

Upcoming Events (September 5 2024)

Thurs Sep 5 12 noon **Government Resources for Your Small Business** Did you know Innovation Canada has a suite of products and services designed to help you start, grow and scale your small business? Join Dmitri Bakker as he walks you through these free, interactive, online tools with demonstrations of the Business Benefits Finder and BizPaL to show you how to find and leverage the right programs, permits and licenses for you. Plus, he'll provide an overview of other Innovation Canada offerings Register Free Online @ <https://businesslink.ca/event/government-resources-for-your-small-business/>

Thurs Sep 5 (and every Thurs) 6 to 9pm **Startup TNT Happy Hour** We build networks of sophisticated angel investors anchored in their communities. We all Have Fun, Make Friends, and Build Companies together. Joined by guest host. @ Pub 1905 10525 Jasper Ave Edmonton www.startuptnt.com

Fri Sep 6 8am to 6pm **10th Annual AKSIS "Indian Summer" Golf Tournament** @ Cougar Creek Golf Resort AKSIS is Edmonton's Indigenous Business & Professional Association Individual \$235 Foursome \$925 Register @ <https://www.aksisyeg.ca/2024-aksis-golf-tournament>

Fri Sep 6 4:30 to 9pm **Red Deer Chamber Chase** It is our version of an interactive "amazing race" style of event, where participants will go to a member organization and will be given a task to complete (e.g. - build/paint something, a physical task, a mind teaser). We have new pitstops & new tasks for the racers to test their skills at. \$40 per racer min 2/team starts and ends @ Sunterrea Market Register @ www.reddeerchamber.com

Sat Sep 7 10am to 3pm **Leduc Community & Business Showcase** Join us for a day to Showcase what our community has to offer: @ City Centre Mall, 5201 50 Street **Leduc** Exhibit members \$50 Non-members \$100 per table www.yourchamber.ca

Mon Sep 9/16/23/30 6pm **Messed Up Mondays** (every Monday) is a refreshing, no-holds-barred event where entrepreneurs, startups, and business owners come together to share their most memorable mistakes and the invaluable lessons they've learned. Entrepreneurs and friends are welcome to join for a night of drinks, food, networking and more importantly... getting real, raw and better by learning from each other's blunders. Guest speakers will join us every week followed by open mic for a few to share their story. Then, open Networking with food and drinks available at Pub 1905, 10525 Jasper Avenue Edmonton No Tickets – Just Show Up!! <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/messed-up-mondays-tickets-941768574157>

Tues Sep 10/24 (every 2 weeks) 8:45 to 10:15am **Sherwood Park Business Club** We are looking to meet driven business professionals, who want to expand their network. Enjoy breakfast while sharing a bit about yourself, the services you provide, the ideal client and your best networking partners. Group members will share referrals they have sent, referrals they have received and the business they have closed from those referrals. We are an exclusive club - we only allow one seat for each industry. The \$30 fee covers breakfast & meeting costs. Register first to get location. www.meetup.com/sherwood-park-business-club/

Tues Sep 10 (Sep 24 is Live) 11am to 12:30pm (2nd & 4th Tuesdays) **Women Belong - Calgary Circle** We'll share leads, referrals, and each other's thought leadership to support the expansion of our businesses. During the meeting we will either feature a member who will showcase her area of business expertise or we will conduct a business-related workshop. Circle meetings are open to guests. Guests can attend this Circle two times, with a maximum of six Women Belong Circle visits per year. Sep 24 @ Egg and Spoon 7729 MacLeod Trail SW **Calgary** On Zoom Register Free <https://womenbelong.com/ab-calgary/#!event-list>

Tues Sep 10 / 24 noon to 1:30pm **EBN & CIBN In Person Networking Lunch** Bored of the same old networking events? It's time to try something different. Come and join with the Edmonton Business Network for our in person lunch, where you'll network with fascinating business owners from across the region. Don't worry about making time to follow-up, get the meetings booked on the spot! Plus, you'll get to indulge in delicious food and enjoy the company of amazing people. Everyone knows that socializing and networking is an important part of forming successful business relationships and getting yourself out into the world. So come along for an event filled with fun, conversations and new professional opportunities – all under one roof! If you're ready to experience this unique kind of networking event, grab your ticket now while they're still available – before your competitors do! @ Homefire Grill 8210 100 Ave Edmonton Tickets \$40.95 @ www.edmontonbusinessnetwork.ca

Tues Sep 10 1 to 3pm **Finance and Dashboards for Business | Learning Lab Series** Loop in your team, and let's get to work - this series is focused on practical advice for any small or medium business. This Learning Lab series is for business owners and their teams that have already identified a gap in their Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) relating to Finance, and are looking for support building a digital strategy to support that transformation. This 2 part series hones in between ideation and implementation, focusing on building the digital strategy plan for finance, understanding what's possible and de-risking your investment through good strategy development. Free Register @ <https://www.awebusiness.com/awe-calendar/finance-and-dashboards-for-business-learning-lab-series>

Tues Sep 10 5 to 8pm **Member Mixer Featuring Trav Triv - The Yellow Brick Road** Team Challenge: This time, the Emerald City is in peril, held captive by the Flying Monkeys, and it's up to you to save it! Teams of 4 or 5 will embark on a fun-filled adventure through downtown businesses as you follow the yellow brick road. Along the way, you'll encounter challenges, pitfalls, and bonus rewards. Each business you visit will have a scorable challenge ranging from cornhole to a dance-off - designed to test your teamwork and competitive spirit. Start @ Fair and Square Printing 8544 Manning Ave, **Fort McMurray** Member only event register @ www.fortmcmurraychamber.ca

