's heaps of resources, but who do I turn to?

THE IRD

The IRD runs free intro to business seminars that include info about taxes - this is in part about money that you're obligated to pay, but also knowledge about expenses you can claim against your taxes. They usually run two seminars a month, you need to book in advance.

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The IRD also has some helpful intro to business videos about things like business structures, GST, and claiming expenses.

ird.govt.nz

THE CDC

The Canterbury Development Corporation (CDC) has a mentorship program for planning a small business. Contact Jill Taiaroa at 03 353 6860 to schedule a free one hour session.

If you'd like extended support, there is a six month mentorship program through Business Mentors NZ.

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The registration cost is \$300 +GST and the course covers research and financial planning for the long term viability of your business.

businessmentors.org.nz

MINISTRY OF AWESOME

The Ministry of Awesome Start-Up Activator is a coaching and strategy service that will support the creation and development of revenue generating ventures in Christchurch.

An initial 30minute session with an Activator provides an opportunity to seriously discuss an idea/ business/ social enterprise/ project that is, or has, the potential to generate revenue.

While they can't provide technical advice, the Ministry of Awesome team and Advisory Board are there free of charge and can help you make connections, find the right team members or mentors, through to developing a full strategy for your idea.

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Contact activate@ministryofawesome.com with a few lines about your work and where you may need help.

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BUSINESS.GOV.T.NZ

Business.govt.nz has info on everything from basic business plans to marketing advice, they have free downloadable template plans available.

business.govt.nz

THE SBEC

Christchurch Small Business Enterprise Centre (SBEC) runs free 2-hr business start-up seminars. You can register for next year's courses on their website.

www.csbec.org.nz

