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The Big Green Guide

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Introduction

The Net Zero North Wales Network was developed by the North Wales Business Council and has been running since May 2022. The concept of the Network is a straightforward one of bringing together key businesses from across the North Wales private sector along with business representative bodies / local fora and not for profit organisations / Universities / Colleges, around the key elements of delivering decarbonisation and supporting our Journey to Net Zero.

The network shares best practice and advice across businesses / sectors and pulls in and highlights the support and services that are available from public sector bodies and others (at local, regional and national Wales / UK Levels).

With that aim of highlighting supports and services available, Net Zero North Wales has created the Big Green Guide for North Wales. This guide is a 'first run' at trying to encapsulate what is an incredibly complicated landscape covering multiple focus areas and sectors including free, subsidized, and commercial rate product, services and supports with both local and national providers and suppliers.

The entries included give a 'snapshot' at the time of publication and content is sourced from both publicly available information through desktop research and submitted entries from organisations and businesses received in good faith.

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Finance & Grants



Finance and funding play a crucial role in helping businesses transition to a more sustainable future. Various financial institutions and government-backed initiatives offer tailored support, from green business loans to grants for energy efficiency and low-carbon projects. These listed finance and funding options and suppliers enable businesses to invest in sustainability, reduce carbon footprints, and enhance long-term resilience while contributing to the UK's Net Zero goals.

Green Business Loan Scheme

The Green Business Loan Scheme The Green Business Loan Scheme addresses common challenges by offering support to reduce carbon emissions and help businesses save on future energy bills.

It combines:

- Access to fully and part-funded consultancy support that helps businesses understand their own path to decarbonisation
- Discounted fixed interest rates on green business loans for energy efficiency measures and low carbon heat installations
- Patient capital, with upfront capital repayment holidays and a loan term linked to project payback

Full details, including eligibility criteria, can be found in the Green Business Loan Scheme key information.

Cost: N/A

Sector/s: Limited companies, sole traders, or partnerships based in Wales, trading for at least two years with at least one set of filed annual accounts.

Area Available: All Wales

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier: Development Banc Wales

Contact Info: 0800 587 4140

Weblinks: Green Business Loan Scheme - Dev Bank (developmentbank.wales)

Green Homes Incentive

The Development Banc of Wales is offering a reduction of up to 2% on residential development loan fees if all of the following green criteria is incorporated into new builds, or a smaller reduction when meeting one or more:

1. EPC A Rating / Passivhaus status
2. Non-concrete structures
3. Non-fossil fuel heating system

Sector/s: Limited companies, sole traders, or partnerships based in Wales, trading for at least two years with at least one set of filed annual accounts.

Area Available: All Wales

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
Development Banc Wales

Contact Info: 0800 587 4140

Weblinks: Green Homes Incentive

Green Finance Institute

The Green Business Loan Scheme The Green Business Loan Scheme addresses common challenges by offering support to reduce carbon emissions and help businesses save on future energy bills.

Supports SMEs in accessing green financing and transitioning to a low-carbon economy. Connects businesses with financial products for sustainable projects.

Collaborates with governments, financial institutions, and industry bodies to expand funding opportunities. Provides guidance, resources, and tools for sustainable practices.

Advisory services may incur fees based on the project.

Cost: N/A

Sector/s: All

Area Available: All UK

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
Green Finance Institute

Weblinks: Green Finance Institute

Finance Locator

The Development Banc of Wales is offering a reduction of up to 2% on residential development loan fees if all of the following green criteria is incorporated into new builds, or a smaller reduction when meeting one or more:

Search for funding, save selected details and create alerts on business finance and support, find out how to get the most out of the Finance Locator with the user guide.

Cost: Free

Sector/s: All

Area Available: Wales

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
Business Wales

Weblinks: <https://businesswales.gov.wales/businessfinance/finance-locator>

British Business Bank

The British Business Bank offers various programs to support SMEs in accessing finance for growth and sustainability initiatives.

They have specific initiatives like the “Enable Guarantee” program to help businesses access finance for green projects.

They also have a dedicated SME investment fund for Wales, offering potential financial support for various needs including small loans, debt finance and equity finance.

The SME fund is managed through appointed fund managers.

