

Startup Weekend coming back to Gorey

Techstars Startup Weekend will return to the Hatch Lab in Gorey in March and is open to anyone to come along.

The Hatch Lab in Gorey will host its second Techstars Startup Weekend from 1 to 3 March 2019, in partnership with Wexford LEO and Bank of Ireland.

Participants will have the opportunity to explore and develop new business ideas in a fun and inclusive environment.

Startup Weekend is a 54-hour event, where attendees pitch ideas, form teams and start companies. The weekend is community focused and provides a place for entrepreneurs to find co-founders, mentors and the momentum needed for their ideas.

In addition to developing their own ideas, participants will also be tasked with coming up with solutions for challenges relevant to Gorey, the surrounding region, and beyond. The goal of the weekend is to create an environment where passionate people can come together to get things done; to learn, network, bridge the gap between trades, expose potential weaknesses in their business models and see actual results.

Participants can bring their ideas to the next level and connect with like-minded people. Last year's event saw 35 participants, and some Startup Weekend graduates, such as Vicki O'Donnell of [Wilder Wander](#) have turned their Startup Weekend idea into self-sustaining businesses operating from [the Hatch Lab](#).

Some of the experts who will be in attendance over the weekend include Colin Keogh, a mechanical engineer and designer, who featured on the Forbes 30 under 30 list in 2016 and was one of the JCI's Ten Outstanding Young People in 2017, Cyril Byrne, a software innovator and mentor and Szilvia Szabo, CEO of Impacter.

The event is open for anyone to attend and you can book your place [here](#). Alternatively you can email emer.cooney@boi.com or tina@thehatchlab.ie.