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# Greater Miramichi Business Resource Hub



Your Guide  
to Starting  
and Growing  
a Successful  
Business

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Build Smarter**



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# Welcome Message

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**Welcome to the Greater Miramichi Business Resource Hub, your comprehensive guide to starting and growing a successful business in our region. Whether you're an aspiring entrepreneur with a brilliant idea or a seasoned business owner looking to expand, this resource hub is designed to provide you with the tools, information, and support you need to thrive.**

Navigating the complexities of starting and growing a business can be daunting, but you don't have to do it alone. Our hub offers a wealth of resources, from expert advice and industry insights to practical tools and local support networks. We understand that every business journey is unique, and our goal is to empower you with the knowledge and resources to make informed decisions and achieve your goals.

Our hub will be continuously updated with the latest information and resources to ensure you have the most current and relevant support at your fingertips. Growing Greater Miramichi is committed to fostering a vibrant and resilient business community in our region and is here to help you every step of the way.

**Need help on how to navigate the hub?  
Contact [growing@gsmc.ca](mailto:growing@gsmc.ca) for where to begin your  
business journey.**



# Highlighted Contacts & Sites

When planning to start a business in Greater Miramichi or New Brunswick, navigating the wealth of available resources can be overwhelming. The contacts and sites highlighted here are first priorities- curated to save you time, ensure compliance, and connect you with proven regional support.

These agencies, programs, and experts specialize in guiding entrepreneurs through foundational steps like funding access, permits, mentorship, and local market insights. By starting here, you'll leverage trusted partnerships and avoid common pitfalls, ensuring your venture aligns with provincial priorities and community needs.





## **Business Information Services Canada**

The **Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA)** Business Information Services (BIS) provides a range of resources and support to businesses in Atlantic Canada, focusing on helping entrepreneurs and businesses navigate various aspects of business development.

### **Primary Contacts:**

Main: 1-888-576-4444

Email: [acoa.bis-sie.apeca@canada.ca](mailto:acoa.bis-sie.apeca@canada.ca)

Website: <https://www.canada.ca/en/atlantic-canada-opportunities/services/business-information-services.html>



## **ONB Business Navigator**

Opportunities New Brunswick (ONB) offers Business Navigator services designed to help entrepreneurs and businesses in New Brunswick navigate the complexities of starting and growing a business.

### **Primary Contacts:**

Main Toll Free: 1-833-799-7966

Website: <https://onbcanada.ca/business-navigators-onb/>

Email: [navigator@onbcanada.ca](mailto:navigator@onbcanada.ca)

## CRA Support for Starting a Business

The **Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)** facilitates business registration and tax compliance through the following key services:

### 1. **Business Number (BN) Registration**

- A 9-digit identifier required for federal tax programs (e.g., GST, HST, payroll deductions)
- Registration Methods:
- Online: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/businesses/topics/registering-your-business/bro-register.html>
- Phone: 1-800-959-5525 (Business Enquiries Line)

### 2. **Tax Program Enrollment**

- GST, HST: Mandatory if annual revenue exceeds \$30,000.
- Payroll Deductions: Required for hiring employees.

### 3. **Support Services**

- Business Enquiries Line: 1-800-959-5525
- Online Tools: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/e-services/cra-login-services.html>



## Atlantic Canadian Opportunities Agency

The **Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA)** is a Canadian government agency focused on driving economic growth in Atlantic Canada by supporting businesses, innovation, and community development.

### **Primary Contacts:**

Main Toll-Free: 1-800-561-7862

General Email: [information@acoa-apeca.gc.ca](mailto:information@acoa-apeca.gc.ca)

Website: [Canada.ca/atlantic-canada-opportunities](http://Canada.ca/atlantic-canada-opportunities)

Regional Office, Fredericton NB: (506) 452-3184

Local Office, Miramichi NB: (506) 625-1443





## **CBDC Northumberland (Community Business Development Corporation)**

supports economic development in Northumberland County, New Brunswick, by providing business financing, advisory services, and programs.

