Whetstone Tech Workshop Entrepreneurial Hub

The **Whetstone Tech Workshop Entrepreneurial Hub** is a business incubation initiative devised and launched by the **Rotary Club of Ayr**.

Key Details

- The following should be read in conjunction with the **attached QR Code** relating to the Introductory video.

- **Purpose**: It is a free, nine-month entrepreneurial programme designed to give young, computer-literate tech enthusiasts a launchpad to start businesses in sectors of their choice. The principle is to create places of opportunity for 'entrepreneurial tech minded, and ambitious candidates to gain the use of free desk space for a limited period of time, (up to a maximum of 9 months) to develop their ambitions with an objective of building a viable business and create employment for others.

- **Location**: The hub operates out of a shared communal workspace with computer facilities and office accommodations based at **Glasgow Prestwick Airport**.

- **Perks**: Selected candidates receive 24/7 access to the airport facilities, free parking, free broadband and free bus travel for individuals up to 22 years old. . This unique opportunity is open also to those who may already be in employment, as well as those youngsters seeking independent assignments.

- **Partners & Support**: This 'Entrepreneurial' initiative has the Scottish Government Entrepreneurial Division's support, including initially, those from the sectors of industry and academia. For example, companies such as Storm Aviation and Prestwick Aerospace have confirmed support, along with Ayrshire College, the University of the West of Scotland, the Ayr Chamber of Commerce and particular individuals who have already developed successful entrepreneurial careers.

- **Project Identification**: When candidates first arrive at the Hub/Workshop, help through seed discussion will be made available to help candidates identify and/or expand upon their preferred project themes. During the introductory stages, it is anticipated that with mentoring support, there would be ideas discussed to encourage and help/guide those candidates to think out of the box in a creative and innovating way

Requirements for Potential Applicants

When applying, candidates are generally required to provide:

1. Full contact details (name, email, phone number).
2. A brief bio demonstrating computer literacy and relevant IT skills.
3. Complete the Start Up Action Plan