

The advertisement features a background image of a woman with glasses writing in a notebook at a desk. A large, black, diagonal watermark reading "SOLD OUT" is overlaid across the center. The text on the advertisement includes:

Starting a Creative Business
An interactive one-day workshop
for all artists and aspiring entrepreneurs

Wednesday, January 24
9:00am – 4:00pm

Heartwood Hall | 939-2nd Avenue East, Owen Sound, ON
Register: www.workinculture.ca/programs
Local contact: 519-371-3232
\$10 (includes lunch)

Presented by: **WorkInCulture** Brought to you by: **Business** In partnership with: **artists' CO-OP**

Good News and Bad News

We are excited to announce that our Starting a Creative Business workshop has sold out already. That's a great indication of the number of local individuals looking to take the leap to self employment. Those who have registered will

have a greater understanding of what it takes to make it the arts sector and will gain the knowledge they need to get started.

If you were hoping to attend but were too late registering, please let us know. We've started a waiting list and Work In Culture has offered to deliver the workshop again when we have at least 10 participants for another session.

Please add me to the waiting list



A "Dragon's Den" Inspired Competition

Call out to all *Entrepreneurs*

in the Grey, Bruce, Wellington North & Minto Areas!

Are you starting a new business?
Do you have a business proposition?
Do you have an existing business you want to expand?
Are you launching a new product?

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT?

Then pitch your idea to the Hawks! These local investors hold the money reins – a minimum \$30,000 is up for grabs!

Submission Deadline is Friday, February 23rd, 2018 by 4 PM

Interested businesses & entrepreneurs to submit a signed application and a maximum 10 page business plan with support documents to:



Hawks' Nest Deadline

The submission deadline for Hawks' Nest is fast approaching, you have until Friday February 23rd to submit! For more information on how to apply, visit the Saugeen Economic Development Corporation [website](#) or Bruce Community Future's Development [website](#).



Your Workforce. Our Future.

Fourth Annual EmployerOne Survey

It's time to have your say! Understanding the needs of businesses in Bruce, Grey, Huron and Perth counties allows the Four County Labour Market Planning Board to develop and promote strategies to help meet the challenges of our changing economy.

Information collected from this annual survey is used by local organizations to secure funding and to implement community projects. Depending on the size of your business, it should take less than 15 minutes to complete.

If you have any questions, please the Planning Board at 1-888-774-1468

EmployerOne Survey



Canada Summer Jobs Grant

Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) is an initiative of the Summer Work Experience program. It provides wage subsidies to employers to create employment for secondary and post-secondary students. Again this year, Canada Summer Jobs welcomes applications from small businesses, not-for-profit employers, public sector and faith-based organizations that provide quality summer jobs for students.

CSJ provides funding to not-for-profit organizations, public-sector employers and small businesses with 50 or fewer full-time employees to create summer job opportunities for young people aged 15 to 30 years who are full-time students intending to return to their studies in the next school year. **Deadline to apply is February 2nd, 2018**

Canada Summer Jobs Grant



Labour Law Changes

Just in case you're confused with all of the recent changes to the labour laws in Ontario, the Ministry of Labour has clearly outlined the details and you can find it [here](#).

Upcoming Workshops

How to “Really” Start a Business

Thursday February 8th

9:00 am - 11:30 am

Bayshore Community Centre

FREE – Pre-registration is required

Facilitator: Cliff Bilyea

Discover the basic steps involved in starting a business, evaluating your idea, determining your market and basic rules and regulations. This is also the mandatory session you are required to attend if you're interested in applying to the Starter Company Plus Program. Starter Company Plus is a provincial program delivered in Grey County by the Business Enterprise Centre. The program offers eligible applicants training, support developing a business plan, mentoring and a grant of up to \$5000. New and expanding, full time businesses in Grey County are eligible to apply and there are no age restrictions. Call the BEC today for more information or apply online [Starter Company Plus Application](#).

International Women's Day Event

Thursday March 8th, 2018

Social Media for Business

Wednesday March 21st, 2018

9:00 am - 11:30 am

Bayshore Community Centre

\$25 (HST included)

Facilitator: Kirsty Stevenson

Kirsty will help you determine which social media tools are best for your business and she will share with you the ins, outs and tips and tricks to utilizing these tools to help market your business or organization.

Employing and Keeping the Right People Event

Thursday March 29th, 2018

[Register Now](#)



Featuring: *Starter Company Plus Mentor - Jane Gallagher*

Jane, the owner of JEG Business Services has operated an accounting business in Owen Sound since 1991. Prior to opening her own business, she was employed by The Bank of Montreal for 17 years. The last 7 years of her banking

career were spent as a Small Business & Agricultural Lender to local businesses in the Grey Bruce Area. During that period she completed various University level courses related to the business environment, Accounting, Business Finance, Marketing and Organizational Behaviour and Communications. Her business provides on-going bookkeeping services, consulting and training in the accounting soft-wares, QuickBooks and Sage (Simply) Accounting, as well as PC Law. In addition she works seasonally at a local Chartered Accountants office preparing and reviewing personal and small business tax returns.

Several years ago she started as an Instructor of both QuickBooks and Sage Simply Accounting at Georgian College for Continuing Education and this then moved into teaching Bookkeeping and Understanding Accounting in the full time program.

Jane has served for 6 years on the Owen Sound Family Y Board of Directors as Treasurer-Vice President and upon completion of that term she still remains on the Finance Committee.

Currently her business has accounts in many different business sectors, Construction, Retail, Medical Professionals, Farming and Charities which all require unique accounting needs. This provides a wide variety and ensures that the different government reporting requirements are met. She firmly believes a new business venture (as well as an existing business) needs good bookkeeping records to complete accurate financial statements in order to make informed, sound business decisions. She has served as an instructor and

mentor for the Summer Company and Starter Company programs.



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