



**BUSINESS SUPPORT IN THE GATWICK DIAMOND**

This is an attempt to list all the business support available online and one to one in the Gatwick Diamond area. It does not purport to be perfect and does not include support through educational institutions from school to university. Nor does it cover support for ethnic minorities, women and disabled groups.

NAME OF SCHEME	WHAT DOES IT DO	TYPE OF BUSINESS – FREE or COST	WEBSITE – WHERE AREA RESTRICTIONS EXIST
Start Up Loan Scheme	<p>Low-interest loans of up to £2,500: repayment up to 5 years.</p> <p>Mentor support</p>	<p>Young entrepreneurs 18 to 24 years</p> <p>Free</p>	<p><a href="http://www.startuploans.co.uk">www.startuploans.co.uk</a></p> <p>(Local delivery partner not yet identified)</p>
Business Link	<p>Online portal with a comprehensive range of information, tools, signposting and online advice</p>	<p>All sizes, ages, stages and types of business</p> <p>Free</p>	<p><a href="http://www.businesslink.gov.uk">www.businesslink.gov.uk</a></p>
Growth Accelerator	<p>10 days of one to one coaching; securing finance, commercialising innovation and developing leadership</p>	<p>High growth businesses, including startups that will double income in three years</p> <p>Costs range from £600 to £3,000</p>	<p><a href="http://www.growthaccelerator.com">www.growthaccelerator.com</a></p> <p>Delivery partner Oxford Innovation</p>

<b>Fredericks Foundation</b>	Helps disadvantaged people to set up, or expand their own business as a means to achieve financial independence while rebuilding their confidence and self esteem. Provides a range of business support and microloan funding.	Disadvantaged pre start,start ups and early stage  Free	<a href="http://www.fredericksfoundation.org">www.fredericksfoundation.org</a>
<b>Enterprise First</b>	One to one advice and workshops	Pre Start up, Start ups and early stage businesses  Free	<a href="http://www.enterprisefirst.co.uk">www.enterprisefirst.co.uk</a>  Surrey and Hampshire only
<b>Lets Do Business</b>	Start up training workshops:  2 day Award in Start up workshops - £100 or free if unemployed  3 day Certificate in Starting Up workshops - £150 (or free if unemployed)	Pre Start up, Start ups and very early stage businesses  Costs	<a href="http://www.letsdobusinessgroup.co.uk">www.letsdobusinessgroup.co.uk</a>  Surrey and Sussex
<b>UK Trade &amp; Investment</b>	Provides one to one and online expert trade advice and practical support to UK-based companies wishing to	All sizes, ages, stages and types of business	<a href="http://www.ukti.gov.uk/export">www.ukti.gov.uk/export</a>

	grow their business overseas. Includes participation at selected trade fairs, outward missions and providing bespoke market intelligence, overseas regulations and business practice.	Costs	
<b>Be the Boss</b>	Funding, training and mentoring support to former members of HM Armed Forces on how to run a successful small business. Service leavers can apply for start-up funding of up to £7,500 and those receiving start-up funding can also apply for growth funding of up to £30,000.	HM Armed Forces  Free	<a href="http://www.civvystreet.org/betheboss">www.civvystreet.org/betheboss</a>  Run by the British Legion
<b>PRIME</b>  (Part of the Prince's Initiative for mature Enterprise)	Help for older people start and run their own businesses. It offers free information, workshops and business networking events.	Unemployed over 50's  Free	<a href="http://www.prime.org.uk">www.prime.org.uk</a>  Courses in London only
<b>New Enterprise Allowance</b>	Financial support for early months of trading, access to a start-up loan, and business	Unemployed all ages	Job Centre Plus offices

	mentoring to help guide a business in the early stages. 2 day Business Start up workshops (is it right for you?) 3 day Certificate in Starting up workshops (once you have a business plan)	Free	<a href="http://www.jobseekers.direct.gov.uk">www.jobseekers.direct.gov.uk</a>  Delivered by Lets do Business in  Surrey and Sussex
<b>The Prince's Trust</b>	Supports young people to work out if their business ideas are viable and whether self-employment is right for them. Depending on the outcome of this process, the programme can then offer mentoring and, for those that really need it, financial support to start a business.	Aged 18–30,unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week  Free	<a href="http://www.princes-trust.org.uk">www.princes-trust.org.uk</a>
<b>Mentorsme</b>	An online portal for small and medium-sized enterprises looking for mentoring services.	All sizes, ages, stages and types of business  Free	<a href="http://www.mentorsme.co.uk">www.mentorsme.co.uk</a>
<b>Business Advice Service</b>	Members of the ICAEW (accountants) Business	All sizes, ages, stages and types of	<a href="http://www.businessadvice.com">www.businessadvice.com</a>

