



Increasing opportunities for Wai'anae Coast residents by developing the community's rich natural, cultural, and human resources.

A WEDC PROGRAM

Welcome Maolipreneur Cohort 6!



Cohort participants along with instructor Shavone Lave (bottom role far left)

We are excited to welcome the participants of our Maolipreneur program! Maolipreneur aims to help you to create a sustainable and profitable business. After four months of the Maolipreneur program, business owners will experience a higher profit margin and an increase in revenue

WEDC BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENTS



Unified by a shared commitment to positive change

Stand up with Wai'anae Cares and become part of our group as we work towards positive change and transformative impact in our community from Kahe to Kaena! #WaianaeCares

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Our service is tailored for passionate individuals like you, who are eager to start a nonprofit but don't know where to begin.

Discover how we can turn your vision into reality with half the stress!

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DO YOU WANT TO GET YOUR NON-PROFIT OFF THE GROUND?!



We will walk you through the process of opening a nonprofit organization!

We will help you...

- Meet legal and regulatory requirements
- Define your mission and develop your bylaws
- Prepare for fundraising and sustainability
- Launch your inaugural meeting
- AND MORE!!!



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FREE Business Assistance!

The *Pakini Loan Fund* provides loans for small businesses throughout the state of Hawaii with a priority to serve Native Hawaiians and those living on the Westside.

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The Community Navigator features special announcements specific to the Wai'anae Coast as well as community resources and events.

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The Community Navigator
Wai'anae Coast Community

Wai'anae Business Highlight

Empowering Youth through Combat Sports



"At Young Boys Inc., we provide more than just a place to train," Nainoa expressed with unwavering conviction. "It's about creating a sanctuary, a refuge from the challenges that often besiege our youth. We instill values of self-discipline, respect, and confidence while nurturing their skills in self-defense."□

Young Boys Inc. serves as a channel for dreams to flourish and aspirations to take flight. With specialized classes catering to children aged 6-14 and adults aged 15 and above, Nainoa and his team are tirelessly working to mold the leaders of tomorrow.

For those seeking guidance or interested in joining the Young Boys Incorporated family, reach out to Nainoa on Instagram @Nainoa_Dung. Nainoa extends his invitation to aspiring athletes and concerned parents alike!□

VISIT INSTAGRAM

IN THE NEWS

- **O'ahu Small Business Week:** [Join the O'ahu Business Connector \(OBC\) from April 28 to May 2 to get connected with free or low-cost services throughout the week. The OBC is part of the City and County of Honolulu's strategy to support small businesses and is managed by the City's Office of Economic Revitalization. The heart of the program is its grassroots team of Resource Connectors who personally reach out to businesses and educate them about available resources.](#)
- **Free Cyber Security Assessment for Small Businesses:** [DBEDT is offering this professional assessment -- valued at over \\$5,000 -- at NO COST to a limited number of Hawaii small businesses through a grant from the SBA.](#)
- **Wāhine Freelance Alliance Virtual Headquarters:** [The WFA Headquarters will become a metaverse for wāhine productivity & innovation through building a wāhine cohort that is multi-generational, multi-disciplinary, comprising of individuals from diverse work experiences and backgrounds. Over the next year, they aim to recruit and serve 50 wāhine freelancers, founders, and entrepreneurs at their virtual co-working hub.](#)

UPCOMING BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

- Tuesday, April 30 at 10:00 am HST: [Internship and Security Leadership Webinar](#)
- Wednesday, May 1 at 2:00 pm HST: [Entrepreneurial & Leadership Series: Financial Projections](#)

- **Tuesday, May 7 at 9:00 am HST: [The Changing Landscape of In-person Banking: Implications for Financial Institutions, Regulators, and Communities](#)**
 - **Wednesday, May 8 at 10:00 am HST: [Part 2: Analyzing Financial Statement to Improve Your Business Performance-Focus on Income Statements](#)**
 - **Wednesday, May 15 at 10:00 am HST: [Promoting Your Small Business in a Digital World](#)**
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Submissions

The *WEDC Business Bulletin* is published every Monday morning. To contribute activities, events, news items, or articles, email marketingdept@thewedc.com. The deadline to submit items is every Friday. If you are interested in being featured as our business highlight and in the Westside Stories newspaper, click [here](#) to complete the Business Feature form.



ABOUT WEDC

We are a premier community economic development agency and a leader in the community development field in our collective approach to community planning, capacity building, financial services, and business development.

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