



Business & IP Centre



We can help you turn your idea into a business.
We can help your business grow.

How you can use the Centre



The Centre is free. Anyone can come and visit the centre.

Using our Information



You need a Reader Pass to use the Reading Room. The Reader Pass is free.



To get a Reader Pass you need to go to the Reader Registration department on the upper ground floor.

You will need to fill out a form to get the pass.



You will need to bring two forms of identity with you. This means two things that show the library staff who you are. One of the forms of identity must



have your signature on it, for example your passport. The other form of identity must have your address on it, for example a bill. It needs to be a recent bill. More information about this is on our website

www.bl.uk/reshelp/inrooms/stp/register/identify/identify.html

When you have your Reader Pass go to the Business and IP Centre on the first floor. The friendly staff there will help you to get started using the centre.



Lots of information about the centre is on the website

www.bl.uk/bipc.



Workshops and Advice Sessions

You can join in our workshops or get advice from us. To use these services you can book a session on our website.

Networking and Holding Meetings

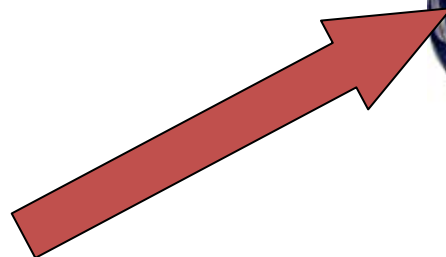
Our centre is a good place to meet new people. Like you these people have good business ideas. We have a Networking Area. This is a place where you can have informal meetings.

You can use our free wifi internet connection there. You can also get information about other organisations that can help you with your business.



How the Centre can help you

- You can learn how to start a business and make it grow
- You can learn about who your customers will be and what they want or need
- You can learn about intellectual property. This means you can learn about how to protect your business idea. You can learn about how to make money from your ideas
- Meeting other people who are starting businesses can make you feel more confident and help you do better



At the Centre we help people from the time they have their first good business idea until they have started their own successful business.

Over 150,000 people with good business ideas have used our Centre.



Information about business and Intellectual Property

We have the biggest collection of information about business and Intellectual Property in the UK.



We have specialist staff to help you find the information you need. We have information about the kind of people who will want to use your business. We have information about other companies and what they do.



We have information about what you need to do to patent your idea. Patenting an idea is using the law to protect your idea so that nobody else can use it. We have a Research Service that can find out information about patents. They can also find out about your market and industry. This means they can find out about the people who will use your business and also about other businesses doing similar things.



Workshops and Networking Events

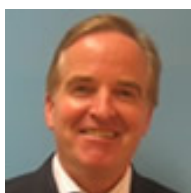
We arrange lots of workshops about different things that are important for businesses. For example workshops on Intellectual Property and finding out about possible customers. The workshops are free or at a cheaper rate.

We have a series of events called *Inspiring Entrepreneurs*. In these series we had famous business people like Lord Sugar, Stelios and Martha Lane-Fox talking. After the talks there is a chance to meet and talk to people.



One-to-One Specialist Advice

If you want to talk to one of our specialist staff you can apply for an *Information Clinic*. Our staff will talk to you about your business idea and help you find useful information. They will not talk about your business with anyone else.



You can also get advice from our *Ask an Expert* programme. You can have an hour with a professional advisor or successful business person. In our team of experts (specialists) we have our *Inventor in Residence*, Mark Sheahan, and Rachel Elnaugh, who started *Red Letter Days*.

The best way to get the most out of our information and specialist advice is to come to the Centre. However, we do lots of things online too. Including;



Industry guides

This has lists of the best reports, websites and information for your kind of business.



Essential Guide

This is a guide telling you how to run a business and where to find all the things you need.



'Business Essentials' wiki

Here you can find and use business websites.



E-newsletter

A monthly newsletter telling you about things that are happening, services and news from the Centre.



E-courses

Online courses to help you understand about Intellectual property.



Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter

Websites you can use to talk to other people starting businesses and using the Centre.



YouTube

You can watch over 120 videos of famous business people talking at the Centre.



Blogs

A blog is like an online personal diary that also has web links. We have a blog on the internet. People from the Centre write this blog. We have another blog that is popular. It is about patenting.



‘The Centre helped us look at who our customers would be. They helped us write our business plan. This helped us get £35,000 to start our business.’

Richard Woods, DIY KYOTO



‘I love the networking events. You meet people starting a business like you are and it helps you know that you are doing it the right way.’

