

# Cefnogi Busnesau yng Ngwynedd Supporting Businesses in Gwynedd



## **Gwynedd Business Support Bulletin 18.02.2022**

### **COVID-19: COVID Pass no longer required for indoor or outdoor events**

From today (18 February 2022), the domestic COVID Pass will no longer be required for entry into indoor or outdoor events and venues, including nightclubs, cinemas, theatres and concert halls. Venues can still choose to use the domestic COVID Pass on a voluntary basis as part of their coronavirus risk assessment and reasonable measures.

Carrying out a coronavirus risk assessment continues to be a legal requirement for all businesses, employers and event organisers for the time being and reasonable measures to minimise the risk of coronavirus must be implemented. The latest Alert Level 0 guidance for business can be found at:

<https://gov.wales/alert-level-0-guidance-employers-businesses-and-organisations>

### **EMPLOYMENT: Apprenticeship Recruitment Support**

The Welsh Government are offering incentives to help businesses recruit apprentices until 28 February 2022 (subject to

budget availability). Support is available towards the cost of training and assessments, and businesses of all sizes and across all sectors are eligible. For more information, go to:

<http://bit.ly/2PNEBOI>

## **EMPLOYMENT: Business Wales – We’re in your corner**

Specific recruitment and financial support is being offered by the Welsh Government to help employers create new opportunities for young people to join their team through work experience, work placements or employment. For more information, go to:

<https://businesswales.gov.wales/skillsgateway/were-in-your-corner>

## **OPPORTUNITY: CIST – Project Net Zero Gwynedd**

Centre for Infrastructure Skills and Technology (CIST) is developing courses that will help the local construction industry gain the skills to meet future competency levels associated with new clean technologies and energy efficiency. For more information, go to:

<https://www.gllm.ac.uk/busnes/projects/cist-project-net-zero-gwynedd>

Business Wales can also help with the Green Growth Pledge, go to:

<https://businesswales.gov.wales/cy/addewid-twff-gwyrdd>

## **SECURITY: New Cyber Essentials scheme**

Cyber Essentials is a certification scheme that supports organisations of all sizes to guard against online threats and demonstrate a commitment to cyber security to customers and stakeholders. The scheme has undergone a major technical

review, which will help organisations ensure the safe handling of critical data and keep their networks secure. For more information, go to:

<https://businesswales.gov.wales/news-and-blogs/news/new-cyber-essentials-scheme>

## **AWARDS: FSB Celebrating Small Business Awards 2022 – entries close 27 February 2022**

Entries for the FSB Celebrating Small Business Awards 2022 in Wales will close on 27 February 2022, with the Welsh final taking place in Cardiff on 8 April 2022. For more information go to:

<https://www.fsbawards.co.uk/>

## **CAMPAIGN: Fairtrade Fortnight 2022**

Each year Fairtrade Fortnight gives people across the UK the opportunity to celebrate Fairtrade achievements and learn more about the difference that Fairtrade makes. This year's campaign takes place from 21 February 2022 to 6 March 2022 and the theme is – 'Choose the World you Want'. More information can be found at:

<https://fairtrade.wales/campaign/fairtrade-fortnight-2022/>

## **TAX: Almost 100,000 customers spread the cost of their tax bill**

Self Assessment customers can use HMRC's online payment plan if they have filed their 2020 to 2021 tax return and are unable to pay their bill in full. For more on this, go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/almost-100000-customers-spread-the-cost-of-their-tax-bill>

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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/>  
<https://twitter.com/businesswales>

## **Busnes@llandrillomenai**

<https://www.facebook.com/BusnesatLlandrilloMenai/posts>  
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