Wed Sep 11 11am **Building a Lean Cost Effective Business** Running a small business is no small feat. It comes with a unique set of challenges, from managing high operating costs to navigating inefficiencies and quality concerns. Explore how lean principles can help you overcome these obstacles and transform your operations. Discover practical tools and strategies designed specifically for small businesses, and learn how to streamline processes, cut waste, and enhance efficiency. Don't miss this chance to unlock your business's full potential! Register Free Online @ <https://businesslink.ca/event/building-a-lean-cost-effective-business/>

Wed Sep 11 Oct 9 Nov 6 Dec 4 11am to 2pm **In-Person Networking Luncheon** Connected Business Women Network We are committed to providing service and support to female business leaders, entrepreneurs, business executives and home based sales leaders who have both successful and developing businesses and careers. @ The Winston Golf Club 2502 6 Street NE **Calgary** Tickets \$65 advanced @ www.cbwncanada.com

Wed Sep 11 Oct 9 Nov 13 Dec 11 noon to 1:30pm **In Person Networking Calgary** Join us for Networking, Networking, Networking! In person meetings are back and they are not only a lot of fun, they are great for getting leads and making new connections! Networking is one of the most cost productive forms of marketing and nobody helps you to get it done effectively better than CIBN Connect! There is always something amazing to learn, awesome business owners to meet and something good to eat. This meeting includes men and women who are professionals. 1609 14 St SW **Calgary** Tickets \$37 @ <https://www.meetup.com/bold-beautiful-in-business-women/events/pvmpjtygcmbspb/>

(every) Thurs Sep 12/19/26 7:15 to 8:30am **Whitemud Networking Group** For the members the club's purpose is to: accelerate the expansion of your business / provide a forum for learning fresh ideas / find out what is going on in the business community / provide an upbeat start to your business day What to bring: A great attitude!! Important to know: Only one person/business from each business group can be a member @ Woodvale Facility & Clubhouse 4540 50 St NW · Edmonton / Free – request to attend @ <https://www.meetup.com/whitemud-network-group/events/zkvbxygclbmc/>

Thurs Sep 12 5 to 7:30pm **Confluence YYC: Talent & The Future of Work** AI, student talent, online professional certificates—there are seemingly countless ways the labour force is expanding and changing. In this installment of Confluence YYC, discover new avenues to prepare your organization for the future of work. Hear from skilled experts who understand education, human resources and what the future could look like when it comes to recruiting, managing and retaining talent @ Ross Glen Hall, Mount Royal University, 4825 Mt Royal Gate SW, **Calgary** Members \$39 Non-members \$79 @ www.calgarychamber.com

Fri Sep 13 11am to 1pm **2024 September Chamber Luncheon: Belonging at Work and Beyond** Don't miss this opportunity to listen, learn, and join the movement to end the stigma surrounding mental health. @ Coast Nisku Inn and Conference Centre 1101 - 4 Street **Nisku** Members \$45 Non-members \$55 @ www.yourchamber.ca

Sat Sept 14 / also Oct 12 / Nov 9 / Dec 14 10 to 11am Join this **Startup Fundraising Event** To Learn How To Raise Funds \$\$ For Your Startup Business: If you have an idea for your Startup Business or if you are at MVP stage & you want to know how to assimilate funds \$\$ through PRE-SEED & SEED rounds / If you already have a Startup Business & you need more funds in SEED or SERIES A, B, C rounds (\$10,000 - \$50 Million) Calgary Online Register \$32.64 @ <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/startups-fund-raising-program-tickets-121842184253>

Mon Sep 16 9:30 to 11:30am **Start Up YMM Problem Solving for Small Business with ATB and BDC** We deal with a lot of businesses and notice that many entrepreneurs face similar challenges. Often, the solution is closer than they think and they just need a fresh way to approach the situation in order to see it. Rather than face these alone, we invite you to join us for a 2 hour interactive workshop to tackle some of these issues using problem solving approaches you may not have used before. This workshop is designed to help established small business owners tackle the most pressing challenges facing their business. @ Startup YMM 8026 Franklin Avenue #101 **Fort McMurray** Free Register @ <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/start-up-ymm-problem-solving-for-small-business-with-atb-and-bdc-tickets-950187084147>

Mon Sep 16 Oct 21 Nov 18 5:30 to 8:30pm **Network Mondays:** We're back at Jameson's for the great food and service and a great location in the back corner. Come and discover what many of your NW business colleagues are doing. @ Jamesons Pub 3802 Brentwood Road NW **Calgary** Free Register @ https://www.meetup.com/calgary-nw-business-network/events/301704166/?recId=6bcca34e-f398-4205-9555-bf250ed51a20&recSource=keyword_search&searchId=e65a8c0b-dc30-4e29-a040-c5db2bb20de0

Tues Sep 17 8am to 4:30pm **Women Leading Change 2024: The Power of Connection** This one day of professional development will feature: amazing speakers, workshops and networking for women in business. We will have a variety of workshops and speakers on relevant topics facing women in the workplace today. @ **Red Deer** Polytechnic Centre \$150 per person Register @ www.reddeerchamber.com

