

Cefnogi Busnesau yng Ngwynedd Supporting Businesses in Gwynedd



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COVID-19: Vigilance required as cases rise

COVID-19 cases are on the rise with the emergence of the BA.4 and BA.5 sub-variants. In response the Welsh Government has confirmed that access to free lateral flow tests (LFTs) will be extended in Wales until 31 July 2022. The announcement can be found at:

<https://gov.wales/wales-extends-covid-19-testing-throughout-july>

Anyone with any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 (a high temperature, a continuous cough or a loss, or change, of taste or smell) should self-isolate and take a LFT test. Information on how to order a LFT kit is available here:

<https://gov.wales/self-isolation#section-38154>

Help minimise the impact of COVID-19 on your business by following this advice and encouraging anyone who works for you to do so.

- Gwynedd Council still has free 5 litre bottles of hand sanitising gel available (which should be used before September 2022)

which the Council can deliver directly to your business. Contact PPEcymunedol@gwynedd.llyw.cymru noting your name, phone number, delivery address (including post code), times of the week when someone will be there and the number of bottles required.

EMPLOYMENT: Guidance for businesses offering work to people coming from Ukraine

The UK Government has issued guidance to businesses looking to employ people coming to the UK from Ukraine. To learn more go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-for-businesses-offering-work-to-people-coming-from-ukraine>

RECRUITMENT: Experience Makers – Work in hospitality and tourism

The Visit Wales campaign – The Experience Makers – supports tourism and hospitality by highlighting career opportunities and encouraging the take-up of vacancies. Campaign assets and a toolkit to help businesses to recruit staff can be downloaded at:

<https://bit.ly/3tZJ5mD>

General information about the campaign, as well as case study films, can be found at:

<https://workingwales.gov.wales/change-your-story/work-in-hospitality-and-tourism>

EVENT: Create a Business Cofi! 7 July 2022

The Create a Business Cofi! event, to be held at the M-SParc #ArYLôn Ffiws pop-up space at 18 Palace Street, Caernarfon, on

7 July 2022 (9:30am-4:00pm), is for individuals 15-18 years of age interested in starting their own business. There will also be an opportunity to learn about using the Ffiws maker space equipment and software. More information at:

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

HEALTH & SAFETY: Ensure your event runs safely this summer

Guidance for event organisers on how to plan, manage and monitor events to ensure that workers and the visiting public are not exposed to health and safety risks can be found at:

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/event-safety/index.htm>

SUPPORT: NatWest Accelerator

If you're a business with ambitions to expand – looking to build your team, venture into new markets or seeking further investment – the free NatWest Accelerator programme could help you gain the knowledge and skills to excel in a range of business areas. The current Accelerator programmes are open to all business owners, you do not have to be a NatWest customer. For further information, go to:

<https://www.natwest.com/business/business-services/entrepreneur-accelerator.html>

FUNDING: National Forest for Wales – The Woodland Investment Grant (National Lottery Heritage Fund – Round 1)

The Woodland Investment Grant is part of the National Forest for Wales programme, and provides financial support to create new woodlands and/or make improvements to existing woodlands, which meet the standards of the National Forest. A new round of

funding opened on 13 June 2022. For more information about the scheme and how to apply, go to:

<https://gov.wales/national-forest-wales-woodland-investment-grant-national-lottery-heritage-fund-round-1>

TAX: HMRC update for employers – July payroll NIC thresholds

On 23 March 2022, the UK Government announced that from 6 July 2022 National Insurance thresholds would be increased. To ensure that increased NIC thresholds in July payrolls are accurately reflected, payroll software, including HMRC's Basic PAYE Tools, will need to be updated – this may happen automatically, or action might need to be taken. Further details are available at:

<https://bit.ly/3u7PgEA>

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/>

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Business Wales

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

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