

Cefnogi Busnesau yng Ngwynedd Supporting Businesses in Gwynedd



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COVID-19: Roadmap to Alert Level 0 announced

The Welsh Government has set out a plan to return to Alert Level 0 over the coming weeks if conditions allow. From tomorrow, 15 January 2022, the number of spectators at outdoor events will rise to 500. From 21 January 2022 all outdoor activities will move to Alert Level 0 and from Friday 28 January, Wales will return to Alert Level 0 for all indoor activities and premises. To read the statement in full, go to:

<https://gov.wales/written-statement-review-health-protection-coronavirus-restrictions-no5-wales-regulations-2020-3>

FUNDING: Enhanced support to be provided by Emergency Business Fund and threshold for support from Economic Resilience Fund lowered

Further to yesterday's Business Support Bulletin, the Welsh Government has announced changes to the next two funds which will support retail, hospitality, leisure and tourism

businesses, and their supply chains, following the latest COVID-19 restrictions.

- the minimum level of support to be provided by the Emergency Business Fund – which will support eligible businesses who do not receive a Non-domestic Rates bill – has been increased to £1,000
- the threshold for businesses to benefit from the Economic Resilience Fund – which will provide additional support to eligible businesses with an annual turnover above £85,000 – has been lowered to those who anticipate a 50% reduction in turnover

To read the statement go to:

<https://gov.wales/written-statement-emergency-covid-financial-support-changes-erf-eligibility-criteria-and-sole>

More information on both funds – which are likely to open during the second half of next week – is available at:

<https://bit.ly/December2021Restrictions>

The registration form for the third fund – the NDR Emergency Fund which supports eligible businesses who receive a Non-domestic Rates (NDR) bill – is already available and can also be accessed by going to:

<https://bit.ly/December2021Restrictions>

FUNDING: £15.4m to help support Wales' Arts and Culture sectors

A third round of the Cultural Recovery Fund (CRF) has been announced (incorporating the previously announced Winter Stability Fund). The Arts Council of Wales launched its application process on 12 January 2022. Organisations who were previously supported via the CRF will be contacted by letter during next week. Support will also be provided to eligible organisations, which have not received support via CRF to date.

The closing date for applications is 5:00pm on 26 January 2022.
For more information, go to:

<https://arts.wales/news-jobs-opportunities/ps154m-help-support-wales-arts-and-culture-sectors>

<https://businesswales.gov.wales/>

EVENTS: Sustainable Visitor Economy 2035 – Virtual Events 27 January 2022 | 7 February 2022

Two workshops for different areas of Gwynedd and the National Park have been organised to discuss how to ensure a sustainable visitor economy in Gwynedd and Eryri. There will be an opportunity to learn from international and local best practice, identify barriers, support and future priorities.

On 27 January 2022, 2:30pm-5:30pm, a workshop for the Pwllheli, Llŷn, Arduwy, Dysynni, Dolgellau and Bala Penllyn areas will be held, to learn more go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/twristiaeth-cynaliadwy-gwynedd-eryri-sustainable-tourism-registration-239237484757>

On 7 February 2022 4:00pm-7:00pm a workshop is scheduled for the Bangor, Bethesda, Caernarfon, Llanberis, Dyffryn Nantlle, Porthmadog/Penrhyndeudraeth, Bro Ffestiniog and Rural Conwy, to learn more go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/twristiaeth-cynaliadwy-gwynedd-eryri-sustainable-tourism-registration-242705186747>

FUNDING: Industrial Energy Transformation Fund (IETF)

The Industrial Energy Transformation Fund (IETF) supports the development and deployment of technologies that enable businesses with high energy use to transition to a low carbon future. Phase 2: Spring 2022 of the IETF will open on 31 January

2022, and provides grant funding for feasibility and engineering studies and the deployment of industrial energy efficiency and deep decarbonisation projects. For more information, go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/industrial-energy-transformation-fund>

FUNDING: UK Seafood Fund

The UK Government has announced that fishing communities across the UK will benefit from better infrastructure, strengthened supply chains, new jobs and an investment in skills due to a £75 million boost for the sector – part of the £100m UK Seafood Fund. To find out about the aims of the UK Seafood Fund, what funding is available, and how to apply for it, go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/uk-seafood-fund>

OPPORTUNITY: Miwtini Egin Cegin

If you have an idea for a food or drink business and want specialist support from the Enterprise Hub to develop the idea, join this Miwtini to learn about the resource available at Egin Cegin at Conglmeinciau, Botwnnog. Topics covered during the 8 week programme will include business essentials, marketing, level 2 food hygiene training, pricing and budgeting, allergen management and branding and packaging. To apply, complete an application form before 17 January 2022 by going to:

<https://form.jotform.com/Openshaw/Miwtini>

For more information contact: rhys@mentermon.com

TAX: Making Tax Digital for VAT

HMRC are reminding businesses to take steps to prepare for Making Tax Digital for Value Added Tax (VAT) before it becomes mandatory for all VAT-registered businesses from 1 April 2022. For more information, go to:

<https://bit.ly/3qtHmEp>

More useful information is available from:

Gwynedd Council – Business Support

<https://www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/businesscovid19>

<https://twitter.com/BusnesGwynedd>

Gwynedd Business Network

<https://www.gwyneddbusnes.net/>

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Business Wales

<https://businesswales.gov.wales/coronavirus-advice/>

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