

Other Useful Business

Support Organisations

1230 TWC (The Women's Company)

Networking organisation for businesswomen, with several events throughout Kent.

www.1230.co.uk

Active Business Creation (ABC)

An independent business club for Kent-based companies of all sizes.

www.abcnetwork.co.uk

The Alternative Breakfast Club

Tunbridge Wells-based networking club, known for relaxed no-pressure meetings.

www.altbreakfastclub.co.uk

Business for Breakfast

Networking group that hold regular events throughout Kent

www.businessforbreakfastkent.co.uk

Business Link Enterprise Gateways

Business Link's Enterprise Gateway Service has three branches in Kent, located in Dover, Folkestone and West Malling.

www.businesslink.gov.uk

Business Network International (BNI)

The world's largest business networking organisation, with over 2,800 chapters.

www.bni.com

The Carbon Trust

Government-established company designed to accelerate the move to a low carbon economy.

www.carbontrust.co.uk

Creative Environmental Networks (CEN)

CEN provides free energy checks and energy efficiency advice for local businesses across the South East.

www.cen.org.uk

Ecademy

Online networking group for businesses, formed in 1998 and with millions of users.

www.ecademy.com

Federation of Small Business (FSB)

The UK's largest business lobbying organisation promotes and protects the interests of SMEs.

www.fsb.org.uk

The Institute of Directors (IoD)

UK-wide membership organisation for directors, executives and chairpersons with around 2,000 Kent members.

www.iod.com

The Learning & Skills Council (LSC)

Government body responsible for funding and planning further education and vocational training in England.

www.lsc.gov.uk

Millipod

Networking organisation designed for SMEs, with events held in London and Kent.

www.millipod.com

National Industrial Symbiosis Programme (NISP)

Nationwide membership organisation that promotes business efficiency to save environmental resources.

www.nisp.org.uk

PRIME Initiative

UK charity that helps people over the age of 50 to set up on their own in business.

www.primeinitiative.co.uk

Thanet Business Network

Networking referral group that works to generate local business.

www.thanetbusinessnetwork.co.uk

Women in Business

South East based events organisation to support businesswomen, with four branches covering Kent.

www.wib.org.uk

The Women's Business Clubs (TWBC)

UK-wide networking and events organisation for businesswomen, with Business Clubs in Ashford, Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells.

www.thewomensbusinessclubs.com