### **Primary Contacts:**

Main Line: (506) 778-2121

Website: <https://www.cbdc.ca/en/contact>

Social media:

<https://www.facebook.com/p/CBDC-Northumberland-Inc-100057276556851/>



## **Futurpreneur**

A national Canadian non-profit organization supporting entrepreneurs aged 18-39 with financing, mentorship, and business resources to launch and grow ventures. Key programs include up to \$60,000 (with BDC partnerships), mentorship matching with 3,000+ experts, and structured business plan development.

### **Primary Contacts:**

General: [info@futurpreneur.ca](mailto:info@futurpreneur.ca)

Loans: [loans@futurpreneur.ca](mailto:loans@futurpreneur.ca)

Toll Free: 1-800-464-2923

Phone: (416) 408-2923

# Local Economic Development Contacts



## **Growing Greater Miramichi (GMSC)**

***Krista Chase***

*Regional Director of Economic Development*  
kchase@gmsc.ca



## **City of Miramichi**

***Jeff MacTavish***

*Director of Economic Development & Tourism*  
jeff.mactavish@miramichi.org

***Paul McGraw***

*Economic Development Officer*  
paul.mcgraw@miramichi.org



## **Natoaganeg First Nations**

***Sydney Paul***

*Economic Development Officer*  
spaul@natoaganegcdc.com

# Local Business Groups

For future business owners, connecting with local business groups can be an invaluable resource. These groups offer a wealth of benefits, including networking opportunities, access to mentorships, and support from experienced professionals in the industry. Engaging with local business groups can lead to partnerships and collaborations, further enhancing the growth and sustainability of the business or future business.





## **Greater Miramichi Chamber of Commerce**

### *Visit site*

The **Greater Miramichi Chamber of Commerce** is a local business group dedicated to supporting and advocating for businesses in the Miramichi region.

Key features include:

- Advocacy
- Networking
- Community Engagement
- Member Benefits



## **Newcastle Business District**

### *Visit site*

The **Newcastle Business District** is a local business group dedicated to promoting and supporting locally owned and operated businesses in the heart of Miramichi City. This group aims to create a vibrant and bustling neighbourhood that offers a warm and friendly experience for residents and visitors alike.

Key features include:

- Promotions and Incentives
- Membership Benefits
- Community Engagement
- Historical Significance
- Partnerships



## **Historic Chatham Business District**

### *Visit Facebook page*

The **Historic Chatham Business District** is a local business group dedicated to fostering growth, supporting businesses, and preserving the heritage of the Chatham area in the City of Miramichi.

Key features include:

- Business Support
- Community Engagement
- Historical Preservation

# **General Business Resources**



**Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC)**

<https://www.bdc.ca/en>

**Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB)**

<https://www.cfib-fcei.ca/en/>

**Innovation Canada**

<https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/innovation-canada/en>

**Community Business Development Corporation  
(CBDC)**

<https://www.cbdc.ca/en/contact>

**Government of Canada, Canada Revenue Agency**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency.html>



## **Bank for Canadian Entrepreneurs (BDC) - Business Support Services**

This Resource provided by BDC is a comprehensive platform designed to support Canadian entrepreneurs in starting and growing their businesses. This resource offers a wide range of services and information to help businesses thrive.

Key features of this resource include:

- Funding and Financial Support: Information on various financing options including loans, investments, and specific programs for different business needs.
- Consulting Services: Expert advisory services covering business strategy, HR management, operational efficiency, sales and marketing, financial management, leadership and management, digital technology, and e-commerce.
- Tailored Advice: Specific programs and advice to address unique business challenges such as trade resilience, data to AI, growth driver, and preparation for certifications.
- Resources: A wide range of tools and resources including financial tools, templates, business assessments, eBooks, webinars, studies, research, newsletters, and free courses.
- Industry-Specific Support: Targeted support for different entrepreneur groups including Black, Indigenous, Woman, Young, Newcomer, and Technology entrepreneurs.

**Contact: <https://www.bdc.ca/en/contact-us> or 1-877-232-6115**

## **Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) - Tools & Resources**

The resource provided by CFIB is a comprehensive platform designed to support small businesses in Canada. This resource offers a wide range of services and information to help businesses start, grow, and succeed.

