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## **Bridging Innovation 2023 coming to Wheeling, West Virginia in April**

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Wheeling, WV - The West Virginia Entrepreneurship Ecosystem is thrilled to announce Wheeling, West Virginia as its 2023 Bridging Innovation location! Bridging Innovation Week, taking place from April 17-21, 2023, is a series of events that promote and foster entrepreneurship by bringing together ecosystem members, entrepreneurs, and educators. It hosts engaging events from across the state focused on creating more opportunities in West Virginia and cultivating a thriving entrepreneurial ecosystem.

“West Virginia has created an abundance of entrepreneurial resources throughout the state in the past several years,” said Tara St. Clair, Co-Chair. “This week will build upon the success of last year’s inaugural event to spotlight an engaging agenda that contains five days of expositions and competitions designed to inspire, support, and fund entrepreneurs in West Virginia.”

The full week of events features activities ranging from entrepreneur vendor fairs, pitch competitions, educational conferences, and hands-on trainings. Throughout the week, Bridging Innovation integrates meaningful networking opportunities to connect entrepreneurs with the multitude of resource organizations that exist in the Mountain State. Last year, Bridging Innovation hosted over 140 organizations dedicated to supporting entrepreneurs and over 1,000 individual attendees at events throughout the week.

Gearing up for 2023, The West Virginia Entrepreneurship Ecosystem expects hundreds of entrepreneurs, high school and college students, veterans, and established companies who are looking to scale to participate in the week. These current and prospective entrepreneurs will have the opportunity to meet with ecosystem builders and investors from across the state.

“Entrepreneurship is a driving catalyst for West Virginia’s economy. Bridging Innovation shines a light on the impactful initiatives taking place across the state to encourage collaboration, strengthen connections, and foster collective impact,” said Amber Ravenscroft, Co-Chair.

The Bridging Innovation Week schedule is live via the link below. Submit your event to be added to the 2023 schedule! For questions, information on participation, and potential sponsorship opportunities, contact WV Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Co-Chairs Tara St. Clair and Amber Ravenscroft at [Tara.StClair@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:Tara.StClair@mail.wvu.edu) and [aravenscroft@edvgroup.org](mailto:aravenscroft@edvgroup.org). To learn more, please visit <https://wvbusinesslink.com/bridging-innovation-week-april-17-21-2023/>.

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