

# Wrexham's innovation hub opening soon

The new Business Wales Entrepreneurship Hub is being established to provide North Wales based entrepreneurs with the wrap around support they need to help their ventures grow.

The Economy Secretary announced in February that he was providing £1m funding to establish the new business hub and said he hoped it would support the creation of 100 new enterprises and 260 new jobs over the next two years.

The Hub, which is supported by the Welsh Government, will also work closely with Welsh ICE (Innovation Centre for Enterprise) to give start ups a bespoke package of support and the very best chance of making their businesses a success.

The new business hub will open in the heart of Wrexham town centre soon but while work to procure and prepare the new headquarters is being finalised, efforts are well underway to recruit the first set of entrepreneurs .

Economy Secretary Ken Skates said:

“I am delighted the Welsh Government is supporting this excellent initiative in Wrexham. It will form an important part of our programme to support businesses across Wales and give start ups and budding entrepreneurs the space and help they need to get their ideas off the ground.

“Innovation and entrepreneurship are vital drivers for the economy and we know from the success of other incubators that this collaborative approach will bring a host of benefits to the wider Wrexham area. And the new Hub building will also provide a real focus to the ongoing regeneration of Wrexham town centre.

“Work is now underway to recruit the Hub's first set of entrepreneurs, with the next workshop being held in Wrexham on 12th July. I would urge local start up companies looking to get their business off the ground to come along to find out more about the potentially transformative help on offer.”

The next workshop for entrepreneurs will be held at Undegun, 9-11 Regent St, Wrexham on Wednesday, 12th July It will provide local start up enterprises with the opportunity to see more detailed plans for the centre and learn more about the support on offer. To find out more you can call the Business Wales Helpline on 03000 6 03000 between 8:30am and 5:30pm (Monday to Friday) or contact us via [www.businesswales.gov.wales](http://www.businesswales.gov.wales).