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## Business Education Network

### Business Education Network (BEN) – Meets 3 times a year

BEN is a networking group which shares information about events, programs, incentives and best practices.

#### Who is BEN...

- College Boréal
- Conseil scolaire de district des écoles catholiques du Sud-Quest
- Conseil scolaire de district du Centre-Sud-Quest
- Elgin Middlesex Oxford Local Training Board
- Fanshawe College
- Investing in Children
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Activity/Event/Program	What	When
<p align="center"><b>High School BizPlan Competition</b></p>	<p>The Small Business Centre in partnership with the Ministry of Small Business and Consumer Services is challenging high school students to produce a winning business plan. Applicants must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enrolled full-time in a Secondary School in Ontario or equivalent. (i.e. alternative schools, home schooled, etc.)</li> <li>• All plans must involve a business idea that is wholly original and based on the independent thinking of the applicant(s). Duplicating or copying an already existing/recognized business or franchise will not be allowed.</li> <li>• Group submissions are limited to three students per plan.</li> </ul> <p>Awards: 1st Place: \$1000, 2nd: \$500, 3rd: \$250.</p> <p><b>Elgin &amp; Middlesex Counties</b> Contact Maja: 519-659-2882 x277 or <a href="mailto:mpental@sbcentre.ca">mpental@sbcentre.ca</a> More information at: <a href="http://www.sbcentre.ca/bizplan">www.sbcentre.ca/bizplan</a></p> <p><b>Oxford County</b> Contact Sandra: Woodstock &amp; Area Small Business Enterprise Centre @ 519-421-2129 or <a href="mailto:SdeGraaf@city.woodstock.on.ca">SdeGraaf@city.woodstock.on.ca</a></p> <p>1st - \$500 + 2 Via Rail Tickets; 2nd - \$350 + 1 Via Ticket 3rd - \$250 + 1 Via Ticket; 4th - \$150 And 2 Honorable mentions of \$50 Gift Certificates.</p>	<p align="center"><b>September 2008 to June 2009</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Summer Company</b></p>	<p>Summer Company is a great opportunity for enterprising young people who want to start and run their own summer businesses. The program provides business coaching, mentoring, training and an award of up to \$3,000. Applicants Must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be between the ages of 15-29 years, resident of Ontario, a Canadian Citizen/Landed Immigrant.</li> <li>• Compose a business plan and submit it to the committee for evaluation. The applicant must include two references.</li> <li>• Must operate the newly proposed business over the summer and must be going to school immediately following the entrepreneurship experience. (Proof of enrollment required).</li> <li>• Be prepared to commit 8 weeks.</li> </ul> <p>More information at: <a href="http://www.summercompany.ca">www.summercompany.ca</a></p> <p><b>Elgin &amp; Middlesex Counties</b> Contact Maja: London Small Business Centre @ 519-659-2882 x277 or <a href="mailto:mpental@sbcentre.ca">mpental@sbcentre.ca</a></p> <p><b>Oxford County</b> Contact Sandra: Woodstock &amp; Area Small Business Enterprise Centre @ 519-421-2129 or <a href="mailto:SdeGraaf@city.woodstock.on.ca">SdeGraaf@city.woodstock.on.ca</a></p>	<p align="center"><b>Application intake February to April 2009</b></p> <p align="center"><b>April to September 2009</b></p>

