

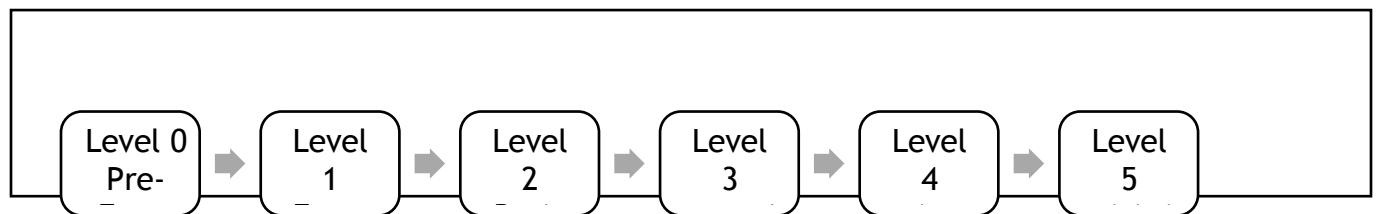
More and more students are now choosing to set up their own business after leaving university. Becoming an entrepreneur can be a highly rewarding experience and there are now more platforms than ever to help support your ambitions.

Below is information on some of the organisations that can help to get you started:

### 1. DARE (Darussalam Enterprise)

A statutory body with the aim to nurture and support local enterprises from start-up to Growth. DARE works closely with ministries, government and non-government agencies locally and abroad to help foster growth of business enterprises and thus increase GDP contribution. Through DARE a common, unified approach will be taken to direct, support and encourage growth of local enterprises under a single body represented and driven by the private sector.

DARE can help get your business started and offers programs based on your level of experience, which determines the level of assistance you need.



Startups from level 0 to 2 will be eligible for assistance such as outreach programs, talks, workshops, networking and working space. The maturity of an enterprise determines courses suited to their development which includes:-

- i. DARE, Industry Business Academy (IBA) Level 1
- ii. Industry Business Academy (IBA) Level 2

iii. Industry Business Academy (IBA) Level 3.

All enterprises under DARE will be channeled into a funnel which will initially start with “High Volume” type of activities and schemes. By the end of the funnel, DARE will have more specialised and focused schemes tailored to take local enterprises globally and thus will bring significant contribution to the GDP of Brunei.

For more information you can reach DARE at:

Website: [www.dare.gov.bn](http://www.dare.gov.bn)

Phone: +673 8363442

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**2. Young Entrepreneurs Association Brunei (YEAB)**

Young Entrepreneurs Association Brunei (YEAB) provides members with an opportunity to learn from each other’s experience and take advantage of peer mentorship as they grow their businesses.

Their activities include community growth, networking, forums and discussions, collaboration, business development and youth empowerment.

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**3. Entrepreneurship Village**

Established in April 2014 by the Ministry of Education, Entrepreneurship Village (EV) is spearheaded by UBD to facilitate its workshops, trainings and forum on entrepreneurship, innovation and sustainability.

Students are offered the opportunity to enrol on an entrepreneurship program involving curricular development, courses and workshops designed to help explore skills and ideas.

EV focuses on developing individuals with the right entrepreneurial mindsets to allow them to become more self-reliant and self-sustainable, thereby creating a society of entrepreneurial thinkers.

You can contact EV at:

Email: [adna.rahman@ubd.edu.bn](mailto:adna.rahman@ubd.edu.bn)

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#### **4. iCentre**

The iCentre was established to develop entrepreneurship, technology and innovation based startups through an incubator program. Over the years, the iCentre along with strategic industry partners have created a technological and innovation ecosystem that supports the development of startup companies geared towards nation building.

Please contact iCentre through the below details:

Email : [icentre@icentre.biz](mailto:icentre@icentre.biz) / [startup@icentre.biz](mailto:startup@icentre.biz)

website : [www.icentre.biz](http://www.icentre.biz)

Phone : +673 2382616

#### **5. CRAFT**

CRAFT's main objective is to produce the right environment to promote the development of multimedia in Brunei through the provision of shared infrastructure and effective programs, such as physical labs, workstations and rendering facilities. Multimedia developers can use the facilities, workshops and mentorship programmes provided to help connect with key industry players.

For more information or further enquiries about the CRAFT program, please contact the Brunei Economic Development Board at

Phone: +673 2230111

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Website: [www.bedb.com.bn](http://www.bedb.com.bn)

## **6. SME Brunei**

The Goal of SME Brunei is to assist aspiring entrepreneurs to start or run a successful business. To achieve this goal, their website contains the following information:

- Writing a Business Plan
- Starting a business and legal matters.
- Business Management in the aspects of operations, financial and marketing.
- Business Resources from websites, books, courses and seminars.
- Relevant news in Business and Entrepreneurship.

## **7. Livewire**

LiveWIRE Brunei aims to inspire and develop the enterprising spirit among young Bruneians. In order to achieve this, the programme provides the following services:

- Bright Ideas workshop - A programme to raise awareness of enterprise as a possible career option and to help young people to develop their business ideas
- Become a Successful Owner Manager (BSOM) - Provides young people with the skills to start up and manage a successful business
- Business Awards - To recognise and reward outstanding entrepreneurs
- Leadership Camp - Enable participants to develop business leadership skills
- Business Network - An invaluable opportunity to network with people who can provide advice, expertise and knowledge to help young people develop their business
- Business Plan Series - Facilitates the production of robust, viable business plans
- Forum and Dialogues - Opportunities to benefit from the knowledge and expertise of successful and established entrepreneurs

- SME Weekend Promotion - Provides invaluable promotional opportunities for young businesses.
- Train the Trainer course - Increases the supply of people who can deliver high quality enterprise training
- Brunei Entrepreneurship Education Scheme (BEES) - Provides enterprise training to secondary school students as part of the National Curriculum Development.

Website: <http://www.livewire-brunei.com>

Phone: 2220964 / 2220962 / 2220951

[Youth Development Resources \(YDR\)](#).

In 2008, BEDB established the Youth Entrepreneurship Development Program (YEDP) under YDR. The program aims to encourage local youth to kick start and/or to grow their own small businesses. The program's three main forms of assistance are motivational seminars, mentoring and training, and business micro grants for purchases of equipment and machinery for the intended business. To date, YDR's micro-grant scheme has helped 116 micro businesses in a variety of industries, including food and beverages, tailoring, weaving, beauty salon, and fish mongering.

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[Local Business Development Initiative](#)

BEDB's [Enterprise 100 Transformation Programme](#) assists promising enterprises in achieving continuous and sustainable growth and thereby contributes to the nation's economic growth. This is in keeping with the objectives of His Majesty's Government, as outlined in Wawasan Brunei Darussalam 2035, to increase nonoil and gas GDP and local employment. To promote rapid, transformative outcomes, participating companies will be able to use the assistance schemes administered by BEDB in the Transformation Programme such as Enterprise Technical Assistance Scheme (ETAS),

facilitation services on government-related matters, investment fund facilitation, SME training programs, and networking platforms.

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