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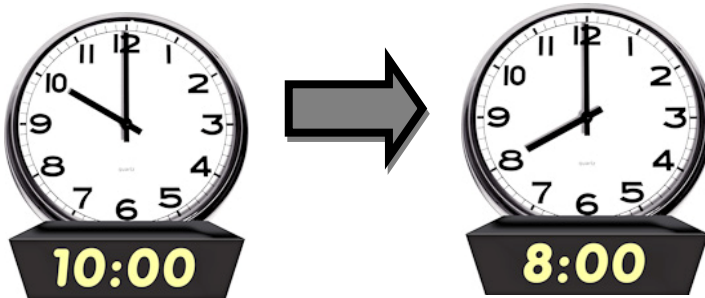
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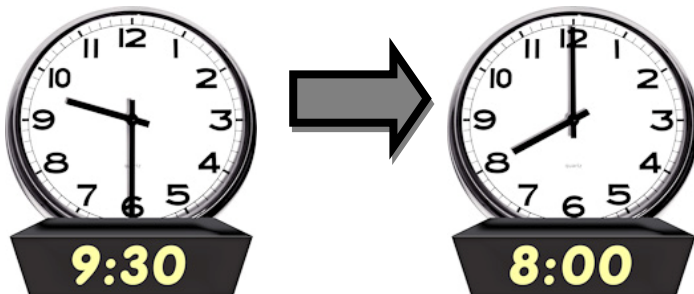
Opening Hours

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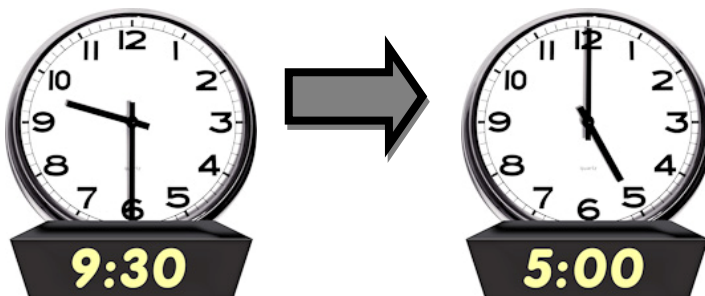
Mondays



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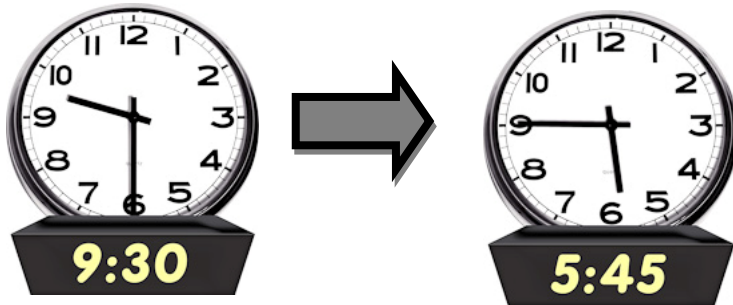


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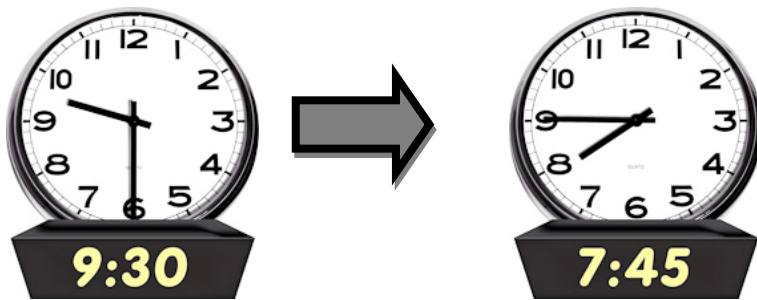


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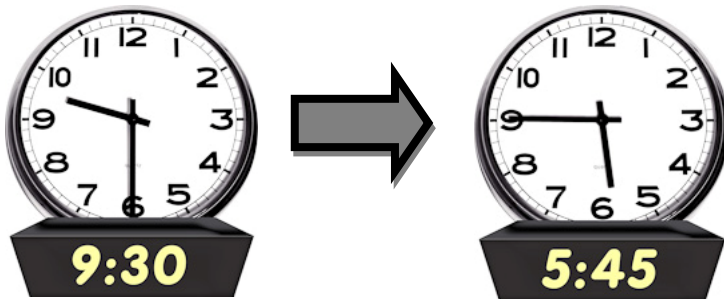
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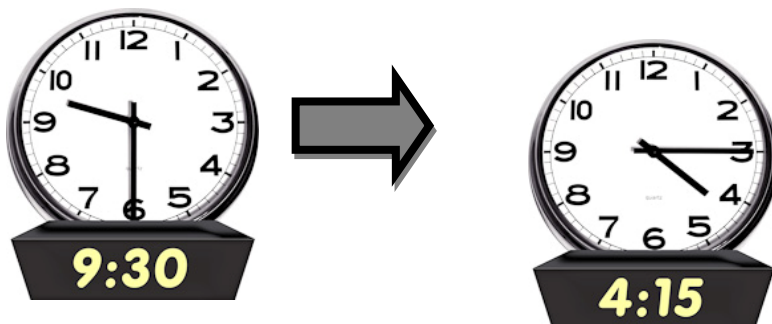
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How to get to the Centre



We are on the first floor of the Library.



We are near King's Cross, St Pancras and Euston train stations.



Bus routes 10, 30, 59, 73, 91, 205, 390 and 476 pass the building, along Euston Road.

Access



The Centre is wheelchair accessible.



We have a hearing loop in the Centre and also screen readers and magnification tools such as Supernova.



Get in touch if you have any questions about the support we can give you.



Easy read produced in partnership with BILD (British Institute of Learning Disabilities) www.bild.org.uk

