



Innovation on Places: Upcoming Events and Highlights for June 2018

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- **BioCT's 3rd Annual Summer Kick-Off:** On [June 12, 4:00–7:00 p.m.](#), at [The Innovation Commons](#), catch up with colleagues, celebrate the start of the summer, and enjoy live music, great food, local oysters, beer and wine. Also featuring the BIO Business Solutions Vendor Show and opening of the STE[A]M Art Exhibit @ The Commons from 4:00 to 5:00 pm, prior to the start of the picnic.
- **Community Concierge Connection Series:** Meet new neighbors and longtime locals in a unique setting, the Florence Griswold Museum, [on June 13, 5:30–8:00 p.m.](#)
- **Clicks & Bricks: Social Media for Small Business:** On [June 19, 6:30–8:00 p.m.](#), at The Innovation Commons, Maria Miranda from Miranda Creative and others will discuss best practices for effective social media strategies for small businesses and startups. Presented by Ignite and the Town of Groton.
- **Innovator Networking Series and Make Music Day:** This month's networking event, to be held on [June 21, 4:30–7:00 p.m.](#), at [The Innovation Commons](#), will include the Startup Success Story of Assembly BioSciences, acoustic music as part of Make Music Day, a STE[A]M art exhibit and, of course, food and drink and networking.
- **RD86:** Every Friday night in June from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., experience a pop-up fine dining experience at RD86 Space, 86 Golden St., New London. We are currently developing a concept for a seafood restaurant.
- **RD86:** RD86 has quickly become the destination for a refined brunch experience in New London. Now open inside and outside every weekend in June from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- **Community Concierge/YPECT:** On [June 30, 11:00 a.m.](#), at [Bluff Point in Groton](#), we are hosting a combo event where Newcomers and Young Professionals of ECT gather together to experience the attractions and activities of the region.

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- **The City that Feeds Itself Workshop #3:** The CFI initiative's goal is to cultivate a new wave of urban farmers to grow food for their communities for food and job security. The goal of the workshops is to get feedback on the best way to integrate an urban farm into the community. In our third workshop, we'll be exploring the labor needs and logistics behind building an urban farm in Hartford. [Workshop takes place on June 2, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., at the Hartford Public Library, Park Street Branch.](#)
- **The City that Feeds Itself Workshop #4:** The CFI initiative's goal is to cultivate a new wave of urban farmers to grow food for their communities for food and job security. The goal of the workshops is to get feedback on the best way to integrate an urban farm into the community. [Workshop takes place on June 9, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., at the Hartford Public Library, Park Street Branch.](#)
- **CT Business Matchmaker 2018:** The CT Business Matchmaker is an invaluable opportunity for small to large businesses committed to expanding their government contract and subcontracting. Small businesses will meet with large prime contractors, government agencies and others to present their products and services in a series of 10-minute one-on-one interviews. This year's event will take place on [June 14, 7:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m., at the University of Hartford, 200 Bloomfield Ave., West Hartford.](#)
- **InsurTech June Social:** Our June social, held [on June 27, 5:30–7:30 p.m., at Upward Hartford](#), will feature a panel discussion with local thought leaders, investors and startups and provide an opportunity to network with the Hartford InsurTech Hub.
- **One World Market:** Every Wednesday in June, visit the market and enjoy Middle Eastern, West Indian, Peruvian and Thai cuisines, as well as smoothies, which are offered at lunch to workers and visitors to Hartford Hospital and Connecticut Children's Medical Center, as well as the community. [Market is open 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.](#) and is located between Hartford Hospital and Connecticut Children's Medical Center.