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OPPORTUNITIES FOR TECHNOLOGY ENTREPRENEURS

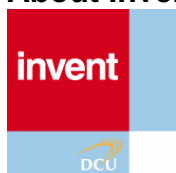
One of Ireland's most successful support programmes for budding entrepreneurs will launch on Friday 24th April 2009 at the Invent Centre, Dublin City University.

The Business-Start-Programme (BSP) is a six week part-time programme offering people with a business idea the chance to investigate its potential. The programme takes participants through the planning elements necessary for start-up business. It is aimed at people with a desire to develop a technology or knowledge intensive business with export potential.

Many students who participated in past programmes have gone on to open their own successful enterprises. The Business-Start-Programme is a great springboard for those of you who have an idea that you have always wondered about. It is designed to fit around the working day and so sessions are held on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings in Invent. The course is heavily subsidised resulting in a cost per participant of only **€300**.

Recruitment for the Business-Start-Programme will commence immediately and places are limited. If you are interested in participating in this programme, please contact Maria Johnston at maria.johnston@invent.dcu.ie or phone (01) 700 7597.

About Invent DCU



Invent is Dublin City University's Innovation and Enterprise Centre whose primary goal is the commercialisation of research. Invent assists researchers in identifying the most appropriate business model for the commercialisation of Intellectual Property. This may involve licensing to commercial partners or the creation of spin-off companies. Invent specialises in adding value to the outcome of research at an early stage and fosters links between emerging technologies developed by university researchers and the financial and entrepreneurial resources of industry and business. In addition, Invent offers incubation space and a business support programme to high potential, technology based start up companies. Invent is particularly interested in making contact with businesses who may be interested in engaging with DCU research.