

Ever wanted to be the boss? Being a young person is no reason to hesitate! In fact there are some amazing success stories of young entrepreneurs achieving in small business. Starting your own business takes courage, commitment, hard work and good business skills. Fortunately there's plenty of assistance out there to help you have the best chance of success.

It helps to have experience in the industry that you plan to get into and doing a course in small business skills will further improve your chances.

LOCAL CONTACTS

For an overview of business in Penrith - look at www.penrithvalley.com.au

Penrith City & District Business Advisory Centre Limited are the local NEIS provider. What is NEIS?

NEIS or New Enterprise Incentive Scheme assists eligible unemployed people to start their own business. Why not give them a call on 02 4721 5011 or check their website which is www.penbec.com.au

Also have a look at the NEIS website which is www.nna.asn.au/NEIS

Other local organisations that you'll want to know about include:

Penrith Valley Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Tel: (02) 4721 5755 or visit www.penrithchamber.org.au

Penrith City Centre Association
Tel: (02) 4722 5556 or visit their [website](#)

Penrith Valley Business Enterprise Centre
Tel: (02) 4721 5011 or visit their [website](#) .

Penrith Valley Economic Development Corporation
Tel: (02) 4731 5711 or visit their [website](#).

Why not subscribe to their weekly newsletter to keep informed about your local business community.

PVEDC also incorporates the Western Sydney Innovation Advisory Centre who can help you with taking your innovations to the marketplace.

St Marys Town Centre Management Inc.
Tel (02) 9833 2433

GENERAL INFO

YouthLeap is a comprehensive directory of programs and links for enterprising young people – you'll need Adobe Acrobat to open it.

Here are some more useful links - whether it's business training, regulatory information, or business success stories.

The Young Business Network www.youngbusinessnetwork.sbdc.com.au/

Young Achievement Australia www.yaa.org.au

The Enterprise Network for Young Australians www.enya.org.au

Youth2Youth put out a magazine for enterprising young people called Ignite. Check out their website to subscribe. www.youth2youth.com.au

Check out www.flyingsolo.com.au for great contributions from small business owners, an especially good section on starting out and a newsletter to subscribe to.

There is also www.business.gov.au which has a comprehensive government and business organization directory as well as what you need to know about ABN's, tax, insurance etc. Business Licensing info can be found at www.bli.net.au/