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Media Release

Peterborough is getting 'Back to Business'

Peterborough's Back to Business Club will launch tomorrow (Thursday 3 September) with an opening address by MP Stewart Jackson.

The Back to Business Club is aimed at professionals made redundant as a result of the economic downturn. The Club aims to help out-of-work managers and professionals to maintain their confidence and motivation as they seek to return to the workplace. High numbers of Peterborough people seeking advice and support are expected to gather at the launch event to meet others in the same position.

Organisations on hand to provide guidance and sign-posting to support services at the Back to Business Club include Anne Corder Recruitment, Greenwoods Solicitors, and Peterborough Centre for Voluntary Services.

The Club will continue to run each Thursday, from 2-5pm at Peterborough College of Adult Education to provide a basis for drop-in networking designed to bring together like-minded people - those serious about getting back into the workplace. In addition, the Club will provide information and clear sign-posting to a range of support services that can help people back to work. Every fortnight the Club will include a workshop on topics such as CV writing, interview techniques, setting up your own business, as well as talks by city leaders on subjects such as the local economy.

The initiative is run by the Greater Peterborough Partnership, Peterborough's local strategic partnership, following a suggestion by MP Stewart Jackson. Stewart said, "Following a steep rise in redundancies in the city as a result of the economic downturn, it was felt that there is a lack of services in existence specifically targeted at managers and professionals who have previously been in work for several years. I sincerely hope that the Back to Business Club is able to provide guidance for Peterborough professionals actively seeking work at this challenging time and offer my full support of the initiative."

Any professional living in the Peterborough area who is actively seeking to return to the work place is welcome to attend the Back to Business Club. There is no charge, no need to register in advance and refreshments are provided. Smart dress is preferred.

To find out more about the Back to Business Club visit www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk/backtobusiness.php or join the LinkedIn group 'Back to Business'. You can also follow [back_2_business](#) on Twitter.

Please call Hannah at GPP on 01733 207340 or email hannah@gpp-peterborough.org.uk to register to come along to a future Back to Business Club meeting, or drop in on the day.

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Notes to Editors

The Greater Peterborough Partnership is Peterborough's local strategic partnership. It brings representatives from the public, private, faith, community and voluntary sector together to work collectively towards the vision and priorities of the Sustainable Community Strategy.

For more information on the Greater Peterborough Partnership visit www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk

Photographs and interviews:

You are welcome to attend the Back to Business Club to take photographs or conduct interviews. MP Stewart Jackson will be giving his opening address at 2pm.

To arrange an interview with Richard Astle, GPP Director, please contact Richard directly on richard@gpp-peterborough.org.uk or 07885252571.

To arrange an interview with Stuart Jackson MP, please contact Stephanie Reeves REEVESS@parliament.uk or Tel: 020 7219 5046.

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