

Cefnogi Busnesau yng Ngwynedd Supporting Businesses in Gwynedd



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COVID-19: Phased easing of Covid restrictions to continue

The Welsh Government has announced that the phased plan to complete the move to Alert Level 0 restrictions on 28 January 2022 will continue, unless the public health situation changes for the worse. From today, 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/phased-easing-of-covid-restrictions-to-continue-first-minister>

Updated guidance for hospitality businesses, which takes into account the changes that have been made from today, 21 January 2022, (but does not cover any potential changes from 28 January 2022), can be found at:

<https://www.ukhospitality.org.uk/page/WalesGuidance>

Updated potential reasonable measures action cards for hospitality venues can be found at:

<https://gov.wales/hospitality-venues-potential-reasonable-measures-action-card-alert-level-2>

SURVEY: Education and the economy – meeting the skills needs of Gwynedd businesses

Gwynedd Council wants to better understand the current and future skills needs of local businesses and think about how local Secondary Schools can prepare their pupils for the world of work. Please help by taking part in a short survey, which should take less than 5 minutes to complete, go to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7WP5YJS>

FUNDING: All three Alert Level 2 business funds are now open

All three funds to support businesses impacted by the Alert Level 2 restrictions are now open. Eligible hospitality, leisure, retail and tourism businesses as well as their supply chains – including freelancers in the creative industries – can claim funding if they've been impacted by the restrictions introduced in December 2021.

- The NDR Emergency Fund provides support for businesses who receive a Non-Domestic Rates bill
- Emergency Business Fund can support businesses who aren't liable for business rates
- The Economic Resilience Fund can provide extra help to larger businesses

More information about all three funds is available at:

<https://bit.ly/December2021Restrictions>

OPPORTUNITY: £1.3million competition launched to develop Telexistence technology

The Telexistence Programme is a joint initiative between the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) and partners to fund the development of technology that allows someone to have a real-time sensation of interacting with a remote environment. Up to £1.3 million is available and applicants can now submit proposals for which up to £400,000 could be awarded. To find out more, go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/1-3million-Competition-launched-to-find-next-telexistence-technology>

TECH: Help to Grow: Digital

Help to Grow: Digital service is a UK-Government scheme to help small and medium sized businesses adopt digital technologies by providing free advice and up to £5,000. To find out more, go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/business-finance-support/help-to-grow-digital-uk>

Free support to help businesses to go digital, including free webinars and tailored one-to-one support, is also available from Superfast Business Wales. For more information, go to:

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

EVENTS: Sustainable Visitor Economy 2035 events – register now

Registration for the first event on 27 January 2022, targeting the Pwllheli, Llŷn, Arduwy, Dysynni, Dolgellau and Bala Penllyn areas will close on Monday, 24 January 2022. For more information, and to register, go to:

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

Registration for the second event on 7 February 2022 for the Bangor, Bethesda, Caernarfon, Llanberis, Dyffryn Nantlle, Porthmadog/Penrhyndeudraeth, Bro Ffestiniog and Rural Conwy areas will stay open until 2 February 2022. More information at:

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

CONSULTATION: Reform of the School Year – Online engagement events

The Welsh Government wants to hear what businesses, the tourism sector and others think of the structure of the current school year, if/how they would like to see it changed and what they think of possible alternatives. Two engagement events have been organised on 2 February 2022, 4:00pm-5:30pm and 3 February 2022, 8:30am-10:00am. To book a place, go to:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/schoolyearreform/?lang=619347>

LEARNING: 20Twenty Business Growth Programme

The 20Twenty Business Growth Programme can develop your leadership and implement a growth strategy for your business. The 10 month Chartered Management Institute (CMI) level 5-7 for Directors/Senior Managers programme starts on 1 and 2 March 2022. This programme is up to 80% funded by the European Social Fund through the Welsh Government. More information is available at:

<https://20twentybusinessgrowth.com/>

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/>

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