

Biography

Kenny MacKay - Ross-shire

Background

Based in Alness, Kenny MacKay holds the position of Regional Development Officer for Ross-shire. He has spent the last 16 years helping businesses to start-up and grow, having previously been employed by Ross & Cromarty Enterprise as a Business Start-Up Manager. Kenny is certainly no newbie to supporting businesses in the Ross-shire area, having previously worked in a variety of roles in sectors ranging from childcare to hospitality.

Setting up in business

Prior to becoming involved with business support, Kenny spent 10 years as the licensee of Creagorry Hotel Ltd in Benbecula. In this role he had a wide remit, being responsible for areas including management, accounting, HR and marketing. This experience gave him a good basis for helping other small businesses in the Highlands.

The role of Regional Development Officer

When Business Gateway decided to open a new office in Alness in 2009 Kenny was a natural fit for the role of Regional Development Officer.

Areas of expertise

Kenny really is a voice of experience when it comes to supporting start-ups and growth companies with their business and financial planning. In addition to his plethora of experience, he also has diplomas in IT and administration, plus additional qualifications in counselling skills, the hotel industry and quality assurance.

Kenny's top business resource

Kenny favours online resources and says, *"At Business Gateway we are fortunate to have access to COBRA - a continually expanding business encyclopaedia which covers all aspects of starting and running a business. I find that the information in this massive database is of great help to many of my clients, who are often looking for market reports and information on funding sources and business contacts."*