

Start Up WebLinks



A Guide for Midlands	Entrepreneurs	& Early	Stage	Companies
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Organisations	
Enterprise Ireland	www.enterprise-ireland.com
Failte Ireland	www.performanceplus.ireland.ie
Laois County Enterprise Board	www.laoisenterprise.com
Laois Partnership	http://laoispartnership.ie
Longford Community Resources	www.lcrl.ie
Longford County Enterprise Board	www.longfordceb.ie
Offaly County Enterprise Board	www.offalyceb.ie
Offaly Local Development Company	www.offalyldc.ie
Westmeath Community Development	www.westcd.ie
Westmeath County Enterprise Board	www.westmeath-enterprise.ie
Start Up Information & Supports	
Allaboutbusiness.ie is dedicated to start-ups and SMEs in Ireland	www.allaboutbusiness.ie
Top 10 'How to' start up an SME – articles from All About Business	www.allaboutbusiness.ie/blog/how-to-guides/top-10-%E2%80%98how-to%E2%80%99-start-up-an-sme-%E2%80%93-articles-from-all-about-business
Bank of Ireland-Business Start Up Guides	http://businessbanking.bankofireland.com/current-accounts/business-start-up-guides/
Business Model Generation	www.businessmodelgeneration.com
Business Plan Template	http://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/Start-a-Business-in-Ireland/Do-I-qualify-as-a-HPSU/Business-Plan-Templatedoc
Business Start Up News & Advice	www.bizstartup.ie
Business Start Up.ie	www.business-startup.ie/
Central Statistics Office - Statistics Portal	www.statcentral.ie
Cloud-based platform for start-ups and high performing SMEs, with information and tools to help you succeed in business.	www.nubie.ie
Database of Expert Articles on Starting and Growing a Business	www.bizinfolibrary.org
EU Portal for SMEs	http://ec.europa.eu/small-business/index_en.htm
Government portal for Entrepreneurs	www.basis.ie
Guidelines & advice on how to approach starting a business/UK	www.startups.co.uk
Inc.com Magazine Website	www.inc.com

Irish Revenue Guide to Starting in Business	www.revenue.ie/revsearch/search.jsp
Learn how to set up an online business	www.ebizrepublic.com
Multilingual practical information and online government services	www.colzropaone.com
for companies looking for business in another EU country.	http://ec.europa.eu/youreurope/business/index_en.htm
Running Your Business	www.runningyourbusiness.ie
Small Business Can	www.smallbusinesscan.com
SME Guide for Credit Growth	http://www.deti.ie/publications/enterprise/2010/YourBusinessYourBank.pdf
Social network for small business	http://cmypitch.com
Source of Entrepreneur Podcast Interviews	www.smallbizpod.co.uk
Source of Entrepreneur Podcast Interviews and more	http://www.sba.gov/category/navigation-structure/counseling-training/online-small- business-training/starting-business
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Stanford University's Entrepreneurship Corner- Videos, Podcasts+	http://ecorner.stanford.edu/popularVideos.html
Start Up & Business Articles	www.paulgraham.com/articles
Start Up Information Portal	www.entrepreneur.com
Start Up Information Portal	www.kcsourcelink.com
US Small Business Administration support for start ups	<u>www.sbaonline.sba.gov</u>
Market Information Sources	
CIA World Fact Book	https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html
Directory of the Web	www.dmoz.org
	www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/Export-Assistance/Market-Sector-Advice-and-
Enterprise Ireland Information Centre Guide for Clients	Information/Information-Centre.html
Global Market Research Resource	www.researchandmarkets.com
Global Market Research Resource	www.marketresearch.com
GSA Advantage - Database of US Govt. approved Products & Services	www.gsaadvantage.gov
Information on Countries	www.eiu.com/index.asp?autologin=bulk&rf=0
International Fairs & Exhibitions Portal	www.expodatabase.com
International Market Information - Reference Library	www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/Publications/Technology-Ireland/
International Market Research Information	www.euromonitor.com
International Market Research Information	http://oxygen.mintel.com/
International Market Research Information	www.marketlineinfo.com/library
International Market Research Information	www.frost.com
International Market Research Information	www.forrester.com
The Market Magazine - Published by EI for Exporters	www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/Publications/The-Market/

