



North Tyneside Council

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## Town Centre Business Support



If you are looking to develop or grow your business, we can help to achieve your objectives. The Business and Enterprise team can provide a range of services including advice on recruitment and training, financial brokerage and assistance with locating premises.

To speak to a business adviser in your area, please contact:



**North Shields  
Town Centre Representative  
Karen Westgate**

Karen is responsible for providing business support to retailers in North Shields Town Centre and attends the North Shields Chamber of Trade and Commerce meetings. She also manages North Tyneside Council's start-up programme, The Business Factory, which provides guidance and training for new businesses in the borough.

**Email: [karen.westgate@northtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:karen.westgate@northtyneside.gov.uk)  
Tel: 0191 643 6922**



**Wallsend  
Town Centre Representative  
John Angus**

John is responsible for providing business support to retailers in Wallsend Town Centre and is the Council's representative for the Wallsend Chamber of Trade. He is also a Business Development Officer in the Council's Business and Enterprise Team, supporting existing companies with a range of services including advice on recruitment, training and financial guidance

**Email: [john.angus@northtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:john.angus@northtyneside.gov.uk)  
Tel: 0191 643 6406**



## Whitley Bay Town Centre Representative Vanessa Murphy

Vanessa is responsible for providing business support to retailers in Whitley Bay Town Centre and attends the Whitley Bay Chamber of Trade meetings. She is also a Business Development Officer in the Council's Business and Enterprise Team, supporting existing companies with a range of services including advice on recruitment, training and financial guidance

**Email:** [vanessa.murphy@northtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:vanessa.murphy@northtyneside.gov.uk)  
**Tel:** 0191 643 6401



## Skills and Recruitment Support Barbara Wilkinson

Barbara provides skills and recruitment advice to businesses across North Tyneside. She works as part of a new team which aims to support the region's business community to future-proof its workforce and tackle youth unemployment in the North East. Services include providing funding to assist with recruitment and equipment costs as well as offering impartial advice on training and workforce development.

**Email:** [barbara.wilkinson@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:barbara.wilkinson@newcastle.gov.uk)  
**Tel:** 07970 600 692

### Business Start-Up

The Business Factory provides support and guidance to help get businesses up and running. Services offered by the team of business advisers include:

- Guidance with business plans
- Help in generating business ideas and turning interests and skills into a new enterprise
- Weekly workshops, courses, qualifications and networking opportunities
- Support and advice to access grants and loans

For more information about the support available:

Tel: 0191 605 3110

[www.businessfactorynt.co.uk](http://www.businessfactorynt.co.uk)

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**Business**  
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### North East Growth Hub

This digital resource provides access to business advice and information, with peer-to-peer support from the local business community and local, regional and national business support providers. Benefits of the Growth Hub include:

- Build a network of business contacts
- Advice from local businesses on business support, Marketing, Manufacturing and Finance
- Answers to the most pressing business questions, through the Resource Centre
- Comprehensive list of networking events and seminars in North East England

For more information about the Growth Hub:

Tel: 0300 456 3565

[www.negrowthhub.co.uk](http://www.negrowthhub.co.uk)

**Growth Hub**  
Delivered by the North East LEP



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### Locate North Tyneside

This website brings together a database of commercial property to buy and rent across the North Tyneside. Helping find the perfect location for businesses to grow, it provides an easy way to search for commercial property that best meets a company's needs. The interactive map enables users to search by location, type and size.

For further information about commercial property in North Tyneside:

Tel: 0191 643 6401

[www.locatenorthtyneside.co.uk](http://www.locatenorthtyneside.co.uk)

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