Tues Sep 17 11:30am to 1:30pm **A Conversation with Naheed Nenshi, Leader of the Alberta NDP** Mr. Naheed Nenshi delivers his first keynote address to the Calgary business community as the newly elected Leader of the Alberta New Democratic Party. Mr. Nenshi's keynote will outline his priorities for Alberta's economy, and will be followed by a fireside chat with Calgary Chamber President and CEO, Deborah Yedlin. @ Hyatt Regency Calgary, 700 Centre St S, **Calgary** Members \$129 Non-members \$259 www.calgarychamber.com

Tues Sep 17 11:30am to 1pm **Create Your Million-Dollar Customer Story: A StoryBoard Marketing Workshop.** Is your marketing message getting lost in the noise? It's time to clarify your voice and captivate your audience. Join Bernice McDonald, Mindset & Strategy Business Coach, for an interactive workshop that will transform your marketing approach. In this power-packed session, you'll: 1) Learn the secret framework used by successful brands 2) Create your own marketing one-pager StoryBoard 3) Position your business as the essential guide in your customer's journey @ Centre 2000 11330 106 Street **Grande Prairie** \$25 Register @ www.grandeprairiechamber.com

Tues Sep 17 Oct 01 / 15 (1st & 3rd Tuesdays) 7 to 8:30am **BNI Excellence - Monthly In-Person** We help business professionals grow their business through a structured, positive, and professional referral marketing program. As we continue to navigate our current challenging economic situation and look forward to recovery, entrepreneurs need a strong community of like minded professionals for ongoing support and generating new business. Our well established BNI Chapter can be that community for you! @ Heritage Park **Calgary** Tickets \$28.60 @ <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/bni-excellence-monthly-in-person-1st-3rd-tuesday-of-each-month-registration-337442839617>

Tues Sep 17 1 to 2pm **Myth Busting Federal Government Procurement** Are you an owner of a small business who is interested in selling your goods and services to the federal government of Canada? If so, we welcome you to join Alberta Women Entrepreneurs in hosting Procurement Assistance Canada (PAC), a part of Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC), to learn more. Did you know that close to 90% of federal government contracts go to

small and medium enterprises? Or that the majority of federal contracts are valued under \$25,000? Have you ever wondered about the wide variety of goods and services that the federal government buys? Register for Free today if you would like to learn more about federal government procurement processes and the opportunities that could be available for your business! @ <https://www.awebusiness.com/awe-calendar/myth-busting-federal-government-procurement>

Wed Sep 18 11am to 1:30pm **Business @ Lunch: State of the City with Mayor Cathy Heron** @ The Moonflower Room @ The Enjoy Centre 101 Riel Drive **St. Albert** Members \$65 Non-members \$75 www.stalbertchamber.com

Wed Sep 18 11:30am to 1pm **2024 State of the Town of Devon Luncheon** Join Us to hear from the Town of Devon Mayor, Jeff Craddock @ Devon Community Centre, #20 Haven Avenue, **Devon** Members \$35 Non-members \$45 @ www.yourchamber.ca

Wed Sep 18 Oct 16 Nov 20 3 to 5pm **TOPONA** (The Original Peoples of North America) A casual roundtable over tea and bannock, discussing local and world events affecting Indigenous businesses and professionals • Network with other Indigenous AKSIS members • Share and gain insights on solving problems and finding opportunities. Free for Indigenous AKSIS members only. Members may bring one guest at a cost of \$5.00 @ **AKSIS** - Edmonton's Indigenous Business and Professional Association 10055 106 Street Edmonton Tickets @ <https://www.aksisveg.ca/aksis-events/topona-sept-18>

Wed Sep 18 5:30 to 8pm **Edmonton Business Network Evening Mixer** Bored of the same old networking events? It's time to try something different. You'll network with fascinating business owners from across the region. Don't worry about making time to follow-up, get the meetings booked on the spot! Plus, you'll get to indulge in delicious food and enjoy the company of amazing people! And what better way to make lasting connections than over your favorite beverages? This month's theme is Marketing and Sales. Our discussions will focus on best practices in branding, social media, sales processes and strategic differentiation. Everyone knows that socializing and networking is an important part of forming successful business relationships and getting yourself out into the world. So come along for an event filled with fun, conversations and new professional opportunities – all under one roof! If you're ready to experience this unique kind of networking event, grab your ticket now while they're still available. See you there! Location: TBA \$40.95 Tickets @ www.edmontonbusinessnetwork.ca

Thurs Sep 19 8:30am to 6pm **The Toast Summit For More Women in Tech** (2nd Annual) is dedicated to uplifting and empowering women in the tech industry. Designed to celebrate and honour the achievements of women, this summit aims to provide a supportive environment where attendees can network, learn, and grow together. With a lineup of industry leaders and inspiring speakers, the Summit will delve into essential topics such as venture capital, women entrepreneurs, and leadership in the tech sector. Through insightful discussions, interactive workshops, and engaging panels, we will explore the unique experiences and challenges faced by women in this dynamic field. This summit offers an opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals, gain valuable insights, and leave feeling empowered to make a lasting impact @ Platform Calgary 407 9 Avenue Southeast **Calgary** Tickets before Sep 6 \$280.96 @ [The Toast Summit \(trytoast.community\)](http://TheToastSummit(trytoast.community))

Thurs Sep 19 11am **Marketing Analytics: Learn Why It's Important** Understanding marketing data metrics is core to business and marketing growth. But remember, metrics don't exist alone in a vacuum. They tell a story and impact very real business and marketing decisions. Join this session to explore key vocabulary and discover how to identify essential marketing analytics for your specific goals. Confidently navigate the data landscape by optimizing strategies and achieving measurable success. Register Free Online <https://businesslink.ca/event/data-and-analytics-learn-why-it-is-important/>