Wikipedia	http://en.wikipedia.org
Finding & Developing Ideas & Technologies	
100 Technology Start Up Ideas	http://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/Events/OurEvents/Big-Ideas/Technology-Tunnel- Posters-at-Big-Ideas.html
Access to London Olympics Supply Opportunities	www.competefor.com
AIT - Bioscience Research Institute	www.ait.ie/bri
AIT - Materials Research Institute	www.ait.ie/mri
AIT - Software Research Institute	www.ait.ie/sri
Athlone Institute of Technology (AIT)	www.ait.ie
Bringing Ideas to Market	www.inventright.com
Browse through our database of over 900 business ideas	www.entrepreneur.com/businessideas/index.html
Business Opportunities Ireland	www.businessopportunitiesireland.com
Businesses for Sale in Ireland	www.businessesforsale.ie
Canadian Intellectual Property Office	www.cipo.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cipointernet-internetopic.nsf/eng/Home
Commercial Patent Search Engine	www.delphion.com
Commercial Patent Search Engine	www.micropat.com
Copyright Association of Ireland	<u>www.cai.ie</u>
Electronic Marketplaces Portal	www.emarketservices.com
Enterprise Europe Network Find ideas, technologies and business partners	www.een-ireland.ie
Espacenet – free access to 60m+ patent documents	http://ie.espacenet.com_www.espacenet.com_http://forum.espacenet.com
EU Public Procurement Opportunities	http://ted.europa.eu/
EU Registered Trademark & Design Database	www.oami.europa.eu/RCDOnline/RequestManager_
European Patents Office	www.european-patent-office.org
Franchise Pitstop.ie - Franchise Opportunity Resource	www.franchise-pitstop.ie
Franchises for Sale and Business Opportunities for Ireland	www.franchisedirect.ie
GreenExchange - Innovation through IP Sharing	www.greenxchange.com
InnovAccess	www.innovaccess.eu/home.html
Innovation Voucher for Companies	www.innovationvouchers.ie
IP Australia	www.ipaustralia.gov.au
Irish Association of Patent and Trade Mark Agents	www.aptma.ie
Irish Patents Office	www.patentsoffice.ie
Irish Public Procurement Opportunities	http://etenders.gov.ie/

Licensing Opportunities available at DCU	www.dcu.ie/invent/licensing.shtml
Licensing Opportunities available at NUI G	http://www.nuigalway.ie/tto/tto_videos.html
Licensing Opportunities available at NUI Maynooth	http://commercialisation.nuim.ie/industry/opportunities
Licensing Opportunities available at Royal College of Surgeons	www.rcsi.ie/index.jsp?p=399&n=625
Licensing Opportunities available at TCD	www.tcd.ie/research_innovation/technology/available-technologies.php
Licensing Opportunities available at UCC	www.ucc.ie/research/techtransfer/industry/technologies.html
Licensing Opportunities available at UCD	www.ucd.ie/nova/technologytransferindustry/licensingopportunities
Licensing Opportunities available at UL	http://www2.ul.ie/web/WWW/Services/Research/Technology_Transfer_Office/Commercial
Licensing Opportunities available at WIT	http://www2.wit.ie/Research/IndustryServicesampTechnologyTransfer/Commercialisationo fResearch/CommerciallyFocusedResearch/ www.biotechnologyireland.com/bfora/systems/xmlviewer/default.asp?arg=DS_BIR_DOCA
Life Science Technology Offers	RT 95/ list.xsl/161
Microsoft BizSpark - support for technology start ups	www.microsoft.com/BizSpark & www.microsoftstartupzone.com
O ₂ Ideas Room	http://webkit.o2online.ie/ideasroom/
Portal for Research & Researchers across the Island	www.expertiseireland.com
Research & SMEs - EU Supports	http://ec.europa.eu/research/sme-techweb/index_en.cfm
Search over 7 million Patents	www.google.com/patents
Search US Trademark Database	www.trademarkia.com
Small Business Ideas for starting a business, marketing, financing, grants, work at home & internet ecommerce	www.businessownersideacafe.com
Source of new business ideas	www.springwise.com
The Trade Marks & Design Registration Office of the EU	http://oami.europa.eu/ows/rw/pages/index.en.do
UK Patents Office	www.ipo.gov.uk
US Patent & Trademark Office	<u>www.uspto.gov</u>
World Intellectual Property Organisation – IP Digital Library	www.wipo.int/ipdl/en/
Legal / Regulatory	
Access to 1 million+ global engineering standards & specifications	www.ili.co.uk/en/
Database of EU Law	http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/index.htm
Database of Irish Law	www.irishstatutebook.ie
EU Market Access Database - Guide to cracking World Markets	http://mkaccdb.eu.int
Food Safety Authority Business Start Up Guide	www.fsai.ie/food_businesses/starting_business.html
National Employment Right Authority	www.employmentrights.ie
Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement	www.odce.ie