- Small Business Support: Access to experienced business advisors who can guide you through various challenges such as hiring staff, understanding CRA obligations, navigating workers' compensation, and employment issues and regulations.
- Member Community: Access to a community of over 100,000 small businesses. Promote your offerings and discover local small business owners to support. Become a member to join this community.
- Training Resources: Over 50 free online courses offered, including topics like Marketing Basics, Effective Performance Feedback, and Accessibility Standards Training.

**Contact: [cfib@cfib.ca](mailto:cfib@cfib.ca) or 1-833-568-2342.**

## **Innovation Canada - Business Benefits Finder**

Whether you're looking for funding, tax credits, expert advice, or resources to expand your business, Canada's Innovation Hub has you covered. The Business Benefits Finder is a powerful tool designed to help you uncover the grants, funding, services, and resources your business may be eligible for.

[https://innovation.ised-isde.canada.ca/s/?language=en\\_CA](https://innovation.ised-isde.canada.ca/s/?language=en_CA)

## **Community Business Development Corporation (CBDC) - Business Planification Guide & How to Write a Business Plan**

This guide was designed to help you establish a prosperous business. It is a business planning guide and contains tools that will assist you in defining your goals as well as the direction you wish to go in, while taking into account your abilities and the programs and services available to you.

[https://www.cbdc.ca/sites/default/files/business\\_planification\\_guide\\_0.pdf](https://www.cbdc.ca/sites/default/files/business_planification_guide_0.pdf)

[https://www.cbdc.ca/sites/default/files/cbdc\\_businessplan\\_how\\_to\\_1.pdf](https://www.cbdc.ca/sites/default/files/cbdc_businessplan_how_to_1.pdf)

## **Government of Canada, Canada Revenue Agency – Business Number: Business number**

The resource provided by the Government of Canada explains the Business Number (BN), which is a unique 9-digit identifier assigned by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) to businesses and other organizations for tax-related purposes.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/taxes/business-number.html>

# **Business Planning Resources**



**Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA)**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/atlantic-canada-opportunities/services/business-information-services.html>

**Community Business Development Corporation (CBDC)**

<https://www.cbdc.ca/en/business-plan>

**Futurpreneur**

<https://futurpreneur.ca/en/resource/business-plan-writer/>



## **Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) - Business Information Services**

The resource provided by ACOA is a comprehensive platform designed to support businesses in Atlantic Canada. This resource offers a wide range of services and information to help businesses start, grow, and succeed.

Key features of this resource include:

- Client Inquiry Form: ACOA Business Information Services Client Inquiry Form
- Funding and Financial Support: information on various funding programs and financial support options available to businesses in the region.
- Government Regulations: Learn about taxes, permits, licenses, and more.
- Advice and Guidance: Access to expert advice and guidance on business planning, market research, and strategic development.
- Workforce Development: Assistance with attracting and retaining skilled workers.
- Resources and Tools: A variety of resources and tools to help businesses navigate the complexities of starting and growing a business.

**Contact: 1-888-576-4444. NB Contact: [nb.bis-sie.nb@acoa-apeca.gc.ca](mailto:nb.bis-sie.nb@acoa-apeca.gc.ca)**

## **Community Business Development Corporations (CBDC): Business Plan Development & Help in NB**

The resource provided by CBDC on business plan development is a comprehensive guide designed to assist entrepreneurs in creating sound business plans.

Key features of this resource include:

- Business Plan Development Help: The guide emphasizes the importance of developing a business plan for the future success of any business. It outlines how business plans are essential when applying for loans, assessing business progress, and providing a roadmap for business direction.
- Downloadable PDF Guide: Entrepreneurs can download a printer-friendly PDF business plan guide to assist them in the planning process.

**Contact: 1773 Water Street, Miramichi, NB. (506) 778-2121.**

## **Community Business Development Corporations (CBDC) - Consultant Advisory Services (CAS)**

The resource provided by CBDC on CAS is a program designed to offer technical and financial assistance to small and medium-sized businesses and not-for-profit organizations within Atlantic Canada.

