



Central Lancashire
Business Club

bringing local businesses together

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THE NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 7.45 for 8pm

4th May 2010

Michael Dawson of
Accredited Mediation Liability Services

Plus Business Venture

Michael Dawson, an Accredited Mediator, will be giving a talk on Mediation as an alternative to litigation for the resolution of commercial disputes in particular, tracing the development of mediation and giving the advantages and disadvantages of the process. Don't litigate - MEDIATE!

VAT IS MOVING ONLINE

From April 2010, if you have an annual VAT exclusive turnover of £100,000 or more you will have to do your VAT returns online and pay your VAT electronically. Also, if you register for VAT from 1 April 2010 onwards, you'll have to file online from the start, whatever your turnover.

But don't worry, it's the same form and the process is secure.

Doing your return online also helps reduce errors, provides automatic calculations and with an on-screen acknowledgment that it's been received you don't have to worry. What's more, it's available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, so you can do your return at a time that suits you.

If you're using HMRC Online Services for the first time, you will have to register for an online account.

For more information go to businesslink.gov.uk/vat

For further help, watch the video guide on the basics of VAT at businesslink.gov.uk/hmrctaxhelp

Business Venture Group

BUSINESS START UP SUPPORT!

Business Venture Group (BVG) is proud to announce that in its 25th year of supporting the local community we are now a provider of 'Intensive Business Start up Support' across Central Lancashire (Boroughs of Preston, Chorley and South Ribble).

Under this programme BVG is in a position to offer FREE Business Support and Advice on all aspects of setting up and running a business, to anybody who wishes to become self employed. This is delivered through our comprehensive range of training courses and supported by unlimited 1 to 1 advisor time. So whether you have a fragment of an idea or a burning ambition we can help.

Our training courses range from a half day brief introduction to self employment through to a 4 day intensive 'Start Your Business Step by Step' course.

Along with the traditional advice, information and guidance provided by BVG we can also assist with accessing finance to make your idea a reality and property rental services to allow you to trade in flexible workspace at competitive rates, therefore providing a full range of business support services.

Once your business is up and running we can provide ongoing support and advice throughout the first 3 years of trading to help you negotiate any issues you may have when starting out.

For more information please call 01772 422242 or visit www.bvg.org.uk

 new members

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THE CHAIRMAN WRITES



The news has been full of politics and volcanic ash for the last few weeks – shame you can't mix the two. It's all very interesting, the politics rather than the ash, (really? –Ed) but I will be glad when its all over. I have never known our phones so quiet with everyone 'waiting to see what happens.' It's quite eerie. It's the calm before the storm of course.

The heavens will open in late May when everything returns to 'normal' with clients rushing to move house or fix their rates to mitigate the inevitable in the coming year. I suppose I should say expected interest rate rises rather than inevitable but I will remain positive for the savers amongst you!

How is the impending election affecting your business or the mood of your clients – if at all? If you have any comments bring them along to your May meeting and share them with your fellow members. I would love to know why you come along to the meeting so that we can bring more members into the club. I look forward to seeing you all there next week. Thanks to Lisa for standing in for me last month whilst I was on holiday – I'm told that she did a smashing job. I'm a little nervous as this will be my first meeting as Chair so be kind to me!

Rachel Gill
Your Chair

MENTORING UPDATE

The Mentoring Programme is a FREE initiative available for owners and managers of small businesses across the Northwest. It provides an opportunity to work with an experienced business leader, allowing them to realise their business potential.

Saesela Razvi at The Business Venture Group is delivering the Mentoring Programme to leaders and managers of small businesses in Lancashire. The programme is currently managing 50 relationships in Central Lancashire having recruited 45 enthusiastic business experts who are keen to share their knowledge and experience.

The role of the business mentor is to provide you with a wealth of experience, to listen, provide an external perspective and to act as a sounding board.

"Clients who have participated on the mentoring programme have seen significant benefits which have supported the development of their business."

For more information please feel free to contact Saesela Razvi 07733 303 965 or alternatively you can email s.razvi@bvg.org.uk



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- May 2010 Michael Dawson
Accredited Mediation Liability Services
- Jun 2010 TBC
TBC
- Jul 2010 Chris Maguire
Chorley & Leyland Guardians
- Sep 2010 John Alexander
Sanderson Associates
- Oct 2010 Simon Clarkson
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