Portal for searching for online legal publications	www.linexlegal.com
Research Companies	
Database of Companies & Industries	www.hoovers.com
Database of Companies in Ireland & Internationally	www.kompass.com
Database of Companies in Ireland & Internationally	www.dunandbradstreet.com
Database of Manufacturers & Distributors in USA & Canada	www.thomasnet.com
Identify IDA Ireland clients in Ireland - 775 companies listed	www.idaireland.com
Search for a company or business name in Ireland	www.cro.ie/search
Networks	
Business Network International (BNI)	www.bni.eu/ireland
Dog Patch Labs (@ Barrow Street Dublin)	http://dogpatchlabs.com/
Global Start Up Network	http://younoodle.com/
Skillsnets In Ireland	www.skillnets.ie/skillnets/ireland/index.html
Social Entrepreneurs Ireland	www.socialentrepreneurs.ie
Women in Business in Ireland 'On Line' community – 2400+ users	www.irishbusinesswomen.com
Training & Mentoring for Entrepreneurs	
BusinessBalls.com - Business Learning & Development Resource	www.businessballs.com
Enterprise Ireland	www.enterprise-ireland.com
European Entrepreneur Exchange Propgramme	www.erasmus-entrepreneurs.eu
FAS	www.fas.ie
Female Entrepreneurs Mentoring Programme	www.mentoringforfemaleentrepreneurs.com
Free email-based start up course	www.bankofirelandstartupcourse.com
Independent Business Support Service - for BOI Customers only	www.enterprisebuilder.ie
Laois County Enterprise Board	www.laoisenterprise.com
Laois Partnership	http://laoispartnership.ie
Longford Community Resources	www.lcrl.ie
Longford County Enterprise Board	www.longfordceb.ie
Mentoring Company	www.mentors.ie
Midlands Innovation and Research Centre	www.mirc.ie
Offaly County Enterprise Board	www.offalyceb.ie
Offaly Local Development Company	www.offalyldc.ie
Westmeath Community Development	www.westcd.ie

