

**Press Release**  
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**Newhaven Enterprise Centre's Networking Hub examines new changes to business world**

Local businesses that attended Newhaven Enterprise Centre's recent 'Networking Hub' benefited from expert advice on changing employment laws and pensions schemes, which are due to come into effect in the foreseeable future.



Event speakers were Debbie Silvester, from Eckington HR and Daniel Cawley, from 121 Financial Services.

Debbie's talk highlighted employment changes that take effect from 6<sup>th</sup> April - such as the qualifying period for unfair dismissal rights - along with future changes and consultations that the government are currently undertaking. Following this, Daniel advised on the new pension auto-enrolment scheme which will affect all employers and employees.

This month's Networking Hub welcomed approximately 50 local business individuals who also took the opportunity to network, meet new people, generate new business – all for free.

Centre manager, Claire Duc, commented: "I am thrilled that our latest Networking Hub was such a success and it was great to learn about the new changes the government is making to how businesses operate. Daniel's talk on the new pension scheme was something many attendees had heard about, but weren't fully aware of, so it was a relief to hear an explanation."

The next Networking Hub is taking place at Basepoint's Newhaven Enterprise Centre on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2012 from 12 noon to 2pm. Attendees will be provided with lunch and refreshments – all free of charge. To book a place, please email [newhaven@basepoint.co.uk](mailto:newhaven@basepoint.co.uk) or call 01273 615250.

The Newhaven Enterprise Centre's stunning design and harbour-side location makes this centre a great place to work. Located on Denton Island and adjoining the town centre with plenty of parking, there is easy access by road, public transport, and by sea – the town having a regular ferry service to France. For more information about Basepoint, visit: [www.basepoint.co.uk](http://www.basepoint.co.uk)

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