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BREXIT: Increased support for fishing and shellfish businesses

The UK Government has announced enhanced financial support for the seafood industry with cash grants for seafood and aquaculture businesses across the UK. In January, the Government made available £23 million for seafood exporters that suffered a financial loss because of delays related to the export of fresh or live fish and shellfish to the EU during January 2021. The UK Government will now be expanding the eligibility criteria to target catching and shellfish aquaculture businesses which have been affected by a reduction in demand from the hospitality sector in the UK and abroad, as well as disruption of exports to the EU. For more information, go to:

<http://bit.ly/3umd0DG>

Business Flood Relief Fund

The Welsh Government has formally launched a Flood Relief Fund, which is available to Welsh SMEs (including sole traders and micro businesses) to help them recover from damage and disruption caused by storms Bella, at the end of December 2020, and Christoph, mid-January 2021. Businesses recovering from the devastating effects of the floods are able to apply for a grant of £2,500 to help them with immediate costs to recover as quickly as possible.

The Business Flood Relief Fund is open to applications until 31 March 2021, funds permitting. For more information, go to:

<https://businesswales.gov.wales/business-flood-relief-fund>

WRAP Cymru: Circular Economy Fund – Final call for grant applications

Applications for a Circular Economy Fund grant are open until:

- 10 March 2021 (midnight) for Small Scale grant applications of up to £200,000
- 31 March 2021 (midnight) for Large Scale grant applications of up to £750,000

These will be the last opportunities for businesses to apply for a grant for capital funding to enable the use of recycled materials in products (with priority given to plastics, paper/card and textiles) or preparation for re-use, refurbishment and re-manufacturing activities in Wales. So far the Circular Economy Fund has helped 12 businesses in Wales by providing £2.5m in grant funding for the purchase of capital equipment. This is anticipated to create 47 jobs, £47m in additional revenue, and £1.2m cost savings for the businesses supported. To help you make an application, it may be useful for you to visit the Recipients Page which includes details of the type of projects wanted to support, and some videos from successful applicants, go to:

<http://bit.ly/37yw4ED>

A free webinar will be held at 10:00am on Wednesday 24 February 2021 to explain more and to answer any questions you may have. To register, go to:

<http://bit.ly/37BYDBr>

Smoke-free law: guidance on the changes from March 2021

On 1 March 2021, the law around smoking in certain settings in Wales will change. The guidance on the changes can be found here:

<https://gov.wales/smoke-free-law-guidance-changes-march-2021-html>

Regional Recovery 2021 – Business Summit 24 February 2021 (Online)

Business Summit covering the latest investments, plans and supports on economic recovery for the North Wales and Mersey Dee area. Presentations from the Mersey Dee Alliance, Welsh Government, North Wales Economic Ambition Board, Cheshire & Warrington LEP and Growth Track 360. This free event online, on 24 February from 10:00am to 3:00pm, includes Q&A and follow up business input.

For more information, and to register, go to:

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

Meat Promotion Wales: Researching sustainable farming in Wales 22 February 2021 7:30pm

Dr Prysor Williams from Bangor University will join HCC's Nia Davies in a webinar to discuss recent research that has explored sustainable farming in Wales. Also joining will be two of Bangor University's PhD students, Louise McNicol and Joe Jones. Registration is essential for this event which will be held on Zoom, go to:

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

More useful information is available from:

Gwynedd Council – Business Support

<https://www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/businesscovid19>

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