<p><b>BIOlympics</b></p>	<p>This exciting and interactive event is designed to engage senior elementary students and get them excited about the world of biotechnology. BIOlympics involves teams of elementary students paired with community leaders, competing in fun biotech-related challenges.</p> <p>Will <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> come back to defend their title or will there be a new BIOlympics champion? It's anyone's guess because this year the BIOlympics will feature brand new challenges.</p> <p>Information contact Allison:  <a href="mailto:allison.fisher@techalliance.ca">allison.fisher@techalliance.ca</a>  or 519-858-5059 or to register your team.</p>	<p><b>4th Annual BIOlympics</b>  <b>September 25, 2008</b>  <b>8:30am-12:00pm</b>  <b>Centennial Hall</b></p>
<p><b>London Museum School Program</b></p>	<p>Museum School is an innovative approach to learning in which the museum becomes the classroom for an entire week. Teachers work with museum staff to tailor-make a schedule that includes rich, curriculum-based learning opportunities. Students engage in hands-on activities, learn from exhibits, and document their experiences through daily journal writing.</p> <p>Participating museums include The Canadian Medical Hall of Fame, Fanshawe Pioneer Village, the London Regional Children's Museum, Museum London, and the Museum of Ontario Archaeology.</p> <p>Available to elementary school students in the TVDSB, LDCSB, CSDECSO &amp; CSDCSO.</p> <p>Contact Heather: <a href="mailto:hsercombe@cdnmedhall.org">hsercombe@cdnmedhall.org</a>  or 519-488-2003</p>	<p><b>Fall 2008</b>  <b>Spring 2009</b></p>
<p><b>Junior Achievement After School Company Program</b></p>	<p>Be an entrepreneur.....Get the skills you need to succeed in your own business! Free!</p> <p>Register @ <a href="http://www.jalondon.ca/programs">www.jalondon.ca/programs</a></p>	<p><b>Early September 2008</b>  <b>Early October 2008</b></p>
<p><b>Sanofi-Aventis BioTalent Challenge</b></p>	<p>The SABC is a program that pairs high school students from across Southwestern Ontario with local researchers to collaborate on a lab-based project in the field of biotechnology, of interest to and designed by the students. The program helps to encourage the increasing numbers of talented young people to consider careers in the biosciences and helps expose them to the tremendous, world-class education and research institutes that exist within our community.</p> <p>Contact Allison: <a href="mailto:allison.fisher@techalliance.ca">allison.fisher@techalliance.ca</a>  or 519-858-5059 for information</p>	<p><b>Deadline for Proposals</b>  <b>November 14th, 2008</b></p> <p><b>Tentative</b>  <b>Student Competition Day</b>  <b>April 28th, 2009</b></p>

<p><b>“Careers” A Journey Through Technology</b></p>	<p>This program is designed to connect grade 7 or 8 students in rural communities with retired adults/seniors in rural communities to discover how technology has changed careers over the years. The seniors would share stories and explain about the realities of the world of work. Students have an opportunity to research careers and then make presentations to their classmates and the seniors about what they have learned.</p> <p>Contact Martin: <a href="mailto:martin@localboard.on.ca">martin@localboard.on.ca</a> or 519-672-3499</p>	<p><b>September to December 2008</b></p>
<p><b>Norwich Career Fair</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local students given the chance to get a head start on their career decisions</li> <li>• Provide a forum for students to connect with business</li> </ul>	<p><b>November 6, 2008 Norwich Community Centre 9:00 am to 2:30 pm</b></p>
<p><b>World of Choices Embracing Your Future</b></p>	<p>World of Choices/Embracing Your Future is an interactive leadership, esteem and career conference for young women and young men. Hosted by Junior Achievement and the YMCA of London, the conference is designed to empower youth aged 16 to 21, and educate and inspire by promoting self-confidence, encouraging leadership and unveiling opportunities for potential career paths.</p> <p><a href="http://www.jalondon.ca">www.jalondon.ca</a></p>	<p><b>November 2008</b></p>
<p><b>Manufacturing in Action Woodstock</b></p>	<p>Industry in Woodstock will showcase the nature of the business they do and focus on the careers within their faculty. In the best case scenario students will see from ...“materials in” to “product out the door.” Available to students in grade 11 in Woodstock.</p>	<p><b>November 13, 2008</b></p>
<p><b>Project Hi-Tech</b></p>	<p>Project Hi-Tech is a group of local agencies and businesses who developed a solution that helped raise awareness among high school aged youth about the job opportunities when considering careers in engineering, technology or the skilled trades...The Oxford Invitational Youth Robotic Expo.</p> <p>This gives youth hands-on experience in design, construction and team problem solving by building a robot and exposes them to innovative technology and tests their interests &amp; abilities.</p> <p>Contact: Kathryn @ 519-672-3499 or <a href="mailto:kt@localboard.on.ca">kt@localboard.on.ca</a> or visit <a href="http://www.projecthitech.ca">www.projecthitech.ca</a></p>	<p><b>The Oxford Invitational Youth Robotic Expo</b></p> <p><b>November 25, 2008 Norwich Community Centre</b></p>

## **Dig London**

DIG London, the digital interactive games industry, is sponsoring a game developer's conference to highlight the growing sector in London and to introduce the game development to students as a great career choice.

The conference focuses its attention on students with a day of presentations on the scope of the sector, the education path to game development jobs, and the opportunities that students have to obtain a rewarding and fun careers right here in the London region.

