

Cefnogi Busnesau yng Ngwynedd Supporting Businesses in Gwynedd



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Furlough Scheme Extended

The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) – also known as the Furlough scheme – will remain open until March 2021, with employees receiving 80% of their current salary for hours not worked, up to a maximum of £2,500. To find out more about the new guidelines, including how you will be able to claim the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme go to:

<https://businesswales.gov.wales/news-and-blogs/news/furlough-scheme-extended>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-for-wage-costs-through-the-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme>

Major new employer incentives announced to help recruit apprentices

Economy Minister Ken Skates has announced that businesses in Wales will be able to claim up to £3,000 for each new apprentice they hire under the age of 25. The £3,000 incentive, aimed at helping Wales to recover from impact of COVID-19, will be available to businesses that are employing a young apprentice for at least 30 hours per week. Welsh businesses could also receive £1,500 for each new under 25 year old apprentice they employ for less than 30 hours a week. For more information, go to:

<https://gov.wales/major-new-employer-incentives-announced-help-recruit-apprentices>

- Degree Apprenticeship Webinar, 17 November 2020 2:30pm-3:30pm

Join this webinar organised by North Wales Regional Skills Partnership to discover and enquire how your company can benefit from fully funded Degree Apprenticeships. For more information, and to register, go to:

<https://bit.ly/34SPBPs>

ERF Lockdown Business Fund remains open

The Business Development Grant element of the Economic Resilience Fund has been paused, but this pause does not affect the first and much larger element of the fund – the ERF Lockdown Business Fund. The Lockdown Non-Domestic Rates Grants and Lockdown Discretionary Grant remain open. For more information, and to apply, go to:

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

Busnes@llandrillomenai – Facebook Live – 12.11.2020: THIS FACEBOOK LIVE BROADCAST IS IN WELSH

Meleri Davies from Partneriaeth Ogwen and Patrick Rimes from Cadwyn Ogwen will join Julie Stokes-Jones and Heather Jones from Busnes@LlandrilloMenai for a live discussion. Find out how they have worked together since March to support community projects at 1:00pm, Thursday 12 November 2020. Tune in to watch live:

<https://bit.ly/3eM4RAM>

- Partneriaeth Ogwen: Partneriaeth Ogwen was established in 2013, through innovative collaboration by Bethesda, Llanllechid and Llandygai Community Councils to provide a clerking service to the 3 councils and develop community projects.

- Cadwyn Ogwen: Cadwyn Ogwen is a partnership of local businesses working together to sell and deliver their products locally. This is a project to help local people access home deliveries during the Covid-19 out-break, but it also aims to support local businesses and local supply chains beyond Covid-19. For more information about Cadwyn Ogwen, go to:

<https://www.ogwen.wales/en/cadwyn-ogwen/>

EU Settlement Scheme

European citizens are part of the makeup of the Welsh tourism and hospitality workforce, therefore the Welsh Government is urging all businesses to support their EU employees in making an application to the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS). If you employ EU, EEA or Swiss citizens, they, and their families, must apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 30 June 2021.

<https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

The Welsh Government have partnered with a number of advice services to enable you to assist your European workforce to access the support they may need to apply to the EUSS and help you retain your current workforce. This package of support includes digital support with applications or help with basic queries about eligibility from Citizens Advice.

<http://www.eusswales.com/en/>

Free specialist immigration advice is also available for people with complex cases delivered by Newfields Law.

<https://newfieldslaw.com/information/eu-settlement-scheme/>

Further information about EUSS can be found on the Welsh Government and the UK Government websites.

<https://gov.wales/preparing-wales/eu-citizens>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/eu-settlement-scheme-employer-toolkit>

Coronavirus regulations from 9 November 2020

For guidance regarding Coronavirus regulations which will come into effect on 9 November 2020 go to:

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

For legislation regarding the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 4) (Wales) Regulations 2020 go to:

<https://gov.wales/health-protection-coronavirus-restrictions-no-4-wales-regulations-2020>

Almost all 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

- 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).

- Information about the Coronavirus regulations from 9 November 2020 regarding how cafes, restaurants, pubs and bars will be able to operate safely indoors can be found here:

<https://bit.ly/3eSD3uV>

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

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