Events to help boost business

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A recent business breakfast at the Best Western King's Manor Hotel in Edinburgh.

A Lothians Chamber of Commerce is hosting two events which may boost your business.

A joint networking lunch at Dalhousie Castle, Midlothian, on Thursday, 21 September is being organised by Midlothian and East Lothian Chamber of Commerce and their counterparts in West Lothian from noon to 2pm.

George Archibald, Midlothian's chief executive officer, said the lunches always probe extremely popular.

He added: "It is an ideal way to make contacts and raise the profile of your business, all in a friendly and relaxed environment.

"To help you make the most of the networking opportunities, be prepared to move to another table between courses."

The next Chamber Breakfast Club is on Thursday 28 September (8am to 10am) at the Best Western Kings Manor Hotel, Milton Road, Edinburgh.

Funding Opportunities from Enterprise Investment Scheme (EIS) the title of the main talk and the scheme is designed to help smaller higher-risk trading companies raise finance.

It offers a range of tax reliefs to investors who purchase new shares in those companies.

Mr Archibald said: "Anyone wishing to obtain relief, or to set up their own qualifying company, should take tax advice, not only at the outset, but on an on-going basis, to ensure that all relevant tax reliefs are claimed, obtained (and retained) and all opportunities grasped."