Cost: N/A

Sector/s: All

Area Available: All UK

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
N/A

Weblinks: Discover British Business Bank (british-business-bank.co.uk) / Investment Fund for Wales

Tridos Business Banking – Lending and Finance

A leading ethical bank in the UK, specializing in sustainable and socially responsible banking. It finances only projects with positive social, cultural, or environmental impacts.

Business banking services include loans and, in rare cases, business current accounts. The bank is fully transparent about deposit usage and does not invest in fossil fuels. Recognized as a Which? Eco Provider for its clear environmental policies and fossil fuel-free approach.

Note: Business current accounts are not currently available except in exceptional circumstances.

Cost: N.A

Sector/s: All

Area Available: All UK

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
Tridos Business Banking

Weblinks: Business (tridos.co.uk)

The Co-operative Bank Eco provider

The bank upholds strict ethical standards, serving SMEs while excluding firms linked to fossil fuels and unsustainable practices. It also avoids parent companies with unethical policies. Recognized for reducing its carbon footprint, it does not finance fossil fuel extraction.

Business Banking Offers:

- Startups, sole traders, and small businesses: Free business current accounts, payment request tools, online banking, and accountancy software integration.
- Medium-sized businesses: Access to Zellar, a digital platform to assess sustainability impact and create reduction plans Zellar | Business Services | The Co-operative Bank

Focused on supporting environmentally and socially responsible businesses.

Cost: N/A

Sector/s: All

Area Available: All UK

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
The Co-operative Bank

Weblinks: Business Current Account | Business Accounts | The Co-operative Bank

Lloyds Bank Clean Growth Financing Initiative

Green Lending: Lloyds offers green loans and asset finance options for SMEs looking to invest in environmentally sustainable projects, such as energy-efficient equipment or renewable energy sources.

Cost: N.A

Sector/s: All

Area Available: All UK

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
Lloyds Bank

Weblinks: Clean Growth Financing Initiative | Business | Lloyds Bank

NatWest Climate Hub & Digital Carbon Planner

NatWest offers a dedicated climate hub with tools and guidance for SMEs to measure and reduce their carbon footprint.

They provide green loans and financing options to support sustainable business practices. As well as a Digital Carbon Planner that helps businesses understand and manage their carbon emissions effectively.

Cost: N/A

Sector/s: All

Area Available: All UK

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
NatWest

Weblinks: NatWest launches Digital Carbon Planner for UK businesses | NatWest Group

Barclays Green Product Range

Barclays offers green loans and financing solutions designed to help SMEs invest in sustainable projects such as renewable energy installations or energy-efficient upgrades.

As well as being able to provide advisory services and resources to help businesses understand and implement sustainable practices.

Cost: N.A

Sector/s: All

Area Available: All UK

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
Barclays

Weblinks: Business banking | Sustainability for businesses | Barclays

HSBC Go Greener SME Reward

HSBC provides green and sustainable finance solutions tailored for SMEs, including green loans and bonds that fund energy efficiency, clean transportation, and other eco-friendly projects.

Also, has initiatives to support SMEs in transitioning to a low-carbon economy through various financial products and advisory services.

Cost: N/A

Sector/s: All

Area Available: All UK

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
HSBC

Weblinks: HSBC Go Greener SME Reward

UK Government – Find a Grant Service

Find a grant is a service that allows you to search government grants.

This service can be used to:

- access government grant funding
- search and filter to find a grant that matches business needs
- find out if you are eligible to apply for a grant
- find out how to apply for a grant

Cost: N.A

Sector/s: All

Area Available: All UK

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
UK Government

Weblinks: Home - Find a grant (find-government-grants.service.gov.uk)

Innovate UK innovation loans future economy: round 19

Innovate UK offers up to £25 million in loans to SMEs for highly innovative, late-stage R&D projects with strong commercial potential and economic impact.

Eligible themes:

- Net Zero
- Health & Wellbeing
- Next-gen Digital Technologies

The funding available will be allocated across a series of competitions with the next round:

- round 19 will open on 9 January and will close on 5th March 2025

Apply for loans from between £100, 000 to £2 million.

Closing date: 5th March 2025

Sector/s: All

Area Available: All UK

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
Innovate UK

Contact Welsh Government Innovation Team can assist in accessing this funding and provide further business support: Business Wales Events Finder - CRISP24 - On-Line Innovation Support Meeting (business-events.org.uk)

Weblinks: Innovate UK innovation loans future economy: round 16 - Innovate UK

Industrial Energy Transformation Fund (IETF) Phase 3

The Industrial Energy Transformation Fund (IETF) supports the development and deployment of technologies that enable businesses with high energy use to transition to a low carbon future.

