



Supporting Local Business

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Mid Ulster Business News and Events

As a business in Mid Ulster District Council area, we would like to make you aware of current business programmes, events and awards that may be of interest to you.

Please note that Mid Ulster District Council have a dedicated Business Support Section established on its website providing up to date information to our business community.

[Visit our Business Support page](#)

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Invest Northern Ireland (Invest NI) Innovation Vouchers provide businesses access to the skills and expertise of universities, colleges or institutes of technology in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

Examples of projects supported through Innovation Vouchers include:

- helping to create or improve products, services or processes
- access to specialist expertise on new materials
- tapping into research and scientific expertise

Applications for the next call close at 3pm Friday 27 September 2024.

Innovation Vouchers: More Information

Tech For The Future Event

Mid Ulster LMP and South West College are hosting Tech for the Future - Be Part of IT event. The event will showcase local employment and training opportunities for IT/Tech roles within Mid Ulster. Attendees will be young people and their parents/guardians. there will be an opportunity to explain roles within your organisation and provide hands-on, interactive experience where possible.

If your business would like to join as an exhibitor, click the link below and complete an Expression of Interest form by **5pm Friday 27th September 2024**.

Date: Wednesday 2 October 2024

Location: South West College, Dungannon Campus

Time: Exhibitors to arrive from 5.45pm - food will be served

For further information contact Colleen Bell LMP Project Delivery Officer via email: colleen.bell@midulstercouncil.org or Telephone: **079 1949 6306**

Tech For The Future: Expression of Interest

Innovate UK - Analysis for Innovators Funding

The aim of this competition is to help businesses address their existing analysis and measurement problems. These are problems that can be best explored by scientists and cutting-edge facilities available in the UK.

Applications are now open and close at 12 noon on Wednesday 9 October 2024.

Analysis for Innovators: More Information

Transform Programme

The Transform Programme is a University-Accredited Professional Development programme leading to an Advanced Certificate in Social Enterprise & Sustainability. The programme will commence in October 2024 and conclude with graduation in July 2025.

It will include 3 x university modules, multiple roadmapping workshops, 2 x leadership summits, suite of world-class guest speakers.

The deadline for applications is 12 noon on Friday 4th October.

Transform Programme: Application

AI Tools for Education Competition

Funded by the Department for Education, this competition aims to develop solutions which use generative artificial intelligence (AI) to support teachers with formative assessment, such as tracking student progress and providing feedback.

These tools support high quality education through evidence-based teaching and learning approaches and align with relevant standards such as the National Curriculum or Early Years Foundation Stages.

Projects can apply for funding ranging from £50,000 to £200,000, inclusive of VAT. Successful applicants will gain access to a library of educational content and code optimised for use with large language models.

HMRC Update - New Arrangements for Windsor Framework

The new arrangements under the Windsor Framework for parcels & freight movements come into effect 31 March 2025

Find information and support to help your business manage the changes and new arrangements for moving goods into, out of or through Northern Ireland.

Windsor Framework Arrangements - Further Information

Trader Support Service

The Trader Support Service (TSS) is a free business support service that helps businesses move goods between Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) and Northern Ireland.

The service has now been extended until December 2025.

The TSS service assists businesses and traders of all sizes to trade seamlessly between Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Trader Support Service- More Information

HR Support for Businesses

HR Made Easy Magherafelt, have provided a range of free HR Resources for businesses:

- **What's In A Contract Masterclass** – Free 30 minute training recorded live in Galgorm Resort. To access sign up here: <https://landing.mailerlite.com/webforms/landing/f8g4z7>
- **14 Free HR Templates and Mini Video Training series** - 14 FREE HR templates and how to use videos straight to your inbox! – To access sign up here: <https://landing.mailerlite.com/webforms/landing/r0b9n2>
- **7 Step Recruitment Checklist** – Free eBook on your recruitment process – to access sign up here: <https://landing.mailerlite.com/webforms/landing/h3r8e3>

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Tourism and Hospitality Week

Tourism NI, Hospitality Ulster and the Northern Ireland Tourism Alliance (NITA) will hold the first Tourism and Hospitality week from 26th September until 3rd October 2024. The week will shine a spotlight on the importance of the sector to the local economy through a series of engaging events for both industry and the public.

Businesses are invited to participate by collaborating with other key businesses in your area to promote and offer value for money.

Tourism and Hospitality Week: More Information

Selling Outside NI - Get Inspired

Go Succeed is hosting an in person event aimed at businesses interested in assessing their current readiness to do business outside NI before committing significant time and effort. It will focus on selecting the most appropriate market outside NI and to sustain early stage exporting efforts.

Date: Tuesday 1st October 2024

Time: 10am-12:30pm

Location: Burnavon Arts & Cultural Centre, Burn Rd, Cookstown, BT80 8DN

Selling Outside NI- Get Inspired: Registration

This showcase event is designed to connect businesses with Buyers from Tesco Northern Ireland, Iceland Northern Ireland and Musgrave Retail Partners. This is a unique opportunity to display and present products directly to key decision-makers from three of the leading retail chains.

Date: Tuesday 8th October 2024

Time: 10am-12pm

Location: Markethall, Millennium Court, 5-7 William St, Portadown, Craigavon, BT62 3NX

Meet the Buyer: Registration

Click on the links below to view some of the free upcoming business events being hosted by Go Succeed, the council support service for Northern Ireland businesses

[Using CRMs to help Grow your Business](#)

Date: Wednesday 25 September 2024

Time: 1pm-2pm

Location: Online

[Cyber Security for your Business](#)

Date: Thursday 26 September 2024

Time: 10am-12:30pm

Location: Online

[Business Planning for Early-Stage Growth](#)

Date: Thursday 26 September 2024

Time: 10am-12pm

Location: Online

[Marketing Planning for Online Success](#)

Date: Monday 30 September 2024

Time: 1pm-3pm

Location: Online

[Generating Impactful Content for Start Up Success](#)

Date: Wednesday 2nd October 2024

Time: 10am-12pm

Location: Online

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