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Barking and Dagenham Business Support Services Grow your Business

Barking & Dagenham
LONDON'S NEWEST OPPORTUNITY



Our business support is free of charge; contact our Business Relationship Managers today to discuss how we can help your business.

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Visit our website to get business advice and information, the latest business news, and sign up to our regular e-newsletter.

Find out why Barking and Dagenham is London's newest opportunity at www.lbbd.gov.uk/Regeneration/Pages/home.aspx



Barking and Dagenham is London's Newest Opportunity, offering a wide range of competitive investment opportunities alongside dedicated business support for all types of business, whatever stage you are at.



If you want to start a business in **Barking and Dagenham**, or if you are an existing business in the borough you can access the following services free of charge.

www.boldanddynamic.co.uk

Business Relationship Managers

Business Relationship Managers provide free advice and bespoke support to established businesses aimed at improving growth and productivity including business health checks, development plans and coaching. They have access to a commercial property database which they can search based on your space requirements. The managers can also signpost businesses to a wide range of other support services as well as Council departments such as Planning, Property, Trading Standards and Highways.

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Barking Enterprise Centre

The centre is a one stop shop for start up businesses offering a comprehensive package of advice and training for aspiring entrepreneurs funded by the Council. The centre also provides financial health checks and development advice for established businesses. The Centre offers 'easy-in, easy-out' accommodation for businesses in the newly built centre.

www.barkingenterprisecentre.co.uk

Business Loan Fund

Businesses based in the borough can raise expansion capital of up to £ 10,000. The Barking Enterprise Centre offers financial health checks and facilitates the loan application and process. Loans are administered by East London Small Business Centre.

www.smallbusinesscentre.org.uk

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Barking and Dagenham Chamber of Commerce

Whatever your business does, the Chamber's business support services can help you. With a proven ability to help its Members flourish, the Chamber is passionate about those doing business in Barking and Dagenham, giving you a voice on the local and national stage and ensuring its Members' needs are met. With innovative training, business seminars, networking opportunities, access to a commercial vacant property database and a broad range of other resources, the Chamber is the first place businesses come to when they need reliable business services, advice and support. There's a lot going on in the Chamber, and you can be part of it!

www.bdchamber.co.uk

Barking and Dagenham Business Awards

Raise your business profile in the region and win new customers by participating in the business awards. It is an annual awards ceremony, followed by a gala dinner and networking organised by the Council, celebrating the success and achievements of local businesses.

www.bdbawards.com

Social Enterprises

Through the Barking and Dagenham Centre for Voluntary Services you can access information on setting up a social enterprise. The Ripple Centre in Barking offers meeting rooms and modern desk space that can be rented out on a flexible basis.

www.bdcvs.org.uk

Starting Point offers business planning, fundraising support, legal advice, incubation and hot desk space for new and growing community groups and social enterprises.

www.starting-point.org.uk

Workforce and Apprentices

Businesses can reach the widest number of potential recruits and access bespoke recruitment advice and support, including apprenticeships, by contacting the Council's Employment and Skills Team.

www.boldanddynamic.co.uk/business/workforce-development-recruitment

Business Training

Barking & Dagenham College can deliver training that's tailored to your business. To understand your business and skill needs, a friendly account manager will visit your premises completely free of charge, conduct the review and offer accredited training or bespoke solutions to meet YOUR needs. Our courses range from compliance & legislative topics to work based training and professional development for businesses across a range of industries. We can help you recruit an apprentice for your business and access the Apprentices Grant for Employers.

For more details visit

www.barkingdagenhamcollege.ac.uk/employers/

Retail Forums

Specialist assistance for retailers in some of the Borough's shopping areas is offered through the Council's Business Partnerships Project which allows retailers to collectively address issues such as crime, parking and also access business support services offered by the Council.

www.boldanddynamic.co.uk

Supply Chain and Winning contracts

Access new markets through developing your supply chain capabilities. Specialist advice and support is available through the Fit for Legacy project, run by East London Business Place. The Council is a partner in the project and local businesses can access expert advice on how to win contracts and tenders. You can also obtain direct access to local tendering opportunities. Contact the Business Relationship Managers for more information.

www.elbp.co.uk

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Greening Businesses - Saving money through sustainability

The Council is a partner of the Greening Business Programme which is funded by the European Regional Development Fund. This project offers free advice on energy saving, grants and information on achieving internationally recognised environmental standards such as ISO 14001 and achieving green credentials. Contact the Business Relationship Managers for more information.

www.mccbussinessolutions.co.uk/greening