Thurs Sep 19 5 to 7:30pm **The Business After Hours** is back for the Fall! Get ready to connect and explore at Calgary's most exciting networking event, hosted by the Calgary Chamber at The Confluence Historic Site and Parkland. Just as the Bow and Elbow rivers converge, our members will come together in this historic location for an evening of history, fun and fantastic connections. Wander through the museum, meet amazing people and make memories in this historic venue. @ 750 9 Ave SE, **Calgary** Members \$42 Non-members \$84 @ www.calgarychamber.com

Thurs Sep 19 5 to 8pm We are thrilled to announce the **EBA Does A Table Top Trade Show** and we would like to invite you to participate as a vendor! This trade show will be held at the newly renovated Wyndham Hotel, offering a fresh and vibrant atmosphere perfect for networking and showcasing your business. For the first time, we are opening this event to both members and non-members of the Edmonton Business Association, providing a fantastic opportunity to showcase your products and services to a diverse audience. As a vendor, you will receive numerous benefits Members \$50 Non-members \$200 @ Wyndham Edmonton Hotel & Conference Centre 4440 Gateway Blvd <https://www.yegba.com/event-list#!event/2024/9/19/eba-does-a-table-top-trade-show>

Fri Sep 20 8:30am to 4pm **Cultural and Arts Tourism Symposium!** This vibrant event will bring together artists, cultural practitioners, tourism professionals, and community leaders from the Leduc Region to explore the intersection of arts and tourism. @ Leduc West Antique Society, 49541 Range Rd 260, Leduc Tickets \$80 includes breakfast and lunch @ www.yourchamber.ca

Fri Sep 20 Oct 18 Nov 15 11:30am to 1:30pm **Sherwood Park Womanition Connect Group** Meet like minded women who help you grow your business. if you are not meeting new people you will not get new business. Some of the subjects Marketing / Sales / Finance / Accounting / Image / Branding/Leadership/Personal Development Referral/Relationship Building @ Headquarters Restaurant 101 Granada Blvd **Sherwood Park** \$35 <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/sherwood-park-womanition-connect-group-tickets-657957788457>

Tues Sep 24 Oct 29 11am to 1:30pm **Edmonton Womanition Connect Group** Networking is most inexpensive way to connect and build lasting relationships. If you are not networking you are missing out -BIG TIME Some of the subjects Marketing / Sales / Finance / Accounting / Image / Branding/Leadership/Personal Development Referral/Relationship Building @ Edmonton Inn 11834 Kingsway NW \$43.99 Reserve @ <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/edmonton-womanition-connect-group-meeting-tickets-532296983607>

Tues Sep 24 noon to 1:30pm **How Money Works** Learn how to have healthy credit and be financially wise! @ 71 St. Albert Trail **St. Albert** Register @ www.stalbertchamber.com

Tues Sep 24 5 to 7pm **Business After Hours** This long-time (often copied, never duplicated) networking event offers an unique opportunity for Red Deer & Area's business community to meet in a congenial, relaxed social atmosphere and: - Develop new business contacts - Exchange ideas - Identify new sources of supply - Learn about other members/ products / services - Meet potential customers, friends and business associates - Take a tour of the host business and hear their story @ iHotel (formerly Radisson Hotel) 6500 67th Street **Red Deer** Exhibitors \$100 Attend for Free www.reddeerchamber.com

Wed Sep 25 10:30am to noon **A Conversation On... Cashflow Planning** We will discuss the importance of cashflow planning and give you practical strategies and tools for managing your business cashflow. Whether you are just starting out or have been in business for a while, if you aren't actively paying attention to your casfflow then this conversation is for you. We hope you walk away with helpful tools, learn how to make informed decisions, and optimize your cashflow. @ StartUp Centre 4810 50th Avenue **Leduc** Members \$15 Non-members \$20 @ www.yourchamber.ca

Wed Sep 25 5 to 7pm **Chamber on Tap** Speaker: Norman Leach Topic: Chamber Fall Update Norman will be covering the upcoming "Gala" and "Our Region Our Voice" events and introducing the Chamber's new Learning Centre. Complimentary appetizers will be served. Cash or credit card for beverages. Tickets Members \$25 Non-members \$35 @ The Golf Biz 101 N Park Dr **Stony Plain** <https://business.gprchamber.ca/events/details/2024-chamber-on-tap-sept-5305>

Wed Sep 25 Oct 30 6 to 8pm **Open for Business Networking Event** There is one main presentation each week preceded by a 60-second elevator pitch by everyone else. This may include some networking time, business tables, and an opportunity to build strong business relationships. Find out why we are so excited about the future and why you should take advantage of the unique business opportunities that Space Central has to offer. @ Space Central – 1610 14 St SW **Calgary** Guest Tickets \$11.62 @ www.events.spacecentral.ca

Thurs Sep 26 / Nov 14 2 to 3pm **Municipal Business Licence 101** Join us for an enlightening session where you'll gain invaluable insights into navigating the process of obtaining a municipal business licence. What You'll Learn: The importance of obtaining a municipal business licence / Various licence categories and exemptions / Essential steps for both resident and non-resident businesses / Compliance requirements with safety codes and permits / Insights into the annual licence renewal process. Don't miss this opportunity to ensure your business is properly licensed and compliant with regulations. @ Startup YMM 101- 8026 Franklin Avenue **Fort McMurray** Register now for Free to secure your spot! @ <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/municipal-business-licence-101-tickets-836105944387>

