

# **Local Enterprise Office Louth**

## **Lean Business Programme**

**Commencing Quarter 1, 2017**



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## Introduction

Lean tools and techniques are helping companies across the globe to address competitiveness issues within their businesses, building the capability of their people to identify issues and improve their operations. Lean is about being effective and efficient - doing things **quicker, better, cheaper**...together. Lean strives to stamp out waste and to continually improve.

The Local Enterprise Office Louth recognises these very substantial improvements in productivity and profitability that can result from the application of lean principles and aims to support owner/managers in effectively embracing lean methodologies in their businesses.

In 2014 an independent review found that Irish businesses engaged in lean business programmes recorded significant gains:

- Productivity up 20%
- Sales up 40%
- Delivery adherence up 43%
- Product & Service quality up 30%
- Employment up 11%



## Programme Objectives

On successful completion of the Lean Business Programme, participants will have the knowledge and skills to enable them undertake small lean projects resulting in continuous cost reduction improvements in their businesses. The programme will help to:

- Identify issues and potential improvement areas
- Provide support to implement

- Achieve savings and improvements in capability and capacity to deliver

### **Programme Content**

The **Lean Business Programme** will involve up to 5.5 full days that will introduce business owner / managers to Lean concepts and enable companies to undertake a Lean assignment in their business under the guidance and support of a qualified Lean mentor. The in-company assignment will be a cost reduction project and will typically be delivered over 8 to 12 weeks. After a suitable in-company project has been identified, a diagnosis of current practice and performance and key performance indicators will be established to achieve targeted business improvement measures based on a set of Lean tools and methodologies tailored to suit each client's situation. A Lean mentor will be available for up to 5.5 full days, with in-company visits to each business scheduled depending on each situation.

### **Aimed at**

The Lean Business Programme is aimed at owner / managers and key staff members of small businesses who wish to gain and introduction to lean concepts and allow them to gain a practical understanding of lean principles by undertaking a focused assignment with expert mentoring support. The programme will be available to a limited number of Louth businesses commencing in Quarter 1, 2017 and finishing during Quarter 2, 2017. Participating businesses will be encouraged to have 2 people attend the workshop if appropriate.

### **Programme Duration**

The programme begins in early 2017 with mentoring support to undertake an in-company lean assignment that will be completed by June 2017.

### **Cost**

The Lean for Business Programme is very heavily subsidised and the business contribution is €750.

### **To Register**

You can register by paying online at <https://www.localenterprise.ie/Louth/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/>.

Alternatively, if you wish to pay by instalments please ring us (asking to speak to a member of the Local Enterprise team) on 1890 202 303.

### **Further Information**

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