

Cefnogi Busnesau yng Ngwynedd Supporting Businesses in Gwynedd



 **CYNGOR GWYNEDD COUNCIL**

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National coronavirus firebreak: Closure of businesses and premises

Guidance relating to non-essential businesses and premises that must be closed from 6:00pm on 23 October 2020 can be found on the Welsh Government's website. It also sets out the limited purposes for which some closed businesses and premises may be accessed. Go to:

<https://gov.wales/coronavirus-covid-19-closure-businesses-and-premises-html>

The latest guidance and FAQ's about the firebreak is on the following link to the Welsh Government's website, which is regularly updated:

<https://gov.wales/coronavirus-firebreak-frequently-asked-questions>

Financial support in response to the national firebreak lockdown

In response to the national lockdown from 23 October 2020 to 9 November 2020 the following funds to support businesses will become available from the middle of this week:

- ERF Business Development Grant (up to 100% funding) delivered by the Welsh Government which includes ring-fenced funds for tourism and hospitality. The ERF Phase 3 Business Development Grant is having final detail added and will open for applications this week (anticipated date Wednesday, 28 October – TBC). Use the Eligibility Checker to review the criteria prior to its opening:

<https://fundchecker.businesswales.gov.wales/erfphase3>

- Lockdown Business Fund delivered by local councils which will provide some aid for most retail, leisure and hospitality businesses forced to close, small businesses paying business rates and other businesses, including the self-employed, who expect to lose most of their income during the lockdown. Extra support will be available for businesses in Bangor which have been affected by a local lockdown.

Details will be available in the coming days, but some further information is available:

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

Phase 2: Cultural Recovery Fund Freelancer Grant

Phase 2 of the fund opened on Monday 19 October 2020 at 10:00am. As previously, Phase 2 will be allocated on a first come first served basis, so it's very important that an application is made as soon as possible. To check your eligibility for the Cultural Recovery Fund Freelancer Grant, go to:

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

Apprenticeship Recruitment Support

The Welsh Government has launched a £40 million skills and jobs package to help employers like you to take on and train new workers, including apprentices and young people. The apprenticeship incentives, which will run from 1 August 2020 to 28 February 2021, will help businesses to recruit apprentices, supporting the development of a workforce that is able to meet changing business needs. For more information, go to:

<https://businesswales.gov.wales/skillsgateway/skills-and-training-programmes/apprenticeships/funding-available>

Brexit: Preparing Wales

The transition period that has allowed the UK to continue to operate as if it were an EU Member State is due to come to an end on the 31 December 2020. Regardless of the outcome of negotiations between the UK government and the EU, businesses must take action now to prepare for changes that will happen on 1 January 2021. For more information, go to:

<https://gov.wales/preparing-wales-brexit/business-and-economy>

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

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-border-operating-model>

Virtual Conference on North Wales Growth Deal and Economic Recovery

Progress on the Growth Vision for North Wales and major investment in the region will be the focus of a virtual conference organised by North Wales Mersey Dee Business Council, in partnership with North Wales Economic Ambition Board (NWEAB). The online event takes place on Wednesday 4 November 2020 between 1:00pm and 4:00pm. Presented by Business Council chair and North Wales Tourism CEO Jim Jones, the event will feature updates from the NWEAB Programme Office on transformative projects set to begin in 2021. For more information, go to:

<https://bit.ly/31leefE>

The session is free for private sector stakeholders. Companies and organisations can register on the following link:

<https://bit.ly/35swo60>

Online Courses/Webinars

- Brexit the Essentials

Following on from the successful Brexit the Basics held on 14 October 2020, Brexit the Essentials is the second in the series of three events, organised by Flintshire Council, to support businesses through the transition period leading to Brexit being finalized on 31 December 2020. This virtual event will be held on Thursday 12 November 2020 from 8:30am – 10:00am. To book, go to:

<https://bit.ly/3jujx8s>

• Business Wales: Starting and Running your own Business – Welsh

These webinars, run by experienced business advisers, focus on six key themes which you need to consider in order to start your own business. The courses will be delivered through the medium of Welsh during the coming weeks. For more information, go to:

<http://bit.ly/SYOBWelsh>

PopUp Business School North Wales online course

PopUp Business School are the UK's leading alternative business course that shows you practical ways to run a business, for free, regardless of where you're at on your journey. If you are already established, they will also be covering how to adapt and be more resilient during times of change. The two-week online course will take place on 2 November 2020 – 13 November 2020, and will bring their unique approach to running a business to you. Over 10 days, live seminars, pre-recorded content, practical exercises and online networking will be presented, that will show you how to adapt your business for online audiences and how to develop your business skills and knowledge. The course is free thanks to the support of the North Wales Regional Skills Partnership. For more information, and to register, go to:

<https://bit.ly/374A94b>

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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