Thurs Sep 26 4:30 to 6:30pm **Business Afterhours Mixer** This event provides an excellent opportunity for local business professionals, entrepreneurs, and community leaders to connect, share ideas, and build valuable relationships in a relaxed and casual atmosphere. Enjoy complimentary appetizers and a cash bar is available. Don't forget to bring your business card. See you there! @ The Canadian Brewhouse at Jensen Lakes 840 St. Albert Trail #105 **St. Albert** Non-members \$25 www.stalbertchamber.com

Thurs Sep 26 5 to 7pm **Business After Hours Mixer** The **Grande Prairie** & District Chamber of Commerce welcomes our members and invited guests to a Business After 5 Mixer hosted by M3M Studios at the M3M Studios at 9923 100 Ave. Join us for an evening of networking, appetizers, refreshments and door prizes as well as finding out more about the host. No cost but please register for catering purposes @ www.grandeprairiechamber.com

Fri Sep 27 8:30am to 5pm **2024 AWE Summit**, hosted by Alberta Women Entrepreneurs (AWE). Theme "Unlocking Capital for Business Growth. This full-day event promises exceptional conversations, exciting learning opportunities, and engaging networking for participants from across the province. Whether you are an entrepreneur or a service provider, the AWE Summit has a valuable program tailored for women-identifying entrepreneurs just like you. The day includes, networking, breakfast, presentations and panel discussions, concluding with a networking reception. Join us for a day of inspiration, education, and connection as we explore ways to unlock capital for business growth. We look forward to seeing you there! @ Ross Glen Hall 4825 Mount Royal Gate Southwest **Calgary** \$99.75 <https://www.awebusiness.com/calendar>

Sep 30 DEADLINE to Register: **"Collab Over Coffee"** Are you ready to brew some new connections, share ideas, and grow your network? This is the perfect opportunity to do just that! Meet fellow EBA (Edmonton Business Association) members in a relaxed and friendly environment. You'll be randomly paired with three EBA members throughout the month. It's a unique and exciting way to foster new collaborations and expand your professional circle. Once registration closes, you will receive an email with your list of randomly selected members to connect with. You will then have the entire month to arrange meetups with your fellow EBA members—whether in person, over the phone, or through a virtual link. Register now and get ready to "Collab Over Coffee"! www.yegba.com

Wed Oct 2 9am to 4pm **Workshop: Understanding the Perspective of Newcomers** JOIN US for this workshop to learn about the experiences of newcomers and their families, including the significant pre-migration challenges and the impacts and influences that shape their lives as they adjust to new environments. The workshop will help you understand how to take a trauma-informed approach, allowing you to work compassionately with trauma survivors and create a supportive and understanding community for all. \$80 including lunch @ Holiday Inn Express Intl Airport 1100 - 4 Street Nisku www.yourchamber.ca

Wed Oct 2 6 to 8:30pm **Women In Business Networking Dinner Edmonton - Women Connecting Women** (Downtown) Don't miss this chance to connect, collaborate, and create lasting relationships that can propel your career or business to new heights. Join us for an unforgettable networking event that could be the first step towards your next big success! Food and beverages included @ The Secret Garden 10550 115 Street NW Edmonton \$51.72 <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/women-in-leadership-networking-dinner-women-connecting-women-tickets-1005546736357?aff=erelexpmt>

Thurs Oct 3 9 to 11am next **Microbusiness Training Centre Networking Event**

Thurs Oct 3 11:30am to 1:30pm **Red Deer Womanition Connect Group Meeting** Networking is most inexpensive way to connect and build lasting

relationships. If you are not networking you are missing out -BIG TIME Some of the subjects @ Moxies 2828 Gaetz Ave Red Deer \$39 <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/red-deer-womanition-connect-group-meeting-tickets-786141820347?aff=erepanelorg>

Fri Oct 04 7:30 to 10:30am **Pancakes With the Chamber** As part of the Canadian Finals Rodeo, the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce is partnering with Explore Edmonton to host a delicious pancake breakfast, with Ryan Jesperson as our event host! Enjoy pancakes, sausage, bacon, beverages, dance lessons, live music, and roping demonstrations! Courtesy of Duncan Craig LLP, Freson Brothers, and Starbucks! @ Ice District 10104 104 Ave. Free www.edmontonchamber.com

Wed Oct 9 6 to 8:30pm **Women In Business Networking Dinner Edmonton - Women Connecting Women** Don't miss this chance to connect, collaborate, and create lasting relationships that can propel your career or business to new heights. Join us for an unforgettable networking event that could be the first step towards your next big success! Food and beverages included @ The Secret Garden Brew And Bloom 1019 Parsons Road Southwest Edmonton \$51.72 <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/women-in-leadership-networking-dinner-women-connecting-women-tickets-1005546736357?aff=erelexpmlt>

Mon Oct 14 **Microbusiness Training Centre Group 10 Intake**

Wed Oct 16 6 to 9:30pm The **Chamber of Commerce Business Awards of Distinction Gala** is a celebration of our business community. Over the years, we have recognized the high standards our entrepreneurs bring to business and our awards evening takes our celebration to great heights as we let our congratulations soar in honor of our nominees and awards winners. @ Heritage Pavillion, **Stony Plain** Members \$129 Non-members \$159 <https://business.gprchamber.ca/events/details/2024-chamber-of-commerce-business-awards-of-distinction-5303>

