

EWeek Maine 2012

“Calling All Entrepreneurs”

February 13th through February 17th

Do you have an innovative solution to a pressing problem? Thinking about creating a business, selling or licensing, or protecting your solution? Are you trying to figure out if your venture can become a successful business, a sustainable social enterprise, or a nonprofit? As part of the National Entrepreneurial Week, a variety of sponsors are holding coaching sessions for individuals or groups with innovative ideas.

Monday, 2/13/12

What: *Calling All Creative Entrepreneurs*
When: Monday, February 13, 2012 from 10 am to 2 pm
Sponsored by: Maine Center for Entrepreneurial Development
Where: 120 Exchange St., (4th Floor) Portland
Contact: Susan Ruhlin 774-8111 or info@mced.biz to schedule

Feedback sessions for individuals or groups in the creative economy track: Artistically Innovative Entrepreneurs and university connected entrepreneurs (students, faculty and companies leveraging university resources). In these sessions, you or your team meet one-on-one with investors and experienced entrepreneurs to discuss your business idea, learn more about resources for Maine businesses, and find out what investors look for in companies. Sessions are limited to a maximum of 20 minutes.

Tuesday, 2/14/12

What: *Calling All Entrepreneurs*
When: Tuesday, February 14, 2012 from 9 am to 3 pm
Sponsored by: Small Enterprise Growth Fund & Maine Technology Institute
Where: Bowdoin College, Thorne Hall, Brunswick Maine
Contact: Terri Wark 373-9306 X211 or terri@segfmaine.com to schedule

In these sessions, you or your team meet one-on-one with investors and experienced entrepreneurs to discuss your business idea, learn more about resources for Maine businesses, and find out what investors look for in companies. Share your idea, explain your most pressing challenge, talk about whatever is on your entrepreneurial mind and, in the process, perhaps build a basis for a relationship going forward. Sessions are limited to a maximum of 20 minutes.

Wednesday, 2/15/12

What: *Calling All Female Entrepreneurs*
When: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 from 9 am – 12 noon and 1 pm – 4 pm
Sponsored by: Maine Women's Fund
Where: Maine Women's Fund, 565A Congress St., Ste 306, Portland, Maine
Contact: Kristin Chase Duffy, 774-5513, Kristin@mainewomensfund.org to schedule

These are feedback sessions directed specifically to women entrepreneurs -- you or your team meet one-on-one with investors and experienced entrepreneurs to discuss your business idea, learn more about resources for Maine businesses, and find out what investors look for in companies. Share your idea, explain your most pressing challenge, talk about whatever is on your entrepreneurial mind and, in the process, perhaps build a basis for a relationship going forward. Sessions are limited to a maximum of 20 minutes.

What: *Calling All Entrepreneurs*
When: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 from 3 to 6 pm
Sponsored by: University of Maine at Machias
Where: Room 102 of the Science Building, UMM Campus, Machias, Maine
Contact: Brenda Frey, 255-1439 or blfrey@maine.edu to schedule

If you have ever thought of starting a business, or own one and want to take it to the next level, this program will be invaluable to your success. You'll meet experienced business owners who will share their tips for success, learn more about resources for Maine businesses and find out what investors and lenders are looking for. Some participants will have the chance for a one-on-one coaching session to get feedback and advice on the next steps in their entrepreneurial journeys. Registration is required. Coaching sessions are limited to 16; space is available on a first-come/first-served basis.

Thursday, 2/16/12

What: *Calling All Entrepreneurs for Students*
When: Thursday, February 16, 2012 from 9 am to Noon
Where: Foster Center for Student Innovation, UMaine, Orono

What: *Calling All Entrepreneurs*
When: Thursday, February 16, 2012 from 1 pm to 4 pm
Where: Target Technology Center, Orono

Sponsored by: UMO – Target Technology Center & Foster Center for Student Innovation
Contact: Ana Leira, 866-6500 or targetincubator@gmail.com to schedule

In these sessions, the earlier being directed specifically to students, you or your team meet one-on-one with investors and experienced entrepreneurs to discuss your business idea, learn more about resources for Maine businesses, and find out what investors look for in companies. Share your idea, explain your most pressing challenge, talk about whatever is on your entrepreneurial mind and, in the process, perhaps build a basis for a relationship going forward. Sessions are limited to a maximum of 15 minutes.

What: *Calling All Entrepreneurs*
When: Thursday, February 16, 2012 from 10 am to 2 pm
Sponsored by: Maine Center for Entrepreneurial Development
Where: 120 Exchange St., (4th Floor) Portland
Contact: Susan Ruhlin 774-8111 or info@mced.biz to schedule

Feedback sessions for individuals or groups in two tracks: innovation based companies, and university connected entrepreneurs (students, faculty and companies leveraging university resources). In these sessions, you or your team meet one-on-one with investors and experienced entrepreneurs to discuss your business idea, learn more about resources for Maine businesses, and find out what investors look for in companies. Sessions are limited to a maximum of 20 minutes.

Friday, 2/17/12

What: *Calling All Entrepreneurs*
When: Friday, February 17, 2012 from 9 am to 2 pm
Sponsored by: Southern Maine Community College
Where: SMCC, Hague Hall Conference Room
Contact: Michelle Neujahr 741-5936 or mneujahr@smccme.edu

In these sessions, you or your team meet one-on-one with investors and experienced entrepreneurs to discuss your business idea, learn more about resources for Maine businesses, and find out what investors look for in companies. Sessions are limited to a maximum of 20 minutes. Share your idea, explain your most pressing challenge, talk about whatever is on your entrepreneurial mind and, in the process, perhaps build a basis for a relationship going forward.