Build your brain for better business ideas

Professional and personal development are essential for any successful business person. Here are 12 sites that will help you build your business brain.

1: [99U](#)

An excellent site with actionable insights. It shows how to get good ideas over the line. It's good if being strategic isn't your strongest talent.

2: [Lynda](#)

Here are thousands of free video tutorials covering technical, creative, and business skills. One of the best education platforms online.

3: [Learnist](#)

This is a brilliant collaborative knowledge-sharing site with thousands of useful tips on a broad range of subjects.

4: [Alison](#)

Lots of free online courses with certification and diploma options. One of the leaders in the online education space.

5: [Brain Pump](#)

A great place to learn something new every day and keep your curiosity alive.

6: [Platzi](#)

Watch live-streamed courses, many of them free on topics like web and app development, online marketing, interface design and server admin.

7: [edX](#)

Free online courses from the world's best universities. The site is a collaborative project of Harvard University and MIT, with free online courses from universities and other institutions across the globe.

8: [Quora](#)

Quora is brilliant, a place where you will find the best answers to any question by the most knowledgeable people on the planet.

9: [Skillshare](#)

Skillshare is a 'learning community' for creators. You can learn online, watch video lessons, create projects, and even teach a class yourself.

10: [OpenSesame](#)

A place where you can buy affordable business training solutions.

11: [BBC Languages](#)

Do you need to learn a new language, to develop an export market perhaps? BBC Languages offers free, online language learning. Handy.

12: [Mental Floss](#)

To keep your mind growing and alert, you must exercise it. Mental Floss has lots of quizzes, brainteasers, and games.