Key Features of this resource include:

- Diagnostic Assessments: Conducting thorough reviews of existing operations to provide objective assessments of current performance, key issues, and future prospects.
- Business Management Development Practices: Comprehensive reviews of management skills to enhance operations and management performance, including Board Governance policies, legal, consulting, and HR.
- Access to Capital: Assistance in sourcing capital beyond government financing, including business plan and funding proposal development.
- Specific Studies/Business Plan Mentoring: Guidance in developing and implementing studies or business plans.

**Contact: 1773 Water Street, Miramichi, NB. (506) 778-2121.**

## **Futurpreneur – Business Planning and Strategy**

This resource provided by Futurpreneur on the Business Plan Writer is a comprehensive tool designed to simplify the business planning process for entrepreneurs. It offers a range of features and support to help users create customized business plans.

Key features of this resource include:

- Interactive Business Plan Writer: This tool allows users to customize their business plans by providing a structured format that can be tailored to specific business needs.
- Tips & Tricks: The resource offers practical advice and strategies to guide users through the business planning process, making it more manageable and less daunting.
- Examples and Insights: Users can access business plan examples and insights from experienced entrepreneurs, which can provide valuable guidance and inspiration.
- Business Plan Essentials Course: A crash course is available to help beginners understand the key components of a solid business plan, ensuring they are well-prepared for the planning process.
- Access to Expertise: Users can benefit from the expertise of the Entrepreneur-in-Residence, who has reviewed hundreds of business plans and can offer valuable feedback and advice.

**Contact: 1-506-688-1085. 795 Main St #300 Moncton, NB.**

# **Financial Planning & Budgeting**



## **Canada Revenue Agency**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/programs/about-canada-revenue-agency-cra/compliance/liaison-officer-initiative-loi.html>

## **Community Business Development Corporation (CBDC)**

<https://www.cbdc.ca/en/programs/self-employment-benefit-program-0>

## **Futurpreneur**

<https://futurpreneur.ca/en/business-resource-centre/>



## Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) - Liason Officer Service

The resource provided by the CRA on the Liason Officer Initiative (LOI) is a program designed to offer free, personalized support to small business owners and self-employed individuals across Canada. This initiative helps you understand your tax obligations and navigate the tax system effectively.

Key features of this resource include:

- Personalized Support: The LOI provides 1-on-1 assistance to help small business owners and self-employed individuals understand their tax responsibilities. Their support can be accessed through phone or videoconference meetings.
- Accessibility: The service is available across Canada and is designed to be accessible to small business owners and self-employed individuals who may need assistance with their tax obligations.
- Support for Various Business Types: The LOI supports a wide range of business types, including sole proprietorships, gig economy workers, and other self-employed individuals.

## Community Business Development Corporations (CBDC) - Self-Employment Benefit (SEB)

The resource provided by CBDC on the SEB Program is a comprehensive initiative designed to support unemployed Atlantic Canadians in starting their own businesses. This program offers a combination of financial assistance and coaching to help new entrepreneurs during the planning and start-up phases of their business.

Key features of this resource include:

- Financial Assistance: Participants receive financial support, depending on their eligibility and current Employment Insurance (EI) status.
- Coaching and Support: The program provides counselling and technical advice to help entrepreneurs develop viable business plans and navigate the initial stages of business development.

## Futurpreneur – Business Resource Centre

The resource provided by Futurpreneur on the Business Resource Centre is a comprehensive platform designed to support entrepreneurs and mentors in their entrepreneurial journey. It offers a wide range of tools, templates, and guides to help users develop and grow their businesses.

Key features of this resource include:

- Business Planning Tools
- Financial Resources: Templates and guides for managing finances, including a Cash Flow Template to help businesses keep track of their financial health.
- Mentorship and Support: Information on how to connect with mentors who can provide guidance and support throughout the entrepreneurial journey.
- Funding Opportunities: Details on financing options available through Futurpreneur, including loans and grants that can help entrepreneurs secure the necessary capital to start and grow their business.
- Educational Resources: Access to various courses and workshops that cover essential business skills and knowledge, helping entrepreneurs build a strong foundation for their ventures.

