

# NEWSLETTER

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## WEST CORK CHRISTMAS GIVEAWAY MARY BURKE



Looking forward to Christmas 2021? Ludgate Hub is delighted to partner with a number of businesses in West Cork for a fantastic Christmas Giveaway!!! Keep an eye on all of our social media for your chance to win some great gifts from West Cork.

Any West Cork business who would like to get involved in this great giveaway please contact [info@ludgate.ie](mailto:info@ludgate.ie)



## NEW APPOINTMENT

### Ludgate New Appointment



Earlier this month we were delighted to welcome Gavin Jeffery to the Ludgate team. Gavin has taken on the role of Business Development Manager here at the hub. Gavin came to Schull in March 2020 for a two week stay but that was extended by lockdown. Seeing his family thriving, they made the easy decision to make the move west a permanent one.

Gavin is a proven entrepreneur with energy and passion for all things west Cork. He graduated with a BComm degree from UCC. Having majored in Management and IT, he brings a technical and business focused skill set. He has 20 years of commercial experience working in a family business in Cork City. Ever the entrepreneur he saw an opportunity and also started a successful business himself during this time.

Gavin is an active volunteer with the Irish Coast Guard at the Schull station. He enjoys cycling and running all year round and loves being out on the water during the summer. Gavin has undertaken the role as team lead for the Grow Remote chapter in West Cork. The aims of Grow Remote are threefold. Firstly it will help those in the local community find employment. By doing so, it will help to repopulate the local area and enable rural regeneration. Finally, it facilitates remote workers to interact locally, through events or meetups. If you are a remote worker and want to be a part of our wonderful community at Ludgate, please email [gavin@ludgate.ie](mailto:gavin@ludgate.ie)

He looks forward to meeting you all soon at Ludgate.

## KIERAN COLLINS EDUCATION AND INNOVATION MANAGER



Leaving Certificate Computer Science includes how programming and computational thinking can be applied to the solution of problems, and how computing technology impacts the world around us.

There is currently no computer science offered as a leaving cert subject between Clonakilty and Killarney.

Ludgate plans to support the delivery of Computer Science for Leaving Certificate 2023. We would like to identify the number of students interested in undertaking the subject. The course would be outside a normal cohort of Leaving Certificate subjects.

The following survey that can be submitted by a parent/guardian or student will take 60 second of your time.

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## FIONA RYAN START UP AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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**Propeller event:** Last week we launched the Ludgate propeller event on the 18th November. We hosted Cork LEO North and West representatives, Deirdre O' Mahony and Kevin Curran who presented on the educational and financial supports available to businesses. This was a recorded event and is available for viewing on our website: <https://www.ludgate.ie/> The next Propeller event will be on the 13th of January with Marie Wiseman focusing on Digital marketing and the free resources to grow your business.

**Financial and Advisory support for Businesses:** Ludgate is excited to announce a partnership with BKK, a financial advisory firm that helps ambitious businesses navigate the challenges of enterprise. With over 40 years' experience in delivering expert advice and strategic support to entrepreneurs. For further information in relation to their service offering please visit: <https://bkk.ie/> If you have any specific queries for BKK please email [fiona@ludgate.ie](mailto:fiona@ludgate.ie).

**Website:** We have built out a specific section of our website for startups. Here we will be adding the programmes and supports available through Ludgate to support our Entrepreneurs and help to grow businesses: <https://www.ludgate.ie/start-up-enablement/>

## COMMUNITY NEWS



It has been a very busy time behind the scenes here at Ludgate the last few weeks. Earlier in November we were delighted to launch our BCP (Broadband Connection Points) Hub training programme. To find out more on this programme please click [here](#) The advance course will take place on December 07th and 14th Registration is available below.

Anyone travelling to West Cork in December ? Need to book a meeting room or Hot desk ? Then please get in touch [here](#). Ludgate is delighted to be part of [Connected Hubs](#). The primary objective is to support and complement the development of a National Hub Network, which is a key action of the Rural Development Policy -"Our Rural Future" and the National Remote Working Strategy -"Making Remote Work". Hot desking bookings are taken via Connected Hubs.

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