



MEDIA RELEASE

15th designedge Innovation FESTIVAL

The 2019 designedge Innovation FESTIVAL will launch alongside the 2019 Belmont & Western Australian Small Business Awards on the 8th of May at the Belmont Sports and Recreation Club from 6pm until 8pm.

designedge Innovation is co-ordinated by the Belmont Business Enterprise Centre Inc. (Belmont BEC) and supported by major sponsors City of Belmont and the Textile Clothing Footwear Resource Centre of WA (TCFWA).

FESTIVAL Gold Sponsor Paul Faix from Fortix will officially launch the designedge innovation Festival 2019, now in its 15th year.

The designedge innovation Festival 2019 will run from May 8th through to July 7th with events, forums, workshops, webinars, & networking being staged in Belmont, Perth Metro region and across Western Australia and broadcasted nationally & globally ONLINE.

The event is supported by Belmont BEC, TCFWA, Fortix, Res-Q, Emerge Internet, TCF Global, BEC Global, TCF Australia, BPW Business Incubator, Women Economic Forum, sponsors, supporters and volunteers.

Carol Hanlon, CEO of Belmont Business Enterprise Centre Inc., TCFWA Inc. and Founder of designedge Innovation FESTIVAL said, "The 15th designedge innovation FESTIVAL will conclude at the Women Economic Forum, Curtin University Perth on July 7th. Over 94 events will be held during the festival bringing together small business owners, innovators, designers, creatives, community organisations & global leaders."

Some of the Festival highlights this year include:

- **Growth Strategies for Western Australian Manufacturing Businesses – Workshop May 22, 9am-12noon, \$165** Develop strategies to grow your business sustainably when facing global competition, squeezed margins and an expensive workforce. Venue; Fortix, Level 5, c/- Tank Stream Labs & EY, 11 Mounts Bay Rd, Perth WA
- **Call me: The Art of the Telephone, Webinar Online, Free**
Artist Rachel Hanlon provides research on our social relationship to the telephone
- **On Folding & Technology: Scale, Dimensionality & Materiality* Online, \$30**
Dr. Matthew Gardiner discusses the aesthetics of Folding & Technology through the criteria of scale, dimension & materiality
- **Disability Employment - MBI Count Me IN - Forum June 26, 1pm-2.30pm, Free** Speakers & networking assist in breaking down barriers to disability employment. Venue: BBEC, Cloverdale, WA.
- **MY Fashion Incubator Migrant Small Business - Forum June 26, 2pm-4pm, Free** Growing your fashion, TCF creative small business. Venue: BSRC, Abernethy Rd, Cloverdale, WA
- **Women Economic Forum - Welcome Reception July 5, 6pm-8pm, \$110** Official Welcome Reception to VIP's, speakers, delegates & guests. Venue: WA Government House, Perth, WA



- **Economic Empowerment of Women Entrepreneurs through the Sustainable Development Goals* - Webinar Online, Free** Introduce the Sustainable Development Goals into your life, family, business & community.

All Festival events can be viewed www.belmontbec.com/2019innovation

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TCFWA | TCF Australia | TCF Global is a non-profit community organisation established in 1998, assisting over 6,500+ designers and fashion industry small businesses with fashion business skill development, linkages in the global supply chain, International trade missions and industry networks. Projects have included the designedge Fashion Incubator, Multicultural Womens Sewing Project, TCF Australia Business Skills Project, International Fashion Incubator Network, TCF Australia ONLINE Energy Efficiency Project and the MY Fashion Incubator Migrant Small Business Training & Mentoring Project. www.tcfwa.com www.tcfaustralia.com www.tcfglobal.com
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