Applicable Sector/s: Manufacturing

Applicable area/s: UK

Closing date: 2028 (Phase 3 will provide up to £185 million in funding between 2024 and 2028.)

Sector/s: All

Area Available: All UK

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
Department for Energy Security & Net Zero

Contact ietf@energysecurity.gov.uk.

Weblinks: The Industrial Energy Transformation Fund (IETF)

Circular Economy Funding

Circular Economy Funds support businesses in innovation activities aligned with the Innovation Strategy. Funding encourages:

- Increased use of recycled/reused content in products.
- Extending product and material lifespan.
- Circular Economy projects via the Circular Economy Fund and complementary innovation through SMART Flexible Innovation Support (FIS).

Funding supports:

- Research, Development & Innovation
- Transitioning to a Circular Economy
- Scaling Circular Economy initiatives

Businesses of any size can apply. Funding varies by project, typically £220K over 2 years with a 50% intervention rate.

Closing date: Ongoing, no specific closing date

Sector/s: All

Area Available: Wales

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
Business Wales

Contact 03000 6 03000

Weblinks: Business Wales Circular Economy Funds

The Wales Funding Programme

This scheme is open to public sector organizations in Wales, including local authorities, schools, universities, colleges, and emergency services. Applications are now being accepted for the Wales Funding Programme's Salix Energy Efficiency Loan Scheme, which supports the public sector in achieving its goal of net zero by 2030.

Open for applications:

- The Salix Energy Efficiency Loan Scheme funds energy-saving and renewable energy projects at a fixed interest rate of 2.05% APR.
- Funding to cover 100% of the project costs.
- The technical scheme criteria have been extended to £350 tCO₂e with a 10-year payback
- Support from a designated relationship manager through application and delivery.
- Networking and knowledge share access to other public sector bodies.

Closing date: Not specified, applications accepted on a rolling basis

Sector/s: All

Area Available: All UK

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
Salix Finance

Contact wales@salixfinance.co.uk

Weblinks: The Wales Funding Programme | Salix Finance

Ofgem – Strategic Innovation Fund (SIF)

The Strategic Innovation Fund (SIF) supports the transformation of gas and electricity networks to achieve a low-carbon future. It provides funding for projects that accelerate the transition to net zero while minimizing costs to consumers, as part of the RIIO-2 price controls.

Launched in 2021, the fund is set to invest £450 million by 2028, aiming to position the UK as a leading hub for energy businesses to grow and scale.

Funding is allocated based on the potential impact and innovation of the project.

To receive funding, applicants must have an energy licence.

Closing date: Cycle 3: 26 May to 25 June 2025 / Cycle 4: 22 Sept to 22 October 2025

Sector/s: Energy network companies and their partners, including businesses, research organizations, and academia

Area Available: All UK

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
Ofgem's Innovation Hub partners with Innovate UK

Weblinks: Strategic Innovation Fund (SIF)

Key Fund Grant, Conwy Supporting Local Business

Funded by the UK government through the UK shared Prosperity Fund, this fund will support local (commercial or social) businesses to renew and develop into the future, supporting economic growth and sustainability.consumers, as part of

The scheme offers funding of UP TO 70% on eligible capital and/or revenue expenditure for projects with awards offered from £3,000 up to £100,000.

To be eligible to receive investment support, businesses must be in the County of Conwy, and have been actively trading over 6 months and registered with HM

Closing date: Open now for applications. Closing date not specified.

Sector/s: All

Area Available: Conwy

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier: Conwy County Borough Council

Contact business@conwy.gov.uk

Weblinks: Conwy Supporting Local Business Key Fund

Transforming Towns Property Development Grant

The Transforming Towns Property Development Grant can provide individual projects with a grant from £5,000 to £50,000 to develop and upgrade a commercial property in Rhyl town centre.

There is a limited amount of funding available. If funds are over-subscribed, priority will be given in the order we receive completed applications and supporting evidence.

