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BUILDING STARTUP CAPABILITY & EXCELLENCE IN VICTORIAN COWORKING SPACES

LaunchVic, Victoria's startup development agency, today announced the final five coworking spaces who will receive funding under its Round 9 Expert-In-Residence (EIR) program.

CreativeCubes, Hub Australia, The HUB Regional Coworking, Happy Hubhub, and Stone and Chalk have been selected to deliver EIR programs that will provide educational workshops and mentorship to help founders and team members take their startup to the next level.

Victoria is home to approximately 170 coworking spaces, with Startup Genome's 2018 Melbourne's Startup Ecosystem report calling the state the 'coworking capital' of Australia.

This completes the funding under this grant program, for more information on the full list of recipients visit www.launchvic.org/rounds/round-9-expert-in-residence-2019

Grant Recipients

CreativeCubes is a collaborative coworking community that supports startups from their locations in Richmond and Hawthorn. Omar de Silva, an experienced serial entrepreneur, educator and advisor and Adam Valastro Founder, CEO – Travelling Tradies will deliver an EIR program that includes a series of educational breakfasts, full-day development workshops and mentoring to provide startups support in the leadership and strategy development.

Hub Australia supports over 600 members to grow their business from their Hub Southern Cross and Hub Collins Street locations in Melbourne. This educational and mentoring program will be delivered by Remco Marcelis from startup-focused accounting firm Standard Ledger. This EIR program will include a series of general finance and specific startup-focused financial talks over a 7-week period and open office hours for deeper dive discussions.

Regional Business Hubs supports entrepreneurs and startups to grow their business in North East Victoria. Peter Dostis, CEO of Runway Geelong will deliver an EIR program including bootcamps and 1:1 mentoring at their Wodonga location. The program will provide startup entrepreneurs with the essential skills required to validate their idea/opportunity and equip them with the tools and skills to pitch their venture to grow and further commercialise their product or service.

Happy Hubhub is passionate about facilitating the success and growth of female-led startups by supporting founders who would otherwise be unable to work effectively on their businesses due to childcare responsibilities. This EIR program will be delivered at their Preston location by Mary Karolyi, Principal, The HQ Hub. The program includes a month long financial mentoring program with specialist advice tailored specifically to each startup and educational workshops.

Stone & Chalk supports the growth of Fintech startups in Melbourne across the full spectrum of the Fintech landscape. This EIR program will be delivered by Karen Cohen, Director of Blockconsulting group at the Victorian Innovation Hub. This female-focused EIR program will include educational workshops covering topics such as business strategy and board readiness, a mentoring program and networking events to introduce emerging women in FinTech to other female leaders and corporates.

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