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**Moving Great Ideas Forward:
Stamford Innovation Week Announces Dynamic 2019 Lineup**

Stamford, Conn (August 15, 2019)—What happens when you take the already vibrant entrepreneurial community of Stamford, Connecticut, pour in hundreds of fresh ideas, and add thousands of bright minds from across the Northeast that see possibility and connectivity around every corner? Stamford Innovation Week (SiW) materializes, bringing together dozens of dynamic organizations, including Google Cloud, Deloitte, Slack, NBC Universal, and UCONN for a 9-day exploration of innovation, technology and entrepreneurship. SiW 2019 will take place September 19 – 27 at sites across the city.

Developed for entrepreneurs, investors, business leaders, designers, and service providers in everything from Blockchain to Python programming, smart cities to digital security, and marketing to media, SiW's focus is providing the inspiration, education and the connections to move great ideas forward.

“SiW is part of a larger vision to drive innovation and entrepreneurship and be an engine of economic development in Connecticut and throughout the region,” says Founder Jonathan Winkel. “We’re creating a vibrant community where people with an idea can plug into an existing network of entrepreneurs, technologists, investors, universities and make that idea a reality.”

With 5,000 attendees expected this year, SiW will host 20 events including conferences; exciting social and cultural experiences; lively workshops with 150 speakers from across the U.S.—including CEOs, award-winning authors and IPO-exited founders—and over 2,500 companies represented. SiW will provide world-class networking and rare insights from thought leaders in innovation and technology. Sponsors: NatWest Markets, Deloitte, NBC Sports, CT Next, Connecticut Innovations, McCarter & English, Robinson & Cole, Goodway, Stamford Town Center.

In 2018, thousands of people came together for the first Stamford Innovation Week – ideas were ignited, relationships developed, and collaborations begun. SiW 2018 was nominated for “Event of the Year” by CT Entrepreneur Awards.

SiW 2019 Highlights

From connecting with others to get an early-stage startup off and running to discovering that next great venture worth investing in, there will be something to inspire everyone at SiW.

FastFWD Innovation & Technology Conference - 9/27 - Stay ahead of the curve and attend SiW's premiere event, FastFWD. which brings together front-line innovator and industry pros to share insights and trends driving innovation and creating disruption today—and examine what the future might hold. We'll examine markets, technologies, geopolitical movements and other “macro” level concepts and events to explore the root cause of change, and what opportunities and challenges we need to prepare for today. <https://siweek.org/fastfwd/>

Innovation Lab - 9/25 –Can you handle the waveAerospace micro-drone obstacle course? Come face-to-face with a global entrepreneur in the Shared Studios immersive portal, dive into the latest AR/VR experiences by The Glimpse Group, and so much more. Don't miss this indoor/outdoor showcase of the latest ideas, tools, technologies, and experiences defining what it means to innovate today.

Blockchain Day - 9/20 - From crypto enthusiasts to enterprise blockchain leaders, this full-day conference helps you take your blockchain skills (and network) to the next level. Learn more about how Blockchain is being adopted across industries, data privacy and the consumer, and implement these concepts in practical hands-on exercises. <https://siweek.org/blockchainday2019>

Arts

Whether your idea of innovative art is a video-projection show, painting, or sculpture there is something creative to plug into during Stamford Innovation Week.

- **SiW Opening Festival – 9/20** - An epic urban art festival amidst a dynamic industrial landscape. Live painters, live music, performers, video projection art, food trucks and more.
- **Open Pop - People's Choice Pop-Up Art Gallery - 9/21- 22** - SiW and Chilton & Chadwick Global Art Advisory have invited local artists to showcase innovation through art. Starting August 18,

2019, the community will vote for their favorite works and curate an exclusive exhibit. Artists will have an opportunity for exposure and their work will be offered for sale at the event.

Startup Weekend – 9/20 - Ferguson Library –People looking to explore a business concept can create a prototype of their idea and receive professional feedback. Participants will identify their target consumer and create a prototype of their product. Everyone will receive personalized feedback and time with mentors.

Digital Media Events - 9/20 - 9/27 - Dynamic events bring together young creatives and entrepreneurs, educators, and industry leaders to examine the future of media and its impact on our world. The schedule features talent-development sessions, panels from leaders in the field, as well as numerous networking opportunities. Don't miss Digital Media Fest - Stamford Media Center @ NBCUniversal, which includes a Digital Media Expo followed by an executive panel by NBCUniversal. Other events include a Digital Media CT Summit at UConn Stamford, Digital Media & Design Faculty Showcase at UConn, and Digital Media Skills Breakfast Educational Sessions

Hackathon - 9/20 - NatWest Markets, Google Cloud and Girls Who Code team up to help build, support, and grow the pipeline of future female engineers in the U.S.

How to Start Food & Beverage Businesses - 9/21- Hosted by Half Full Brewery – A series of panel discussions exploring what it takes to start and grow a food and beverage company today. We'll explore four key areas; How to Start a Food Truck Business; How to Start a Distribution Based Food & Beverage Business; How to Start a Restaurant, and How to Start a Direct-to-Consumer Business.

SiW 2019 Full schedule - <https://siweek.org/schedule-2019-3>

All events require prior registration. For tickets and full schedule of events visit: www.SIWeek.org. Most events are free and open to the public; others range from \$49- \$199.