Wed Oct 16 10 to 11am **Insurance: Tips for Business** Discover key trends in the Canadian Property & Casualty Insurance industry, learn about severe weather impacts, and gain valuable risk management strategies. Enhance your business's resilience and ensure long-term sustainability with expert advice from Rob de Pruis, National Director of Consumer & Industry Relations at IBC. This free event will provide crucial information for business owners looking to navigate the current insurance landscape. Don't miss out on this opportunity to stay informed and prepared! ONLINE Free Register @ <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/insurance-tips-for-business-tickets-957778500277?aff=oddtcreator>

Wed Oct 16 10:30am to noon **Effective Networking** is not just about handing out your business card and hoping for the best. It's about crafting your pitch and using your unique personalities and traits to make meaningful connections. Class facilitator, Dawn MacDougall from Next Level Consulting will help you! Starting with a style analysis that will help you understand your strengths and how to leverage them for networking success. With our added tips and tricks, you'll be a networking pro in no time. Members \$15 Non-members \$20 Coffee, tea and a light snack provided. @ Leduc Startup Centre 4810 50th Avenue **Leduc** (inside The Light House Cowork) www.yourchamber.ca

Mon Oct 21 5 to 8pm **Business After Hours: Small Business Week Kickoff** Join us for a special edition of Business After Hours and experience a unique evening where innovation meets connection. Celebrate the spirit of small businesses in an inspiring environment designed to spark creativity and forge new relationships. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to network, explore, and be inspired! @ TELUS Spark Science Centre, 220 St Georges Dr NE, **Calgary** Members \$42 Future members \$84 www.calgarychamber.com

Wed Oct 23 **2024 Business of the Year Awards** Every year we get the opportunity to celebrate some of the best businesses, non-profit organizations, Business Leaders and Entrepreneurs through our Business of the Year Awards presented by Servus Credit Union. This year we are also thrilled to be commemorating 130 years of being your Red Deer District Chamber. Please join us as we celebrate these resilient and outstanding businesses in Central Alberta. This year we have an outstanding group of finalists in six categories and we can't wait to honour them! @ Red Deer Polytechnic Arts Centre **Red Deer** Tickets \$130 www.reddeerchamber.com

Thurs Oct 24 6 to 10pm The **Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce Business Awards Celebration** recognizes businesses/organizations that have demonstrated outstanding achievement and contribution to the Wood Buffalo region while having developed business acumen and management practices to ensure long-term sustainability. @ Keyano Theatre and Arts Centre **Fort McMurray** Members \$100 Non-membewrs \$125 @ www.fortmcmurraychamber.ca

Fri Oct 25 5 to 10pm **EBA (Edmonton Business Association) Does The Derby** We are thrilled to invite you to a fantastic evening of fun, entertainment, food, and networking. Join us for a night of excitement and connection, where you can enjoy the company of amazing people, partake in friendly horse betting, and create unforgettable memories. Your participation will make a significant difference in making "EBA Does Vegas" an unforgettable experience. @ Century Mile Racetrack and Casino (4711 Airport Perimeter Rd, Edmonton International Airport) Members \$85 Non-Members \$110 @ www.yegba.com

Wed Oct 30 1 to 3pm **Fundamentals of Finance** This workshop is your compass for steering through the financial landscape of entrepreneurship. RBC experts will guide you toward a comprehensive understanding of financial strategies that drive overall business success. Don't miss this opportunity to empower your business journey. Register now to secure your spot and unlock the keys to financial proficiency, propelling your venture towards sustainable growth and success. @ Startup YMM 101- 8026 Franklin Avenue **Fort McMurray** Register for Free @ <https://www.startupymm.ca/events/fundamentals-of-finance-october>

Fri Nov 8 11:30am to 1pm **MindBite: Workplace Wellness Through Ergonomics - Elevate Your Business with Science!** Embracing ergonomics is not just about comfort; it's a strategic investment in your well-being and productivity. By tailoring your workspace to fit the way you work, you unlock a world of benefits. Ergonomics isn't merely about the furniture or gadgets—it's about enhancing your performance, preventing discomfort, and safeguarding your health. @ Centre 2000 11330 106 St **Grande Prairie** \$25 @ www.grandeprairiechamber.com

Thurs Nov 14 5 to 9pm **2024 Your Region, Your Voice!** presents a unique and exclusive opportunity for members of our Chamber of Commerce to engage directly with our region's elected representatives. Join us as they come together on stage, ready to field your questions in real time. This isn't your typical scripted event; it's all about fostering community bonds and sparking candid discussions. Seize this chance to voice your business or industry concerns, empowering our Chamber to advocate more effectively on your behalf. Together we'll unite community leaders around the pressing issues facing us today. @ Pomeroy Lodging 11633 100 Street **Grande Prairie** Watch for ticket info www.grandeprairiechamber.com

Wed Nov 20 10:30am to noon **Lunch and Learn - HR & Subcontractors** Members \$15 Non-members \$20 Coffee, tea and a light snack provided. @ Leduc Startup Centre 4810 50th Avenue Leduc (inside The Light House Cowork) www.yourchamber.ca

TRADE SHOWS:

Sep 10 to 11 **the ONE National Conference** Join forces, in person or online, with nearly 2,000 influential CPAs nationwide at CPA Canada's flagship event. In collaboration with CPA Alberta, this year's conference will provide you with an exclusive experience in networking and knowledge-sharing. The ONE promises to deliver unparalleled insights and strategies, seamlessly connecting theory to practice --- on everything from updated standards, emerging issues, to leadership. Dive into the heart of the accounting profession with a special focus on insight and impact. @ Calgary TELUS Convention Centre 136 8 Ave SE, **Calgary** Registration Packages @ www.theone.cpacanada.ca