## Online Budgeting Resources

- **Microsoft Create Budget Templates**: Provides a collection of budget templates suitable for different purposes, including event planning. <https://create.microsoft.com/en-us/search?query=Event%20Budgets>
- **Google Event Budget Template**: A simple and accessible event budget template available on Google Drive for easy collaboration and customization. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ILTVBITAEYPdT4sj8OeTtoG5j2euPahE8T7NOJgBs3o/edit?gid=0#gid=0>
- **Fliplet's Event Budget Templates**: Provides downloadable templates for Google Sheets and Excel, tailored for various types of events. <https://fliplet.com/blog/event-budget-template/>

# **General Funding Resources**



**Community Business Development Corporation  
(CBDC)**

<https://www.cbdc.ca/en/contact>

**Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC)**

<https://www.bdc.ca/en>

**Futurpreneur Canada**

[https://futurpreneur.ca/en/explore/general-landing-page/?gad\\_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjwhYS\\_BhD2ARIsAJTMMQaYVnjB2\\_yWTARsv1nKEMmqcAlmRC-xPo4mQJnK04yolojiM6knrb-8aAspuEALw\\_wcB](https://futurpreneur.ca/en/explore/general-landing-page/?gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjwhYS_BhD2ARIsAJTMMQaYVnjB2_yWTARsv1nKEMmqcAlmRC-xPo4mQJnK04yolojiM6knrb-8aAspuEALw_wcB)



## Community Business Development Corporations (CBDC)

The resource provided by CBDC is a vital platform designed to assist small and medium sized businesses in rural Atlantic Canada. CBDC offers a variety of services, tools, and resources to help these businesses start, grow, and succeed.

Key features of this resource include:

- Financial Assistance: Access to loans, loan guarantees, and equity financing to support the startup and growth of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).
- Business Support Services: Offering advisory services, business counseling, and guidance to help entrepreneurs navigate the challenges of running a business.
- Training and Development: Workshops and training programs aimed at enhancing the skills and knowledge of business owners and their employees.
- Mentorship Opportunities: Connecting entrepreneurs with experienced mentors to provide guidance and support in business development and growth.

## **Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC)**

The resource provided by the BDC is a key financial institution dedicated to supporting Canadian entrepreneurs. BDC offers a comprehensive suite of services, tools, and resources designed to help small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Canada thrive.

Key features of this resource include:

- Financing Solutions: Customized financial solutions to help businesses at different stages of growth, from startups to established companies looking to expand.
- Advisory Services: Expert advice and insights to help businesses improve their operations and strategic planning, including consulting services tailored to specific business needs.
- Venture Capital: Investment opportunities for high-potential, innovative Canadian companies looking to scale their operations and reach new markets.
- Entrepreneurial Resources: Access to a wealth of tools and articles designed to support business owners in making informed decisions and optimizing their business strategies.

## **Futurpreneur Canada**

This resource provided by Futurpreneur Canada is a dynamic platform dedicated to supporting young Canadian entrepreneurs aged 18-39. Futurpreneur offers a range of resources, tools, and support to help young people launch and grow successful businesses.

Key features of this resource include:

- Financing: Access to tailored financing options for young entrepreneurs, providing the capital needed to start and expand their business.
- Mentorship: One-on-one mentoring from experienced business professionals to guide young entrepreneurs through the challenges of starting and running a business.
- Business Resources: Comprehensive resources, including business plan writing tools and workshops, to help entrepreneurs develop solid business strategies.
- Networking Opportunities: Access to a network of like-minded entrepreneurs and business leaders, enabling collaboration and learning.

# **Social Enterprise**



**Social Enterprise New Brunswick**

<https://socialenterprisesnb.ca/>

**Community Business Development Corporation  
(CBDC)**

<https://www.cbdc.ca/en/programs/social-economy-pilot-project>

**Kaleidoscope Impact**

<https://www.kaleidoscopeimpact.com/>



## **Social Enterprise New Brunswick**

The resource provided by Social Enterprise New Brunswick (SENB) is a comprehensive platform designed to support social enterprises in the province. It offers a wide range of tools, programs, and resources to help social enterprises start, grow, and succeed.

