

# Cefnogi Busnesau yng Ngwynedd Supporting Businesses in Gwynedd



**CYNGOR GWYNEDD COUNCIL**

## **Gwynedd Business Support Bulletin 06.11.2020**

### **ERF Lockdown Business Fund remains open**

The demand for the Business Development Grant element of the Economic Resilience Fund has been exceptional with nearly 6,000 applications received throughout Wales. The fund has been paused to allow an assessment of applications to be undertaken. This pause does not affect the first and much larger element of the fund – the ERF Lockdown Business Fund, that includes the Lockdown Non-Domestic Rates Grants and Lockdown Discretionary Grant, remains open. For more information, and to apply, go to:

<https://www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/en/Businesses/Help,-support-and-training/Lockdown-grants.aspx>

### **Coronavirus regulations from 9 November 2020**

The Welsh Government has released guidance regarding Coronavirus regulations which will come into effect on 9 November 2020. These can be found on the following link:

<https://gov.wales/coronavirus-regulations-guidance>

Many businesses will be allowed to reopen but with measures that will need to be put in place to operate safely. Businesses in Wales have been encouraged to display the QR code posters for customers to use the NHS Covid-19 app whilst in their premises. However, businesses operating in a high risk setting are required to collect contact information. High risk settings include where

customers and visitors will spend a long time on the premises, and/or potentially come into close contact with people outside of their household (or extended household if they have formed one). Examples of high risk settings expected to collect and retain contact information include:

- hospitality, including pubs, bars, restaurants and cafes
  - cinemas
  - close contact services including hairdressers, barbers, beauticians, tattooists, sports and massage therapists
  - swimming pools, indoor fitness studios, gyms, spas or other indoor leisure centres or facilities
  - bingo halls
  - casinos
  - places of worship
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- Information to be collected by these businesses

The legal requirement is to collect the person's name and information sufficient to enable the person to be contacted, to inform them that they may have been exposed to coronavirus at the premises (including a telephone number and the date and time at which the person was at the premises).

## **Self-Employment Income Support Scheme Grant Extension – SEISS**

The grant is being extended from 1 November 2020 and is available in the form of two grants, each available for three month periods covering November 2020 to January 2021, and February 2021 to April 2021. The grant for the period covering November 2020 to January 2021 will be calculated at 80% of average trading profits, up to a maximum of £7,500. The online service for the next grant will be available from 30 November 2020. For more information, go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/self-employment-income-support-scheme-grant-extension>

## **Business Wales / Visit Wales Bulletins**

There is more information about many of these topics in Business Wales' and Visit Wales' latest newsletters, go to:

- Business Wales' bulletin  
<http://bit.ly/BusinessWalesNews06Nov2020>
- Visit Wales' bulletin  
<http://bit.ly/VisitWalesNews06Nov2020>

## **Open call Siop.io pilot scheme 10 November**

If you are an independent food and drink business based in Gwynedd or Anglesey looking for a new way to sell your product to customers, then join this webinar to find out more about Siop.io – an online marketplace for local food and drink businesses! Arloesi Gwynedd Wledig are looking for 15 food and drink businesses in Gwynedd and 15 in Anglesey to take part in a pilot scheme to trial a website/app to sell their produce. To take part in the pilot scheme you must meet the following criteria:

- Independent food and drink business
- Located in Gwynedd or Anglesey
- Without an online ordering system at present, or with one that is inadequate

The webinar will take place at 7:00pm 10 November 2020 and you can find out more and register here:

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

## **The UK and EU transition – Take action now for new rules in 2021**

The UK has left the EU, and the transition period after Brexit comes to an end this year. The UK Government has just released a series of checklists for the following sectors to prepare for the end of the transition period, from 1 January 2021. Follow the link after each sector for the relevant information.

- Creative Industries Sector  
<https://bit.ly/3k3AHKC>
  - Digital, Technology and Computer Services Sectors  
<https://bit.ly/3p3Hqry>
  - Media and Broadcasting Sectors  
<https://bit.ly/3pdGq4i>
  - Telecoms and Information Services Sectors  
<https://bit.ly/354YN32>
  - Arts, Heritage and Culture Sectors  
<https://bit.ly/352S35M>
  - Art Market Sectors  
<https://bit.ly/32jKNRi>
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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/>

<https://twitter.com/gwyneddbusnes>

## **Business Wales**

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

<https://twitter.com/businesswales>

## **FSB Wales**

[https://twitter.com/FSB\\_Wales](https://twitter.com/FSB_Wales)

## **Visit Wales**

<https://twitter.com/VisitWalesBiz>

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