

Enterprise News

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If you're in the market for business training then Venture Taranaki's Enterprise Training Programme offers some great options over the next six months. There are a range of courses on offer from financial management and getting value out of your website to programmes specifically for the professional services and those wanting to get into lean manufacturing.

Wanted: Business Mentors

If you're an experienced business person who understands the challenges small businesses face and want to give something back by sharing your knowledge, then Venture Taranaki needs you for its Business Mentors programme.

This free community business service needs people in Taranaki who:

- Are experienced business people with senior management experience in a small or large business corporate environment, or those who have operated

their own business.

- Understand small business operators and entrepreneurs, and genuinely want to assist.
- Are available for approximately four hours a month for mentoring assignments.
- Have the ability to communicate with others and win confidence.

If you or someone you know would enjoy helping small to medium Taranaki businesses grow, then please contact Sarah Brotherstone at Venture Taranaki on 06 759-5166.

Could your business benefit from Lean?

If you are a manufacturing or process orientated business looking to create a competitive advantage, improve processes and increase profitability then Venture Taranaki's Lean Manufacturing Programme could be ideal for you.

Venture Taranaki is bringing lean expert Greg Radich back to the region to help you streamline your business and reap the rewards. Register today for this 3-part Lean Manufacturing Programme and take your business to the next level.

When: 16, 30 March and 13 April 2010, 9am- 3.30pm (must attend all 3 sessions)

Where: Venture Taranaki, 9 Robe Street, New Plymouth

Presenter: Greg Radich, Strategia

Investment: Your time. No cost – fully funded

To find out more about the Lean Manufacturing programme or to download your registration form, click on the links below, email sarah@venture.org.nz or call 06 759 5166

Find and fund Global Experts

Global Expert is a subsidised Government service provided by TechNZ to help businesses overcome the challenges of research and development. It connects businesses to the best people with the right skills at all stages of the innovation cycle - from conception to commercialisation.

Special Offer

The first 50 companies to engage Global Expert by February 28, 2010 will receive funded expert fees (up to \$2,000 plus gst), and can apply for more expert funding on a matched 50/50 basis.

When a company engages an expert found through Global Expert, TechNZ will fund the first \$2000 of the expert's fees. This offer is available to businesses who meet TechNZ criteria. So crack those challenges and get back to the office with the world's best on your team, ready to turn those ideas into profitable opportunities!

Global Expert will help Taranaki businesses save time and money, reduce time to market, and make-better decisions faster.

Venture Taranaki is a TechNZ regional partner, providing funding and support on behalf of ForSTTo take up this offer, contact Nick Fleming on 06 759 5165.