Key features of this resource include:

- Programs and Support: Workshops aimed at providing in-depth training and support for social enterprises, information on past programs, and details on upcoming events related to social enterprise and development.
- Financial Resources: Get information on various financing options available to social enterprises, resources and programs to help social enterprises build their capacity and improve their operations.
- Educational Resources: Guidance and resources for those in the initial phase of launching a social enterprise.
- Connecting with Experts: Training programs to help social enterprises build capacity, information on how cooperatives can support, and support for developing social enterprise solutions.

## **CBDC - Social Enterprise Loan Program**

The resource provided by CBDC offers social enterprise loans and financing in Atlantic Canada. This initiative is designed to support non-profit organizations, including charities, cooperatives, or societies in need of business support. It provides a comprehensive platform to help social enterprises develop and grow by offering loans, financing, and access to other business development services and resources.

## **Kaleidoscope Impact**

Kaleidoscope Impact is a global advisory and investment firm focused on empowering social enterprises led by underrepresented founders, particularly women and BIPOC leaders, to drive systemic change. The platform combines capital, coaching, and community-building to scale equitable and sustainable solutions.

Key features of this resource include:

- Impact Accelerator: Tailored coaching and mentorship for social entrepreneurs to refine business models and scale impact.
- Investor Matching: Connects founders with aligned investors through curated networks.
- Impact Investment Guidance: Tools to align financial strategies with social & environment outcomes.
- Catalytic Capital: Access to early-stage funding for ventures addressing inequality and climate justice.
- Advisory Services: Customized support from impact investing veterans and sector-specific experts.

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# Women Owned Businesses

**Women in Business New Brunswick**

<https://wbnb-fanb.ca/en/>



## Women in Business New Brunswick

The resource provided by Women in Business NB (WBNB) is a comprehensive platform designed to support current and aspiring women entrepreneurs in New Brunswick. It offers a wide range of services, programs, and resource to help women reach their full potential as business owners.

Key features of this resource include:

- Start-Up Support: Steps and resources to help women take the leap and start their business, information on various financing options and how to secure funding, personalized support and counseling to guide women through this business planning phase.
- Growth Support: Understanding the concept of business growth, strategies and resources for effectively managing business growth, and tailored advice and support to help women grow their businesses.
- Export Support: Assessing readiness and benefits of exporting, steps to begin exporting your products or services, guidance and support for women looking to expand their business internationally.
- Various Programs: Some of the programming includes, Women Entrepreneurship 101, Business Mentorship, Women in Business Consultant Fund, Indigenous Female Entrepreneurship, Women in Leadership, and Solution Succession.
- Training and Events: Opportunities to connect with other women entrepreneurs, and a collection of resources and tools for business development.

**Contact: [info@wnb-fanb.ca](mailto:info@wnb-fanb.ca) or on their website.**



# Black Entrepreneurs

**FACE Coalition**

<https://facecoalition.com/en>

**Black Business Initiative (BBI)**

<https://www.bbi.ca/>



## **FACE Coalition: Comprehensive Support for Black Entrepreneurs**

The resource provided by the FACE Coalition is a comprehensive platform designed to support entrepreneurs in New Brunswick. It offers a wide range of services and programs to help black entrepreneurs start, grow, and sustain their business.

Key features of this resource include:

- Loans Program: FACE administers the Black Entrepreneurship Loan Fund as the first lever to wealth creation and a catalyst for Black generational wealth creation, among other services.
- Business Development Services: Access to resources and guidance for creating a solid business plan, educational programs and workshops to help entrepreneurs develop essential business skills.
- Mentorship: Opportunities to connect with experienced mentors who can provide guidance and support throughout the entrepreneurial journey.
- Additional Resources: Inspirational stories from successful entrepreneurs who have benefitted from FACE Coalitions support, and a learning library with a collection of resources, tools, and templates to assist entrepreneurs in various stages of their business development.

**Contact: [info@facecoalition.com](mailto:info@facecoalition.com), or on the website.**

## **Black Business Initiative (BBI)**

The Black Business Initiative (BBI) is dedicated to empowering black entrepreneurs and businesses across Atlantic Canada through access to funding, mentorship, and strategic partnerships.

