

FabLab Revealed

Event - Wed 20th July - 6-8pm

Dear friends and colleagues,

On Wednesday July 20th 6 - 8 pm, the local **Innovation & Growth Team** (ESBHIGT) is hosting a special one-off event to help you innovate and make the best contacts locally to enable innovation and growth. The event will feature the soft launch for the **FabLab Brighton** project, an innovative new initiative for the city.

Keynote speakers at the event include **Caroline Lucas** Green MP, and **Trevor Baylis**, inventor of the wind-up radio and **Paul Bonett** chair of the Education Business Partnership.

The IGT has been a strong support for innovative companies in the area and is supporting this event to pass on contacts and information for the future, including FabLab Brighton. FabLab will be a workshop space containing machines and equipment (like laser cutters, vinyl cutters, sewing machines and 3D printers) to provide widespread access to contemporary making and invention. FabLab Brighton's aim is to be accessible to all in the community from business to education: from

school kids through to university students, inventors, businesses, creatives and entrepreneurs; empowering them to turn their concepts and ideas into reality.

FabLabs are fast becoming a global phenomenon since their beginnings at MIT back in 2005. Since then 53 FabLabs have sprung up in 17 countries around the world. Currently there is only one in the UK, in Manchester. FabLab Brighton wants to be the second!

The event will take place at the FabLab Brighton location, in **Rodhus Creative Studios** just off Hollingdean Road (Map at www.rodhus.co.uk), between **6-8pm on Wednesday 20 July**. To sign up to the event please go to: <http://fablabbrighton.org/launch/> We regret that wheelchair access is not yet available at Rodhus.

Drinks and nibbles will be available as well as plenty of information about innovation, how to grow your business and all about FabLab. **Hope to see you there!**

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Key Speakers



Caroline Lucas

Caroline is the MP for Brighton Pavilion and leader of the Green Party of England & Wales. In 1999, she was elected to the European Parliament and served as MEP for South-East England until 2010, when she became the UK's first Green MP. A passionate campaigner on the environment, social justice, peace and human rights, Caroline was voted the UK's most ethical politician in 2007, 2009 and 2010 by readers of the Observer, and is one of the Environment Agency's Top 100 Eco-Heroes. Caroline and her family were based in Brussels for 11 years, while she was a Euro-MP. She now lives in Brighton and her family will join her soon, when her eldest son finishes his 6th form exams.



Trevor Baylis

Trevor Baylis was born in 1937 in Kilburn, London and was brought up in Southall during the Blitz. His education was disrupted by the War which led to the failure at the 11+ exam. At the age of 15 however, Trevor was swimming for Great Britain. His first job was at a soil mechanics laboratory in Southall, where a part-time day release programme enabled him to study mechanical and structural engineering at the local technical college. His early career was very diverse: he worked as a stunt man, escapologist, Physical Education Instructor for the Army, and proprietor of his own swimming pool company which successfully installed over 350 pools in schools throughout the UK using his own original design.



Paul Bonett

Paul is Chair of Brighton & Hove Education Business Partnership. The EBP links businesses with schools and colleges. It enables them to work together effectively and sustainably, providing young people with a range of work related learning activities in schools, through Enterprise and other hands-on events; and in the workplace, sourcing appropriate work placements in businesses around the City.