

How do you use the Centre?

The Centre is free to use and everyone is welcome to visit.

Use our information

To use the information in our Reading Room you need to register for a free Reader Pass. Simply:

- Bring along two forms of identity: one showing your signature e.g. passport and another showing your home address e.g. utility bill.

Utility bills etc. must be less than three months old. Please check our website before you visit to find out more.

- Visit Reader Registration on the Upper Ground Floor, fill in a form and get your Pass.

- Come to the Business & IP Centre on the First Floor. Our friendly staff will help you to get started.



Book workshops and advice sessions

Workshops and advice sessions can be booked on our website, where you'll find lots of information about our services.

Network and hold meetings

The Centre is a great place to meet like-minded entrepreneurs. In our Networking Area you can hold informal meetings, use free wifi and find information about other organisations that can help your business.

www.bl.uk/bipc

Contact us

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Hours

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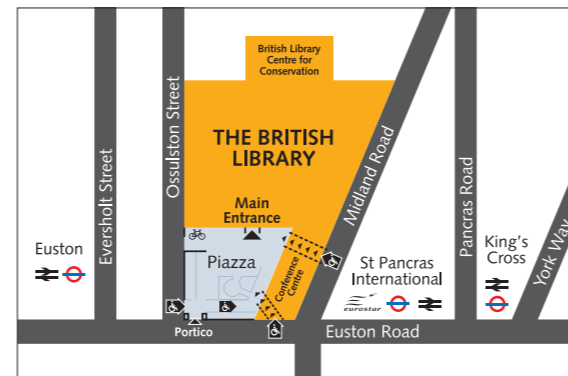
10.00 – 20.00 **Mon**
09.30 – 20.00 **Tues, Wed, Thurs**
09.30 – 17.00 **Fri, Sat**

Closed Sundays and
English public holidays

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09.30 – 19.45 **Tues**
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How to get here

You can find us on the first floor of the Library.

🚶 ➡ King's Cross, St Pancras and Euston

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, as well as screen readers and magnification tools such as Supernova.

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

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How can the Centre help you?

- Learn the skills to start and grow your business
- Get to know your customers and research your market
- Protect your ideas (intellectual property) and make money from them
- Gain confidence and inspiration and meet fellow entrepreneurs.

We support entrepreneurs and innovators from that first spark of inspiration to successfully launching and developing a business.

Over 250,000 entrepreneurs have come through our doors!



"The market research helped us to write our business plan, which enabled us to get a £35,000 grant to start the company."

Richard Woods, DIY KYOTO

What can you do in the Centre?

Business and intellectual property (IP) information

We have the largest collection of business and IP information in the UK, with expert staff on hand to guide you to the resources you need.

With market research databases, company information, patent specifications and more, you can pinpoint customers, keep track of your competitors and find an opportunity in your market.

If you don't want to do the research yourself, our paid Research Service can help you with patent searches and analysing your market and industry.

Workshops and networking events

We hold a wide range of workshops on the topics that matter to businesses, from intellectual property to market research, social media to ethical business. The sessions are relaxed and interactive and are either free or highly subsidised.

We also offer networking events where you can meet like-minded people.

One-to-one expert advice

Apply for an *Information Clinic* with one of our expert staff, where we will discuss your business idea in confidence and help you identify the most useful information and resources.

For specialist advice, our *Ask an Expert* programme offers an hour with seasoned entrepreneurs and professional advisors. Our current team of experts includes our *Inventor in Residence*, Mark Sheahan.

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98%
of users would
recommend us
to a friend

What can you do online?

To get the most out of our information and expertise you need to visit the Centre. However, we also have a growing online presence:

IP health check

Free online tool to help you put a value on your IP assets

Industry guides

Listings of the best reports, websites and information for your industry

Essentials guide

A guide to what you need to know to run a business and where to find it

'Business Essentials' wiki

A one-stop-shop for useful business links on the web

E-newsletter

A monthly update on events, services and news from the Centre

E-courses

Online courses to guide you through the basics of intellectual property

YouTube, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter

Watch videos and network online with other entrepreneurs

Blogs

An insider's view from the Centre and our popular patent blog.

"I love the networking events; you meet people who are in the same position as you and realise that you're on the right track."

Sabina Ali, Motasem