Westmeath County Enterprise Board	www.westmeath-enterprise.ie
Money for Start Ups	
7th EU Framework Programme in Ireland	www.fp7ireland.com
Accion - Provider of Micro Loans to the Poor	www.accion.org
Angels Den - Connecting Entrepreneurs & Investors in the UK	www.angelsden.co.uk
Angel Holdings (launching November 2011)	www.angel-holdings.com
Arthur Guinness Fund (deadline 30 November to apply)	www.guinness.com/en-ie/arthursday/fund.html
Business Expansion Scheme	www.revenue.ie/en/tax/it/leaflets/it55.html
Clann Credo - Social Investment Fund	www.clanncredo.ie
Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Venture Funds	www.novusmodus.com
Crowdfunding Matching Engine - Investments up to €250,000	www.seedups.com
Dragon's Den - currently recruiting for 2012	www.rte.ie/dragonsden
Enterprise Ireland	www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/funding-supports/Company/HPSU-Funding
First Step Micro Finance	www.first-step.ie
Gateway to EU Research & Development	http://cordis.europa.eu/home_en.html
Halo Business Angel Network	www.hban.org
Halo Business Angel Partnership	www.businessangels.ie
InterTrade Ireland - Business Support Schemes	www.intertradeireland.com/businesssupport
InterTradeIreland - Seedcorn Competition - not open for applications currently	www.intertradeireland.com/seedcorn
Investment - through Crowd Sourcing	www.fundit.ie
Irish Technology Leadership Group	www.itlg.org
Global Funding Platform for Creative Projects	www.kickstarter.com
Lir Investors Network	www.lirinvestors.com
Laois County Enterprise Board	www.laoisenterprise.com
Laois Partnership	http://laoispartnership.ie
Longford Business Angel Network	www.longfordbusinessangelnetwork.com
Longford Community Resources	www.lcrl.ie
Longford County Enterprise Board	www.longfordceb.ie
North & West Offaly Development Funds	jfinney@offalycoco.ie
Offaly County Enterprise Board	www.offalyceb.ie
Offaly Local Development Company	www.offalyldc.ie
Representative body of the Venture Capital industry in Ireland	www.ivca.ie

Seed & Venture Capital Schemes	www.enterprise-ireland.com
Seed Capital Scheme	www.revenue.ie/en/tax/it/leaflets/it15.html
Westmeath Community Development	www.westcd.ie
Westmeath County Enterprise Board	www.westmeath-enterprise.ie
Space for New Enterprises	
Database of Workspace in Midlands Region	Available free from eileen.mallon@entreprise-ireland.com
Birr Technology Centre	www.shannondevelopment.ie/RegionalDevelopment/KnowledgeNetwork/BirrTechnologyCentre/KeyFacilities/
Local Heros Landlord Initiative - launched by RTE 'The Business' Show Nov 2011	www.rte.ie/radio1/thebusiness/emptyspace.html
Midlands Innovation and Research Centre	www.mirc.ie
Mountmellick Enterprise Space	www.mountmellickdevelopment.com/mda-business-park-page.html
Mullingar Enterprise, Technology & Innovation Centre	www.meag.ie/innovation_centre.php
Portlaoise Enterprise Centre	www.enterprisecentre.ie
Set up a Store on eBay	http://pages.ebay.com/storefronts/Building.html
Set up a Store on Facebook	www.facebook.com/topic.php?uid=159338311464&topic
Useful Resources	
Alibaba.com - online marketplace for buyers & sellers	www.alibaba.com
Business eNetworking	www.linkedin.com
Business eNetworking	www.facebook.com
Computational Knowledge Engine	www.wolframalpha.com
Directory of Open Access Repositories	www.opendoar.org
Expand your capability by using external talent	www.talenttank.ie
Expand your capability by using external talent	www.bizreef.co.uk
Expand your capability by using external talent	www.elance.com
Expand your capability by using external talent	www.guru.com
Expand your capability by using external talent	www.freelancer.com
Expand your capability by using external talent	www.odesk.com
Global Market Finder	http://translate.google.com/globalmarketfinder/index.html
Google will tell you how many searches there were that had your words in the search query phrase, and for similar phrases	https://adwords.google.com/select/KeywordToolExternal_
Grow My Business - An Post Business Initiative	www.growmybusiness.ie
Keep track of trends, customers, competitors	www.google.com/alerts

Provider of a wide range of business solutions	www.bepro.com
Search Google Effectively	www.google.com/support/websearch/bin/answer.py?answer=136861
Search through UK Open Access Repositories	www.sherpa.ac.uk/repositories/sherpasearchalluk.html
Use IT & eBusiness to improve competitiveness	www.openup.ie

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