Sep 20 to 22 **Edmonton Expo Comics and Entertainment** is back. This is your chance to meet stars from fandoms like anime, gaming, sci-fi, and horror. Plus, you can see incredible cosplayers and get artwork from the biggest comic creators. Advance tickets online Fri \$29 Sat \$44 Sun \$34 @ Edmonton Expo Centre www.fanexpohq.com/edmontonexpo/

Mon Sep 23 to Tues Sep 24 **BSides Edmonton 2024** is an annual **Cyber Security Conference** and is an open platform that gives security experts and industry professionals the opportunity to share ideas, insights and develop longstanding relationships with others in the community. It is a rare opportunity to directly connect and create trusted relationships with key members of the Edmonton community. @ NAIT Productivity and Innovation Centre, 10210 Princess Elizabeth Ave NW, Edmonton, Tickets Professional \$100 VIP \$175 @ www.bsidesedmonton.org

Thurs Sep 26 noon to 4pm **The Business Expo** Calling All Business Owners, Executives, Entrepreneurs, and Investors! Are you ready to step up your game and take your business to new heights? Look no further than The Business Expo, where innovation, networking, and growth opportunities collide! Join us where industry titans, cutting-edge startups, and seasoned entrepreneurs will gather under one roof. This is your chance to connect with like-minded professionals, unveil potential partnerships, and gain valuable insights that can skyrocket your business success. @ Star Convention Centre 6930 34 St Edmonton Tickets \$149.37 @ www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-business-expo-edmonton-tickets-768698807827

Sep 27 to 29 **Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce Trade Show & Artisan Market** We're bringing together makers, creators, and artists – the services you need, the goods you want, and some innovative products you never imagined existed. Here you can find everything you need to make the absolute most of these many exciting opportunities. Whether you're a vendor, looking to generate leads and build relationships, or a visitor attending our shows and enjoying the many wonderful things to do in the Wood Buffalo region, you will find helpful information and links throughout this site. And if there's anything you can't find, contact us – we have answers! @ MadDonald Island Park **Fort McMurray** Admission \$10 www.fortmcmurraytradeshows.com

Sep 27 to 29 The **Calgary Fall Home Show** is a vibrant marketplace where you can shop for home-related products and services, experience stunning displays to help inspire your next home project, connect with industry experts, and enjoy informative presentations from renowned local and international home professionals. Whether you're joining us at the BMO Centre with a specific project in mind or just looking for some inspiration, our local home professionals have you covered. With 300+ booths to explore and several unique feature displays to enjoy, this is a valuable event for all Calgary homeowners. @ BMO Centre **Calgary** www.calgaryfallhomeshow.com

Sat Sep 28 (10am to 6pm) to Sun Sep 29 (10am to 4pm) **The 2024 Chamber Tri-Expo** Come and explore all that the Greater Parkland Region has to offer at our Chamber Tri-Expo! This event hosts a wide array of goods and services from over 100 vendors throughout our beautiful region. @ Tri-Leisure Centre - **Spruce Grove** Free Admission with Food Bank Donation <https://business.gprchamber.ca/events/details/2024-chamber-tri-expo-5306>

Sep 28 to 29 Sat 11am to 5pm Sun 11am to 4pm **The National Franchise Show** Proven, money making businesses that are now expanding in Edmonton are here to meet new potential owners. This is your only opportunity to meet with the hottest businesses face to face. Ask questions and get the information you need in a no pressure environment. Be there, find the businesses that excite you, shake hands and say hello! @ Edmonton Expo Centre Admission is FREE Register @ www.franchiseshowinfo.com/edmonton-visitor

Oct 1 to 3 **World Summit Toronto "The Best Innovation Conference!"** Learn Why Starbucks, Netflix, Samsung, NASA, Lego & Google rely on Trend Hunter AI + Future Festival... 97% rate it the "best innovation conference" Immerse yourself in the future. Learn to action ideas. Change the way you work. Thrive in an AI-enabled world **Toronto** Conference only – General \$3199US / **FuturistU** 5 day Masterclass \$9999US www.futurefestival.com

Oct 4 to 6 **The Canada Women's Expo** is Canada's premier women's event featuring over 400 booths, multiple stages, dozens of live presentations, and celebrity appearances. Indulge in shopping, concerts, special performances, and women's empowerment panels. Join us for a weekend that celebrates the beauty, strength, and diversity of women. @ BMO Centre **Calgary** Watch for tickets to go on sale. www.canadawomenexpo.com

Oct 4 to 6 **The New Earth Expo** offers a diverse and enriching experience for people looking to enhance their lifestyles. Whether you're interested in health, well-being, personal growth, or simply enjoying a fun day out, this event caters to a wide range of interests. Join us at the Expo for an experience that combines entertainment, education, exploration, and personal growth. It's a chance to immerse oneself in a day filled with positive and enriching activities that contribute to a healthier and more fulfilling lifestyle. @ Hall E Edmonton Expo Centre Tickets \$12 Students and Seniors \$9 Under 13 Free @ www.thenewearthexpo.com/new-earth-expo-edmonton/

