

# West Lothian Business Week

18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> of May 2026



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Get involved in West Lothian Business Week 2026, taking place from Monday, the 18<sup>th</sup> of May – Friday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May 2026!

This is an opportunity to:



Attend  
Exciting Events



Connect with  
Likeminded Entrepreneurs



Celebrate  
Local Businesses



# Key Dates

- **Monday, the 18<sup>th</sup> of May**– West Lothian Business Week begins
- **Monday, the 18<sup>th</sup> of May** – ‘Design-Led Innovation’ Workshop
- **Tuesday, the 19<sup>th</sup> of May**– ‘Simplifying the Business Start Up Process’ Event
- **Wednesday, the 20<sup>th</sup> of May** – ‘HR: The Essentials for Running a Business’ Webinar
- **Thursday, the 21<sup>st</sup> of May** – ‘Meet the Council’ Drop-In Event
- **Friday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May** – ‘West Lothian Business Week’ Networking Event
- **Friday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May** – West Lothian Business Week Ends

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# Attend a Business Week Event



# Design-Led Innovation Workshop

We're kicking off West Lothian Business Week with an exciting new workshop on Monday, the 18<sup>th</sup> of May!

Join us to:

- ✓ Spot opportunities for growth, efficiency, and differentiation
- ✓ Learn how to test ideas quickly without wasting time or money
- ✓ Build confidence in creativity and problem-solving
- ✓ Learn how to use simple, repeatable tools you can apply immediately.

[Click to book!](#)

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## Design-Led Innovation

*Join us for this workshop with practical design-led methods to help small businesses and freelancers unlock fresh ideas, refine their offering, and innovate with confidence.*



Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2026



9:30am - 12:30pm



Voluntary Sector Gateway  
West Lothian office in Bathgate



# Simplifying the Business Start Up Process Event

Are you thinking of starting, or have you recently started, a business in West Lothian?

Join us on Tuesday, the 19<sup>th</sup> of May, to:

- ✓ Discover the wide range of support that is available to help new and aspiring entrepreneurs navigate the start up process
- ✓ Meet our Start Up Advisers
- ✓ Hear from an inspiring panel of local business owners
- ✓ Network with other likeminded business owners.

[Click to book!](#)

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**Simplifying the Business Start Up Process Event**

Join us at our free event to learn more about the support available to help you successfully launch your dream business in West Lothian.

 Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> of May 2026  
5pm - 7pm

 West Lothian College, Livingston





# HR: The Essentials for Running a Business Webinar

Wednesday, the 20<sup>th</sup> of May, is International HR Day. Don't miss this informative webinar!

Join us to learn more about:


- ✓ Finding, keeping and looking after your staff
- ✓ Attracting and recruiting the best people for your business
- ✓ Your obligations as employers
- ✓ How to retain staff members


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## HR: The Essentials for Running a Business




*This webinar will explore the essentials of HR, including hiring, interviewing, payroll, pensions, contracts and remote working.*

 Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> of May 2026

 1:00pm - 3:00pm

 Webinar



# Meet the Council Drop In Event

Come along on Thursday, the 21<sup>st</sup> of May, and learn more about the support available to help your business grow.

Join us to:

- ✓ Discover the wide range of business support available in West Lothian
- ✓ Meet the Business Gateway West Lothian Advisers
- ✓ Meet the consultants offering fully-funded support as part of our Expert Help Programme
- ✓ Network with other likeminded business owners.

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## Meet the Council Drop In

*Come along and learn more about the support available from West Lothian Council services and partner organisations to help your business grow.*

 Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2026

 10:00am – 12:00pm  
(Drop In Anytime)

 Livingston Football Club



# West Lothian Business Week Networking Event

We're ending West Lothian Business Week with an exciting networking event on Friday, the 22nd of May!

Join us to:

- ✓ Celebrate the success of West Lothian Business Week
- ✓ Hear from inspiring guest speaker, Lindsay Girvan
- ✓ Raise awareness of your own business
- ✓ Connect with other likeminded local business owners

[Click to book!](#)

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## West Lothian Business Week 2026 Networking Event

*Join us for an exciting morning of networking in celebration of West Lothian Business Week. We will be joined by our inspiring guest speaker, Lindsay Girvan.*

 Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> of May 2026

 9:30am - 11:30am

 Bathgate Golf Club



# External Events



# External Events Calendar

Alongside our own events, we will also be promoting relevant business events that our partner organisations are hosting during the week.

The events will be listed on the Invest in West Lothian events calendar.

If you would like us to include an event that your organisation is hosting, please send the details to [invest@westlothian.gov.uk](mailto:invest@westlothian.gov.uk)



# Social Media



# Templates

Help us raise awareness of West Lothian Business Week by showing your support on social media.

You can do this by engaging with our posts, or by sharing posts directly from your own accounts.

We have prepared some helpful templates that you are welcome to use. You can access them [here](#).



# Suggested Caption 1

We are proud to support #WestLothianBizWeek!

Organised by @Invest in West Lothian and @Business Gateway West Lothian, West Lothian Business Week is a celebration of local businesses. There are exciting events taking place this week, including \*event name\*, which we will be attending.

You can learn more and get involved here: [www.investinwestlothian.com/business-support/business-development/west-lothian-business-week-2026/](http://www.investinwestlothian.com/business-support/business-development/west-lothian-business-week-2026/)

# Suggested Caption 2

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# LinkedIn Challenge

To raise awareness of West Lothian Business Week, we are challenging our team and local businesses to take part in our LinkedIn Challenge.

Everyone is welcome to get involved, all you have to do is share a post each day in response to our prompt.

Don't forget to use #WestLothianBizWeek and tag @Invest in West Lothian and @Business Gateway West Lothian in your posts!

**#WestLothianBizWeek**  
LinkedIn Challenge

**Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> of May**  
Introduce yourself!

**Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> of May**  
What is your favourite thing about your role?

**Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> of May**  
What is a project you have worked on that you are proud of?

**Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> of May**  
What piece of advice would you give to someone starting/growing a business in West Lothian?

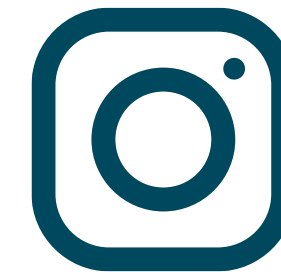
**Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> of May**  
Where is your favourite place in West Lothian?



# Contact Us

If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please email [invest@westlothian.gov.uk](mailto:invest@westlothian.gov.uk)





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