

# Cefnogi Busnesau yng Ngwynedd Supporting Businesses in Gwynedd



CYNGOR GWYNEDD COUNCIL

## **Gwynedd Business Support Bulletin 15.01.2021**

### **Welsh Government to strengthen legislation to ensure workplaces and shops are safer**

First Minister Mark Drakeford has announced that businesses in Wales will have to carry out a specific coronavirus risk assessment under new Welsh Government legislation. These risk assessments will be the starting point for implementing the reasonable measures that are required to be taken to minimise exposure to the coronavirus on premises open to the public and in workplaces.

This involves considering issues such as:

- whether ventilation is adequate
- hygiene
- ensuring physical distancing is taking place
- use of PPE and face coverings.

It will also include considering how employers maximise the number of people who can work from home. For the press release in full, go to:

<https://gov.wales/welsh-government-to-strengthen-legislation-to-ensure-workplaces-and-shops-are-safer>

## **ERF Hospitality, Tourism and Leisure Sector Specific Fund is open**

The ERF Sector Specific Support (operating cost) package is open, and targeted at Hospitality, Tourism and Leisure (HTL) businesses and associated supply chain businesses that have been materially affected (greater than 60% impact of turnover) by the restrictions introduced during 4 December 2020. The fund will remain open for 2 weeks from 13 January 2021, or until funds are fully committed. Demand for the Fund has been high – so don't delay! To use the eligibility checker to review the criteria and apply, go to:

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

To read the fund guidance, go to:

<https://businesswales.gov.wales/economic-resilience-fund-erf-sector-specific-fund>

## **Rural Business Investment Scheme – Food (RBIS)**

The Rural Business Investment Scheme – FOOD (RBISF) is a capital investments scheme to support projects that offer clear and quantifiable benefits to the food and drink industry in Wales. The £3.2m scheme is open to existing and start up micro & small food and drink processors and manufacturers throughout Wales. The Expression of Interest for the Rural Business Investment Scheme – FOOD will open on 18 January 2021 and closes on 22 February 2021. Go to:

<https://gov.wales/rural-development-programme-2014-2020-application-dates>

## **SMART Cymru – Call for decarbonisation R&D projects**

The Welsh Government's EU funded SMART Cymru programme is offering eligible businesses the chance to apply for a new SMART Cymru Decarbonisation grant. It offers eligible businesses a non-repayable grant of up to £50,000 to contribute towards exploring the feasibility of decarbonisation ideas. For more information, go to:

<https://businesswales.gov.wales/innovation/smart-innovation/decarbonisation>

## **Encouraging people to shop local in Gwynedd**

Gwynedd Council's campaign to encourage people to support local businesses continues into 2021. As part of the campaign before Christmas, there was an opportunity for businesses to be listed on the following website:

[https://bit.ly/buylocal\\_2020](https://bit.ly/buylocal_2020)

We are still eager to hear from retail businesses who want to be included on the website.

Contact: [tourism@gwynedd.llyw.cymru](mailto:tourism@gwynedd.llyw.cymru)

## **South Caernarfon Creameries to create 30 jobs in Gwynedd as part of £14m investment**

South Caernarfon Creameries has announced a three-year £14.4m expansion to increase cheese production by 50 per cent and create 30 new jobs by 2024. The investment is being backed by the Welsh Government with a £5 million grant from their Food Business Investment Scheme. More on this story on the following link:

<http://bit.ly/3nLUQGW>

## **Miwtni – Creative and Digital Colwyn Network**

Miwtni is a 12 week programme that's here to help you start your business, with everything from business planning, to financing, to a community of support behind you! The next Miwtni is in partnership with The Design Trust and Imagine Colwyn Bay. This Focus is on Creative and Digital businesses, and will be specifically designed for those starting or growing a business in those sectors. A free one-hour presentation is being held over Zoom on 21 January 2021. To book your place and for more information, go to:

<https://creativeanddigitalcolwynnetwork.eventbrite.co.uk>

In the meantime make sure you apply for this exclusive opportunity to be part of the next Miwtni as places are limited. For the application form, go to:

<https://form.jotform.com/Openshaw/Miwtini>

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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/>

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