Oct 4 to 6 **YEG Foodies Festival and The New Earth Expo**, which centers on health, wellness, and metaphysical exploration. The YEG Foodies Festival which focuses on connecting our Earth through bringing people together across cultures, communities, and continents through the shared experience of food. — EAT. DRINK. REWIND. Spend the day exploring, sampling, tasting, and purchasing local eatables from fresh baking and take-home goodies -- to innovatively crafted condiments, preserves, wines, spirits, chocolates... and oodles more dedicated to satisfying all your cravings!— PLUS - YEG Foodies Festival showcases an international variety of restaurants and caterers serving up gourmet eats for you to nosh on during this engaging culinary excursion! @ Edmonton Expo Centre General \$12.52 Seniors 60+ & Students \$9.44 Under 12 Free Tickets @ www.yegfoodiesfest.com

Oct 18 to 20 **The Edmonton Fall Home Show** is a vibrant marketplace where you can shop for home-related products and services, experience stunning displays to help inspire your next home project, connect with industry experts, and enjoy informative presentations from renowned local and international home professionals. @ Edmonton Expo Centre Early bird online to Oct 17 General \$10 Seniors \$8 12 & under Free @ www.edmontonfallhomeshow.com

Oct 23 to 24 **2024 BUILDEx Alberta** conference and exhibiton includes accredited sessions covering a huge range of topics, from automation and artificial Intelligence, to workforce solutions and emission-neutral buildings, reflecting the latest developments shaping the industry. Architects, engineers, construction, design, and property management professionals working on residential, institutional, industrial and commercial projects will gain valuable insights from leading experts and teams. @ BMO Centre Stampede Park **Calgary** Early Bird before Sep 6 Trade Show \$15 All Event Pass \$300 @ www.buildexalberta.com

Nov 6 to 9 **50th Annual Farmfair International** for nearly 50 years has been one of Canada's top agricultural shows and Alberta's largest beef cattle show. Exhibitors from across western Canada, gather in Edmonton each November to showcase their top livestock genetics to purebred producers, local ranchers and international buyers. Visitors are entertained, educated and engaged with beefed-up purebred and commercial cattle shows, competitions, and clinics. Guests can enjoy a wide variety of western excitement. @ Edmonton Expo Centre Info @ www.farmfairinternational.com

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Nov 22 to 24 **The Fort McMurray Christmas 2024 Trade Show & Artisan Market** There are so many reasons to be part of the trade show experience, from an opportunity to showcase new products and services to reach the thousands of people who attend our trade shows! Hop off the fence and consider being an exhibitor @ MacDonald Island Park www.fortmcmurraychamber.ca

Nov 27 to 29 **GROW Women Leaders Summit 2024**: This year's theme: *Ignite Diversity and Women Leadership* This event aims to empower a dynamic community of employers from various industries who believe in the power of diversity to drive innovation and achieve exceptional results. With a highly professional and educated audience, including women, immigrants and BIWOC. Unparalleled opportunities for networking, learning, and collaboration. @ the Edmonton Convention Center! Congratulations to organizer and Microbusiness alumni (2019) Tracy Folorunsho-Barry Register @ <https://growsummit.zohocommerce.com/summit-registration>

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Spruce Grove Wed noon Sep 18 Oct 2	St. Albert Fri 8am Sep 6/20 Oct 4	
Edmonton Windemere Thurs noon Sep 19 Oct 3	Edmonton West Wed noon Sep 11/25 Oct 9	
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Upcoming Grants: David Kincade MA is a former client of Microbusiness Training Centre. His business is Alberta Business Grants Ltd. He can connect you with upcoming grants that may be available to you and their applicatoion deadlines!! Alberta Business Grants has helped hundreds of businesses just like yours find grants, prepare a stellar application, and win thousands of dollars — the first time they apply. www.albertabusinessgrants.ca

Digital Economy Program Maximize your small business's online presence with free digital marketing support to expand your customer reach. Get paired with a member of the Digital Service Squad, who will help you develop successful digital marketing strategies and enhance your brand awareness. This program is open for registration until **September 30**. Intake in some locations may end before this date. Apply @ www.businesslink.ca/digital-economy-program/

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Wait for Change or Be the Change! Sign up for the **2025 Trend Report** @ www.trendhunter.com Scroll through Ideas and Innovations / Events / view past Webinars @ www.trendhunter.com/innovation-webinars Insights

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At **Startup TNT**, we understand that accessing capital is the biggest hurdle for startups. That's why we organize 30+ Angel Syndicates in Western Canada per year, to invest in both new and existing startups. We strongly believe that local startups stand to benefit from raising capital from local investors. We also believe that building companies and investing in startups is more enjoyable when done as a team, with friends. And we can confidently say that we have the most fun doing it. Check out their entrepreneurship videos @ www.youtube.com/@StartupTNT/featured Join us today! @ www.startuptnt.com

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Start Alberta provides the gathering space for Alberta's Innovation Ecosystem. Community stakeholders alike, ranging from entrepreneurs, founders, start-and scale-up teams, active investors, policymakers and service providers receive near-real time updates on the movement in the innovation ecosystem through its digital platform. www.startalberta.com

Edmonton Regional Innovation Network (ERIN) is a coalition of organizations in the Edmonton region that support innovation, technology, and knowledge-based startups and enterprises. Our collective goal is to build a collaborative, cohesive innovation ecosystem that efficiently connects entrepreneurs to resources, capital, customers, and the community through alignment of service providers. ERIN is funded by Alberta Innovates' Regional Innovation Network to support programs and services offered by Edmonton service providers to address the needs of the innovation community. Sign up for newsletter @ www.edmontonrin.ca

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