Key features of this resource include:

- Business Development Workshops: Training on business planning, marketing, and financial management tailored to black entrepreneurs.
- BBI Entrepreneurial Leadership Program: Supports startups and scaling businesses with mentorship and networking opportunities.
- Access to Capital: Guidance on securing loans, grants, and investor partnerships.
- Black Entrepreneurship Program (BEP): Federally funded initiatives offering loans up to \$250,000 for black-led businesses.
- Toolkits and Guides: Practical resources for business registration, tax compliance, and growth strategies.

# 2SLGBTQI+

**Canadas 2SLGBTQI+ Chamber of Commerce  
(CGCLCC)**

<https://cglcc.ca/programs/>

## Canada's 2SLGBTQI+ Chamber of Commerce (CGLCC)

The resource provided by CGLCC offers a variety of programs designed to support 2SLGBTQI+ businesses and entrepreneurs in Canada. These programs aim to foster greater diversity and inclusion in workplaces and across Canada's economy by providing tools, network connections, and resources to help 2SLGBTQI+ entrepreneurs succeed.

Key features of this resource include:

- 2SLGBTQI+ Entrepreneurship Programs: This initiative aims to break down barriers to starting, maintaining, and growing a business among Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) across Canada, particularly for equity-deserving groups. It provides targeted support to community organizations that work with 2SLGBTQI+ entrepreneurs to enhance sustainability, growth, competitiveness, innovation, and productivity.
- OUT for Business (OFB): This mentorship program offers 1-on-1 and team mentorship opportunities to help 2SLGBTQI+ entrepreneurs sharpen their business skills, grow their network, and drive better results for their business.
- Supplier Diversity: This program helps Canadian 2SLGBTQI+ businesses gain access to new business opportunities by connecting them with progressive organizations looking to diversify their suppliers. It benefits both the businesses and the corporations by bringing diverse skills and know-how to the table.
- LGBTQI+ Newcomers Program: This initiative supports LGBTQI+ entrepreneurs who are newcomers to Canada. It provides tailored workshops, networking events, and access to essential resources to address the unique challenges faced by LGBTQI+ newcomers in entrepreneurship.

**Contact: [info@cglcc.ca](mailto:info@cglcc.ca) or on their website**



# Indigenous Entrepreneurs

**Joint Economic Development Initiative (JEDI)**

<https://jedinb.ca/>

**Indigenous Female Entrepreneurship -  
Women in Business NB**

<https://wbnb-fanb.ca/en/programs/indigenous-female-entrepreneurship>

**Ulnooweg - Advancing Indigenous Economic  
Development and Education in Atlantic Canada**

<https://ulnooweg.ca/>



## Joint Economic Development Initiative (JEDI)

The resource provided by the Joint Economic Development Initiative (JEDI) is a comprehensive platform designed to support Indigenous economic development in New Brunswick. JEDI offers a variety of programs and services focused on Indigenous entrepreneurship, community economic development, workforce development, and partnerships with the public and private sectors.

Key features of this resource include:

- Workforce Development: Internships opportunities for Indigenous graduates, training in information and communication technology, resources to help Indigenous individuals understand and navigate the labour market.
- Entrepreneurship and Economic Development: Support for Indigenous entrepreneurs and community economic development projects, resources and guidance for Indigenous individuals looking to start their own business. Tools and resources to assist Indigenous entrepreneurs in various aspects of business development.
- Reconciliation Initiatives
- Community Engagement

**Contact: 506-444-5650, 888-884-9870, or through the website.**



## **Indigenous Female Entrepreneurship – Women in Business NB**

The resource provided by Women in Business NB (WINB) focuses on supporting Indigenous female entrepreneurs in New Brunswick. It offers a variety of programs and services designed to address the unique challenges faced by Indigenous women in business and to empower them in a safe, collaborative, and culturally supportive environment.

## **Ulnooweg – Advancing Indigenous Economic Development and Education in Atlantic Canada and Education in Atlantic Canada - Ulnooweg.ca**

The resource provided by Ulnooweg is a comprehensive platform designed to support Indigenous economic development and education in Atlantic Canada. Ulnooweg is an established and innovative not-for-profit organization dedicated to the success of Indigenous communities, individuals, and businesses in the region.



# Found a Broken Link?

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