TECH CLUSTER EVENTS GUIDE 2026

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FEBRUARY

Event Type: Tech Cluster Event for members
Event: **Pitch Pace a pitching Masterclass**
Date: Thursday, 26th February
Time: 6-8pm
Location: Merits, Naas:

A focused masterclass to help tech founders refine their pitch and communicate value clearly.

MARCH

Event Type: Tech cluster event for members
Event: Innovation Voucher, Interns and Impact
Date: Thursday 26th March
Time: 6-8 pm
Location: Merits Naas

Join us for a 2-hour, high-energy session showcasing how Innovation Vouchers work in practice. Hear real perspectives from universities, students and startups, followed by fast-paced, structured networking designed to spark meaningful connections and future collaboration.

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Event Type: Workshop
Event: Intertrade Ireland seedcorn workshop
Date: Friday 27th March
Time: 10-11.30 am
Location: Merits Naas

Get Investor Ready with InterTrade Ireland's Seedcorn Competition 2025 Compete for a share of €800,000 across new B2B, B2C and Deeptech categories. Join us for expert insights, benefits and application tips.

APRIL

Event type: Training programme
Event : **Pre-Tech accelerator spring programme**
Date: Thursday 9th April- Tuesday 9th June
over 11 weeks, April, May and June
Time: 5:30 – 8:30pm
Location: Merits, Naas:

A structured accelerator supporting early-stage tech founders through key stages of development.

- Thursday, 9 April- Problem–Solution Fit & the founder
- Thursday, 16 April- Customer Discovery
- Thursday, 23 April- Value Proposition

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Event type: Tech cluster event for members
Event: **Build Your AI Agent**
Date: Wednesday 29th April
Time: 6pm-8pm
Location: Merits, Naas

A hands-on workshop where founders build a working AI agent in two hours to solve a real startup problem, no technical experience needed.

MAY

Event type: Training programme
Event: **Pre tech accelerator Spring programme continued May dates.**
Date: Thursday 7th May - Thursday 28th May
Time: 5:30 – 8:30pm
Location: Merits, Naas

- Thursday, 7 May- Business Models
- Thursday, 14 May- Marketing with AI: Build Your Digital Playbook
- Thursday, 21 May- Funding & Financial Projections
- Thursday, 28 May- Building Your Product & Scaling

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MAY

Event type: Tech cluster event for members
Event: **Founder Insight: Lessons from Funded Founders**
Date: Wednesday 20th May
Time: 6pm–8pm
Location: Merits, Naas

A focused, high-energy session for tech founders featuring investor insight, lessons from recently funded founders, and a practical workshop. Participants leave with clarity, momentum, and defined next actions.

JUNE

Event type: Training programme
Event: **Pre-Tech accelerator continued. June dates.**
Date: Thursday 4th June and Tuesday 9th June
Time: 5:30-8pm
Location: Merits, Naas

- Thursday 4 June: The art of pitching demo day
- Tuesday 9 June: 1-5.30 pm Demo day and the rd ahead

SEPTEMBER

Event type: Training programme
Event: Pre-tech accelerator Autumn programme
Date: Thursday 17th September- Friday 5th Nov
9 weeks programme. September, October and November
Time: 5:30 – 8:30pm
Location: Merits, Naas

- Thursday, 17 September: Problem/Solution Fit & the founder
- Thursday 24 September : Customer discovery.

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Event type: Tech cluster events for members
Event: Idea Ignition
Date: Thursday 24th September
Time: 5:30 – 8:30pm
Location: Merits, Naas

A high-energy showcase of early stage ideas, prototypes and passion projects, where startups, students and creators reveal raw innovation, from MVPs to sketches brought to life.

OCTOBER

Event type: Training programme
Event: Pre-tech accelerator Autumn programme continued October dates.
Date: Thursday 1st October-Thursday 29th October
Time: 5:30-8pm
Location: Merits, Naas

- Thursday, 1 October : Value Proposition
- Thursday, 8 October: Business Models
- Thursday, 15 October: Funding & Financial Projections
- Thursday, 22 October: Building Your Product & Scaling Your Start-up
- Friday, 22 October: Marketing with AI: Build Your Digital Playbook
- Thursday, 29 October: The Art of Pitching Demo Day

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Event type: Tech cluster event for members
Event: TechConnect Sprint
Date: Thursday 29th October
Time: 5:30–8pm
Location: Merits, Naas:

A fast-paced networking sprint, connecting founders, mentors and peers.

NOVEMBER

Event type: Training programme
Event: Pre-Tech accelerator autumn programme continued, November dates
Date: Thursday 5th November
Time: 1pm-5pm
Location: Merits, Naas

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Event type: Showcase
Event: National tech tourism event
Date: TBC
Time: TBC
Location: We'll keep you informed as the agenda and exhibiting opportunities open up!

DECEMBER

Event type: Tech cluster events for members
Event: Year end strategy session
Date: Thursday 3rd December
Time: 6-8pm
Location: Merits, Naas

A collaborative strategy workshop to reflect and plan ahead.

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