



## Innovation and business growth update

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter. With the Apprenticeship Levy taking effect from April 2017, we've organised an event dedicated to helping you get ready.

As always, if there's anything you want to know more about please [get in touch](#).

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## Develop your work force with our Chartered Manager Degree Apprenticeship (CMDA)



Find out more about the CMDA

Attend apprenticeships event

The CMDA allows employers to attract new talent or develop existing employees who are keen to earn a full bachelor's business degree in a work-based environment alongside professional development through to Chartered Manager status of the Chartered Management Institute (CMI).

You will acquire the graduate level leadership and management skills your business needs, where the training costs, including the degree, are funded through the new Apprenticeship Levy.

[Find out more about the CMDA](#) or come along to our [apprenticeships event](#) and discover what apprenticeships could mean for your organisation.

## Bristol to Bath Festival of Nature: sponsorship opportunities

The Festival of Nature gives wildlife lovers of all ages a unique opportunity to discover and enjoy the natural world. The Festival features a line-up of hands-on activities, art and performance, workshops, celebrity talks, live entertainment, local and sustainable traders, and much more.

The event is the UK's biggest free celebration welcoming 25,000+ visitors over the three-week programme, and with a large online following, significant PR reach, and gala VIP events, the Festival is a unique opportunity for sponsors and supporters to reach a wide and diverse audience across the South West.

[Download PDF: Festival of Nature sponsorship](#)

## Have your say on the government industrial strategy

A green paper on industrial strategy has been launched by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

With a £2bn investment in R&D promised through the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund, this is the perfect opportunity for industries of all sizes to make its voice heard.

The deadline for submissions is 17 April 2017, early submissions are encouraged.

[Respond to the industrial strategy](#)

## VR World Congress 2017

VR World Congress is bringing more than 2000 buyers, sellers and developers from Virtual Reality and its surrounding industries to Bristol in April. VRWC17 will feature a diverse range of world-leading and unique speakers. Representatives confirmed so far include Microsoft, Leap Motion, Oculus Story Studio, IBM, AMD, Royal Opera House, Samsung, Ultrahaptics and the BBC.

VR World Congress has been designed to cater for a wide audience. From business managers looking for bold new ideas, to individuals from fields such as healthcare, marketing, education, entertainment and property looking to learn how to make use of VR.

[VR World Congress 2017](#)

## 91 Ways Supper Club: Tales of Somalia

Sharing delicious food, sharing our common ground.

Join 91 Ways Supper Club for a unique, enlightening and uplifting evening at 19:30 on Wednesday 15 March 2017 - The Station Bristol, Silver Street, BS1 2AG.

Tales of Somalia will consist of an unforgettable three course meal served by Hanna and Amina, who came to Bristol as refugees and are looking forward to sharing their stories and unforgettable cooking with you.



Tales of Somalia: buy tickets

## FET Degree Show: hold the date

The Faculty of Environment and Technology end of year Degree Show will take place on 01 June 2017. The show is open to the public and showcases our students' work, many of whom will be there to talk to you about their projects.

There will be an afternoon session available to organisations, led by academics, explaining how they have engaged with businesses like yours. This will lead directly into the Degree Show and academics will be on hand to guide you around.

Register your interest

## Professional Development: open courses at Bristol Business School

Bristol Business School's open courses are practical training days designed to give you insights into subject areas through discussions with tutors and your peers and to explore possible approaches and tools available to you in your workplace.

### Successful Partnership Working

Monday 12 & Tuesday 13 June 2017

This course is designed for individuals who work with others outside of their immediate team and need to build strong relationships to increase productivity and efficiency.

You will be provided with the main tools and practical approaches needed for successful partnership working.

### Fostering Team Dynamics for Success

Monday 05 & Tuesday 06 June 2017

This course is designed for managers or supervisors who lead and develop teams as part of their management role, or individuals who are keen to understand team dynamics.

This two day course will help you as a manager to learn more about your own leadership style, how it impacts on others

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and the key drivers that can help to motivate individuals and teams to perform to their best.

[Find out more](#)

All Professional Development at UWE Bristol

## The Bristol Distinguished Address Series

The Bristol Distinguished Address Series provides a unique opportunity to hear about the challenges, issues and decisions being made at the highest level of strategic leadership. Join us for talks from some of the most respected figures in British business.

[See previous addresses](#)



### Baroness Shriti Vadera, PC

Chair, Santander UK

Post-globalism

Wednesday 08 March 2017

[Register to attend](#)



### Fred Jones

Head of Cities, Uber

More people in fewer cars

Wednesday 22 March 2017

[Register to attend](#)

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