	Advice Service offer an initial consultation at no charge to businesses and start-ups.	business Initial consultation is free	
Manufacturing Advisory Service	Specialist advisors help manufacturing businesses grow by working at a strategic level to create business and product strategies. MAS helps develop a culture of innovation; generating new product ideas and market opportunities; reducing waste and maximising profitability in the business and supply chains.	Any manufacturing company Initial advice is free	<a href="http://www.mymas.org">www.mymas.org</a>
Miscellaneous online advice and signposting	Growth and improvement service	Businesses wanting to grow	<a href="http://www.improve.businesslink.gov.uk">www.improve.businesslink.gov.uk</a>
	Home based businesses Guide	Home based businesses	<a href="http://www.bis.gov.uk/home-business-guide">www.bis.gov.uk/home-business-guide</a>
	Incubation space and serviced offices	All	<a href="http://www.startupbritain.org/spaces">www.startupbritain.org/spaces</a>

	<b>Registering a business</b>	<b>Pre Starts</b>	<a href="http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk">www.companieshouse.gov.uk</a>
	<b>Growing a business on the web</b>	<b>All sizes, ages, stages and types of business</b>	<a href="http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/webfuelled">www.businesslink.gov.uk/webfuelled</a>
	<b>Recruiting staff</b>	<b>All sizes, ages, stages and types of business</b>	<a href="http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/employ">www.businesslink.gov.uk/employ</a>
	<b>Starting up in business guide</b>	<b>Pre start and start ups</b>	<a href="http://www.bis.gov.uk/assets/biscore/enterprise/docs/m/12-828-make-business-your-business-guide-to-starting.pdf">www.bis.gov.uk/assets/biscore/enterprise/docs/m/12-828-make-business-your-business-guide-to-starting.pdf</a>
<b>Finance/ Funding links</b>	<b>Business Finance Explained, Finance Finder</b>	<b>All sizes, ages, stages and types of business</b>	<a href="http://www.improve.businesslink.gov.uk/resources">www.improve.businesslink.gov.uk/resources</a>
	<b>Business Finance Explained, Finance Finder</b>	<b>All sizes, ages, stages and types of business</b>	<a href="http://www.businessfinanceforyou.co.uk">www.businessfinanceforyou.co.uk</a>
	<b>Business Finance Explained, Finance Finder</b>	<b>All sizes, ages, stages and types of business</b>	<a href="http://www.betterbusinessfinance.co.uk">www.betterbusinessfinance.co.uk</a>

	<p><b>Business Finance Explained, Finance Finder</b></p> <p>The Next Generation Finance Consortium (NGFC) is a private sector-led initiative. SMEs can also attend open forums and ‘funding readiness workshops’.</p>	<p>All sizes, ages, stages and types of business</p>	<p><a href="http://www.ngfc.org.uk">www.ngfc.org.uk</a></p> <p>NGFC members include</p> <p><i>Crowd funding platforms:</i></p> <p><a href="http://www.crowdcube.com">www.crowdcube.com</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.peoplefund.it.com">www.peoplefund.it.com</a></p> <p><i>Peer to peer lending platforms:</i></p> <p><a href="http://www.fundingcircle.com">www.fundingcircle.com</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.marketinvoice.com">www.marketinvoice.com</a></p>
	<p><b>Finance South East – debt and equity funds</b></p>	<p>High Growth knowledge based businesses</p>	<p><a href="http://www.thefsegroup.com">www.thefsegroup.com</a></p>
	<p><b>Social and charity investment and advice</b></p>	<p>Social enterprises and charities of all sizes and stage</p>	<p><a href="http://www.bigsocietycapital.com/finding-the-right-investment">www.bigsocietycapital.com/finding-the-right-investment</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.socialenterprise.org.uk">www.socialenterprise.org.uk</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.charitybank.org">www.charitybank.org</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.triodos.co.uk">www.triodos.co.uk</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.unity.co.uk">www.unity.co.uk</a></p>

			<a href="http://www.bigissueinvest.com">www.bigissueinvest.com</a> <a href="http://www.bridgesventures.com">www.bridgesventures.com</a> <a href="http://www.tinyurl.com/CAFVenturesome">www.tinyurl.com/CAFVenturesome</a>
Inspire2Enterprise service	<p>UK wide led by the University of Northampton in partnership with Exemplas. Provides free advice online and by phone about starting up, managing and running a social enterprise, as well as operational and financial planning, strategy and marketing. A paid-for face-to-face advice service will also be available, along with coaching, mentoring and training.</p>	<p><b>Social Enterprises</b></p> <p><b>Online/ phone - Free</b></p> <p><b>Face to Face – a fee</b></p>	<p>0844 9800 760 (Mon to Frid 08.30 - 5.30pm)</p> <p><a href="mailto:info@inspire2enterprise.org">info@inspire2enterprise.org</a>.</p> <p><a href="http://www.inspire2enterprise.org">www.inspire2enterprise.org</a></p>