

Cefnogi Busnesau yng Ngwynedd Supporting Businesses in Gwynedd



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Alert level four restrictions across Wales from 6:00pm on 25 December 2020

Wales will move to alert level four – the highest level – at 6:00pm on Christmas Day.

- All hospitality, non-essential retail, close contact services and all leisure and fitness centres must close.
- Tighter restrictions on travel, household mixing, requirements to stay-at-home and holiday accommodation will apply from 28 December 2020, after the five-day Christmas period.

A written statement by the First Minister has been issued today, go to:

<https://gov.wales/written-statement-introduction-health-protection-coronavirus-restriction-no5-wales-regulations-2020>

Additional support for businesses in response to new restrictions

Welsh Government is making an extra £110 million available to support businesses affected by the alert level four restrictions, which will come into force from 6:00pm on 25 December 2020.

To read the announcement go to:

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

We'll keep you informed as more information becomes available.

Businesses directly impacted by the restrictions on hospitality, arts and entertainment venues and indoor and outdoor attractions introduced earlier in December can already begin to access support. For more information go to:

<https://bit.ly/ResBusFundsDec2020>

Job Retention (Furlough) Scheme extended to April 2021

Yesterday (17 December 2020) the UK Chancellor announced that the furlough scheme would be extended until the end of April 2021, with the government continuing to contribute 80% towards wages. For more information, go to:

<http://bit.ly/2LG695U>

North Wales Growth Deal signed

Thousands of jobs will be created and the region's economy given a £1bn boost now the ground-breaking North Wales Growth Deal has been signed by the Welsh and UK Governments along with members of the North Wales Economic Ambition Board. Go to:

<http://bit.ly/3r2T1YZ>

Encouraging people to shop local in Gwynedd this Christmas

Gwynedd Council is running a campaign on social media encouraging people to support local businesses this Christmas. If you promote your produce and offers on Facebook, you can share your post by tagging us on:

<https://bit.ly/PrynuLleolGwyneddBuyLocal>

You can see the Christmas message on:

<https://bit.ly/XmasVideoBuyLocal>

As part of the campaign, information on a host of local businesses is available on the following website:

https://bit.ly/buylocal_2020

Any business wishing to be added to the list on this website should contact:

tourism@gwynedd.llyw.cymru

Brexit: The End of the EU Transition Period

The UK left the EU on 31 January and has been in a transition period which will end on 31 December 2020. During the transition period, the majority of the current EU rules and trading arrangements have remained in place with no significant changes in most areas. However, the end of the transition period is fast approaching and this will mean changes to the current rules on trading, as will the right to travel without visas to other EU countries. Here is information from the UK Government that could be of help to you::

- Trade marks and geographical indications after 1 January 2021

Guidance for businesses and organisations on the relationship between trade marks and geographical indications (GIs) at the end of the transition period.

<http://bit.ly/37sCZ2O>

- Customs, VAT and Excise UK transition legislation from 1 January 2021

This collection brings together Customs, VAT and Excise EU Exit legislation and Customs notices that have the force of law applicable to UK transition.

<http://bit.ly/37sSiZ6>

- Ongoing customs movements and procedures at the end of the transition period

Find out what to do if you're moving goods or have goods in customs procedures at the end of the transition period.

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

- Suspensions or reductions from Customs Duty for UK Trade Tariff from 1 January 2021

Find out about UK Trade Tariff temporary suspension or reduction of Customs Duty from 1 January 2021.

<http://bit.ly/3mv6PYA>

Comprehensive information for a number of sectors that need to prepare for the end of the transition period as we leave the EU at the end of the year can be found on Business Wales' EU Transition Portal. Go to:

<https://businesswales.gov.wales/eu-transition-portal/>

- Holyhead Port: frequently asked questions

For guidance on the port of Holyhead for the end of the EU transition period on 1 January 2021, go to:

<https://gov.wales/holyhead-port-frequently-asked-questions>

Superfast Business Wales : 2021 Digital Support

Kick-start your business in the New Year with free digital help from Superfast Business Wales who will provide digital advice, a website review and a range of webinars – all free – to help you upskill in the New Year and get your business ready for the year ahead. Go to:

<https://www.businesswales.gov.wales/superfastbusinesswales/how-we-can-help>

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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