The Friday events start at 8:30 a.m. and finish at 2:30 p.m. The cost \$20 which includes lunch and refreshment breaks.

This is a great opportunity to for students to hear all about the game development sector from local game developers.

To learn more and to register, go to:

[www.diglondon.ca](http://www.diglondon.ca)

### **Game Development: Tools, Technology and Development Practices**

A panel of game developers will discuss current tools, technologies and development practices in their studios.

### **So You Want To Make Games eh!**

This panel of seasoned game developers will answer pressing questions like: "I like to play games. How do find a job making games?" and "What skills are in high demand?" and "Are you hiring?" Show up; ask the panel a few questions and dream of a fulfilling career in blue jeans.

### **The Education Path to Game Development Careers (created just for high school students!)**

Want to be a story writer? What's a level designer? This institutional panel will point to a range of education paths designed to prepare students for successful careers in the surprisingly wide range of game development companies in Ontario and beyond.

**Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>  
8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Registration \$20.00  
(includes lunch and  
refreshment breaks)**

<p><b>Secondary School IT Awareness Campaign</b></p> <p><b>Part of IT LIVES in London IT Week</b></p>	<p>This initiative provides educators you with the opportunity to invite seasoned industry experts into their classroom(s) during IT LIVES in London IT Week. These individuals have volunteered to share their experiences with students and inviting them into classrooms across the city will bring industry, educators and students together for a chance to learn about London's thriving IT industry. In addition these speakers hope to provide information that will stimulate interest and encourage students to pursue studies and careers in IT. Most importantly we want to celebrate that IT LIVES in London!</p> <p>Information contact Allison:  <a href="mailto:allison.fisher@techalliance.ca">allison.fisher@techalliance.ca</a>  or visit <a href="http://www.techalliance.ca">www.techalliance.ca</a></p>	<p><b>March 30 to April 3, 2009</b></p>
<p><b>KIDS FIRST DAY</b></p>	<p>Investing in Children is pleased to present Kids First Day 2009. April 24 will be filled with free activities and events across London.</p> <p>To celebrate Kids First Day please visit <a href="http://www.investinginchildren.on.ca">www.investinginchildren.on.ca</a> to view the many partner locations and what they are offering to youth from the early years (0-6) up to high school.</p> <p>Contact: Greg @ 519-433-8996 ext. 225 or <a href="mailto:info@investinginchildren.on.ca">info@investinginchildren.on.ca</a></p>	<p><b>Friday, April 24, 2009</b></p>
<p><b>Make Your Case</b></p>	<p>The Middlesex-Elgin-Oxford High School Entrepreneurial Challenge is a one-day business planning competition for secondary school students from the three counties. This yearly event takes place at the Middlesex County Administration Building in London.</p> <p>Contact: Cara @ CFDC of Middlesex County: 519-641-6100 or <a href="mailto:info@cfdcmiddlesex.on.ca">info@cfdcmiddlesex.on.ca</a></p>	<p><b>Early May 2009</b></p>
<p><b>The Canadian Medical Hall of Fame</b></p> <p><b>Discovery Day in Health Sciences</b></p>	<p>Discovery Day is a one-day opportunity for secondary school students and teachers to explore the exciting career options available in medicine and the health sciences. Held at the University of Western Ontario and Fanshawe College, the day is comprised of a dynamic keynote lecture, two hands-on workshops and a career panel discussion. Students gain a clear picture of what it would be like to be a health professional by interacting with researchers, clinicians and educators in their real life work setting. This event is at no cost to the students or teachers.</p> <p>Contact Janice: 519-488-2003  or <a href="mailto:jmcnorgan@cdnmedhall.org">jmcnorgan@cdnmedhall.org</a></p>	<p><b>May 8, 2009</b></p>

<p><b>SLOME 2009 Skills London Middlesex Oxford Elgin 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b></p> <p><b>Elgin Middlesex Oxford Local Training Board</b></p>	<p>SLOME, through volunteers, community partners and exhibitors, works hard to spark curiosity. It enables youth to sample careers they may not have considered before and gives them an opportunity to experience the transferable skills required in today's job market. Available to students grade 5 to 12.</p> <p><a href="http://www.slome.org">www.slome.org</a> <a href="mailto:info@slome.org">info@slome.org</a></p>	<p><b>May 13, 2009</b></p>
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