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Lessons and Connections: Free Pub Talk for Startups

Newport, Ore. — RAIN is once again in the Newport forecast. The state and regionally funded entrepreneurial support organization is set to host its first local event of 2016.

A free pub talk will be held on Thursday, February 11, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Rogue Ales and Spirits (2320 SE Marine Science Drive). It is an opportunity for entrepreneurs and innovators to network with like-minded people and learn about local programs.

“This event is about helping new entrepreneurs build the connections they need to succeed, including peers, mentors and support organizations. It takes a community to raise an entrepreneur, and this event will help educate entrepreneurs about how to get the most out of networking events, as well as how to find and maximize mentors,” said Caroline Cummings, Venture Catalyst for RAIN, which stands for the Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network.

The event will also feature two short, educational talks:

“How entrepreneurs can get the most of networking events (just like this one!)” — Mark Lieberman, Chief Startup Officer of the OSU Advantage Accelerator/RAIN Corvallis

“How to find and get the most out of mentors as a startup” — Caroline Cummings, RAIN's Venture Catalyst and serial entrepreneur

The pub talk is free to attend; appetizers will be served, and attendees will receive one drink ticket. To register, visit bit.ly/pubtalk-newport-RAIN.

The event is sponsored by the RAIN and the Oregon State University Advantage Accelerator/RAIN Corvallis. Supporting organizations include the Marine Hatfield Science Center, Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County (EDALC) and Oregon Coast Community College's Small Business Development Center.

The pub talk is part of the new entrepreneurial movement, Startup Lincoln County (#StartupLinCo), launched by RAIN and EDALC in late 2015. More than 60 entrepreneurs, mentors and investors attended the initial call of interest event in November.

About Oregon RAIN

The Regional Accelerator & Innovation Network (RAIN) is an Oregon consortium of government, higher education, and the business community. RAIN was founded by the State of Oregon's Regional Solutions network and funded by the 77th Oregon State Legislative Assembly to advance the formation of high-growth innovative startup companies located in Lane, Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties.

In coordination with the Cities of Corvallis and Eugene, as well as communities throughout the region, RAIN is partnered with two accelerators to create a collaborative environment to assist entrepreneurs in establishing viable companies that generate jobs, wealth and opportunities for the region. RAIN Corvallis is served by the Oregon State University Advantage Accelerator. The RAIN Eugene Accelerator is a partnership between the University of Oregon and the Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information about RAIN, visit www.oregonrain.org.

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