

Cefnogi Busnesau yng Ngwynedd Supporting Businesses in Gwynedd



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Welsh Government December 2020 Restrictions Business Funds

Further to our recent bulletins, here is further information on the financial support the Welsh Government is offering businesses that will be directly affected by the new December 2020 restrictions.

- Hospitality businesses who are liable for Non-domestic Rates and did not apply for a Firebreak Grant in October/November, and those in premises with a rateable value of between £51,001 and £150,000, can now register to receive support from the Restrictions Business Fund by completing a short form which is available now on the Gwynedd Council website.
- Hospitality businesses who have received a Firebreak Grant recently will receive their payments directly and should receive their grant from Gwynedd Council by the end of this week.
- The application form for hospitality businesses, and those supplying the hospitality sector, that DO NOT receive a Business Rates bill, and have

been directly and significantly affected by the new restrictions, is already available.

- The application form for the final element of the Restrictions fund – businesses that receive a Business Rates bill who supply the hospitality sector and have been directly and significantly impacted by the restrictions – will be available in the near future.

For the application forms and further information, go to:

<https://bit.ly/ResBusFundsDec2020>

Gwynedd Council has issued a press release urging businesses in the county to prepare for the administration of the latest package of financial support by the government, go to:

<https://bit.ly/PressReleaseGwynedd14Dec2020>

Eligibility checker for hospitality, leisure and tourism fund is live

Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism businesses impacted by the latest coronavirus restrictions can now find out how much they can expect to receive from the latest round of the Welsh Government's business support package. The £180 million COVID-19 ERF Sector Specific Grant for impacted businesses in the tourism, leisure and hospitality sectors will be administered by the Welsh Government. A new eligibility checker and calculator is now live on the Business Wales website to help businesses work out what support they can expect to qualify for. Guidance will also be available for firms to help them through the application process for the Sector Specific Fund which will open during the week of 11 January 2021. Go to:

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

Coronavirus Control Plan: alert levels in Wales

The Welsh Government has published an update to their Coronavirus Control Plan: alert levels in Wales. It describes the measures to control coronavirus at 4 alert levels and how the level will be set. To read the Plan go to:

<https://gov.wales/coronavirus-control-plan-alert-levels-wales>

Encouraging people to shop local in Gwynedd this Christmas

Gwynedd Council is running a campaign on social media encouraging people to support local businesses this Christmas. If you promote your produce and offers on Facebook, you can share your post by tagging us on:

<https://bit.ly/PrynuLleolGwyneddBuyLocal>

You can see the Christmas message on:

<https://bit.ly/XmasVideoBuyLocal>

As part of the campaign, information on a host of local businesses is available on the following website:

https://bit.ly/buylocal_2020

Any business wishing to be added to the list on this website should contact:

tourism@gwynedd.llyw.cymru

Brexit: The End of the EU Transition Period

The UK left the EU on 31 January and has been in a transition period which will end on 31 December 2020. During the transition period, the majority of the current EU rules and trading arrangements have remained in place with no significant changes in most areas. However, the end of the transition period is fast approaching and this will mean changes to the current rules on trading, as will the right to travel without visas to other EU countries. Comprehensive information for a number of sectors that need to prepare for the end of the transition period as we leave the EU at the end of the year can be found on Business Wales' EU Transition Portal. Go to:

<https://businesswales.gov.wales/eu-transition-portal/>

- Holyhead Port: frequently asked questions

For guidance on the port of Holyhead for the end of the EU transition period on 1 January 2021, go to:

<https://gov.wales/holyhead-port-frequently-asked-questions>

Circular Economy Fund: WRAP Cymru

If you, or any manufacturing businesses you work with based in Wales, are considering applying to WRAP Cymru for a capital grant from the Circular Economy Fund, you should be aware that the current bidding rounds for Large Scale and Small Scale grants close on 18 December 2020. Small Scale grants are available from £25,000 to €200,000 (the maximum de minimis threshold) and Large Scale grants are available from €200,000 to £750,000. For more information about WRAP Cymru and the grants, go to:

<https://www.wrapcymru.org.uk/grants>

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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