Closing date: Not Specified

Sector/s: All Commercial properties located in Rhyl Town Centre

Area Available: Rhyl

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier: Denbighshire County Council

Weblinks: Transforming Towns Property Development Grant

Free Initial Consultation: Aligning Pension Schemes and Investments with ESG Principles

Celtic Financial Planning is proud to support businesses and organisations in their journey towards Net Zero. We offer a free initial meeting to explore how pension schemes and investments can be aligned with Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles.

Discover how to reduce your investment footprint while ensuring a sustainable and financially sound future. This consultation is tailored to help organisations incorporate ESG factors into their financial planning, fostering both positive environmental impact and robust investment returns.

Celtic Financial Planning Ltd is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority 809204.

Cost: Free Initial Meeting

Sector/s: All

Area Available: ALL UK

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
Celtic Financial Planning Ltd

Contact hello@celticfp.co.uk | 01352 390121

Weblinks: www.celticfp.co.uk

Finance Solutions from Bathgate Business Finance

Bathgate Business Finance assists businesses in investing in renewable energy projects. Whether funding Biomass, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), Solar, Wind Energy, Ground Source, Air Source, Heating Storage, or LED Lighting & Energy solutions, the company provides comprehensive support.

With in-depth expertise, an extensive network of funders, and in-house lending capabilities, Bathgate Business Finance delivers fast, flexible funding solutions to help businesses adopt sustainable energy practices, reduce their carbon footprint, and lower operational costs.

Closing date: N/A

Sector/s: All

Area Available: All UK

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
Bathgate Business Finance

Weblinks: Tracey Hamilton 07557 973196
tracey@bathgatebf.co.uk

Skills & Training



Developing the right skills and knowledge is essential for businesses looking to stay competitive, improve sustainability, and navigate industry changes. This section provides a snapshot of training opportunities, workshops, and resources designed to support businesses in enhancing their environmental, digital, and workforce capabilities. With a strong focus on achieving net zero, managing carbon footprints, and adopting greener energy solutions, these courses offer practical guidance for businesses of all sizes across various sectors.

Energy Saving Trust Resources

Provides a range of free online resources and guides to help businesses reduce energy consumption and adopt sustainable practices. While they focus on the consumer sector, their advice is applicable to businesses.

Cost: Free

Sector/s: All

Area Available: All UK

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
Energy Saving Trust

Weblinks: Advice for businesses and local authorities - Energy Saving Trust

Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA)

Offers free webinars and online courses on environmental management, sustainability, and the circular economy. These sessions are designed to help businesses understand and implement effective environmental strategies.

Cost: Free

Sector/s: All

Area Available: ALL UK

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
IEMA

Weblinks: IEMA - Events & Webinars

Business Wales Workshops

Provides workshops and online training sessions focused on sustainability, energy efficiency, and reducing environmental impacts for Welsh businesses.

Cost: Free/Subsidised

Sector/s: All

Area Available: Wales

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
Business Wales

Weblinks: Green Growth Pledge | Business Wales (gov.wales)

Carbon Literacy for North Wales Organisations

Carbon literacy training is an educational program designed to increase awareness and understanding of carbon emissions, climate change, and their associated impacts.

The Carbon Literacy Project defines Carbon Literacy as “an awareness of the carbon costs and impacts of everyday activities and the ability and motivation to reduce emissions, on an individual, community and organisational basis.” 7.5 hours over two days.

Cost: £125 for professionals

Sector/s: All

Area Available: North Wales

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
Bangor University

Contact Rhodri Daniel - Low Carbon Officer-
rh.daniel@bangor.ac.uk

Weblinks: Bangor University: Carbon Literacy for North Wales Organisations

Coursera

Partners with leading universities and companies to offer flexible, affordable, job-relevant online learning, including courses on circular economy practices applicable to Welsh businesses.

Cost: 7 day free trial, then £38 per month thereafter on an individual membership. Access to many courses including ones on sustainability. Certifications available on completion. Cancel anytime.

Sector/s: All

Area Available: UK Wide

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
Coursera

Weblinks: Coursera's Mission, Vision, and Commitment to Our Community | Coursera

Hyfforddiant Net Sero Training Gwynedd

Hyfforddiant Net Sero Training Gwynedd delivers cutting-edge training in decarbonisation, renewable energy, and retrofitting skills from Tŷ Gwyrddfai, Penygroes.

The training provided enables individuals and businesses to develop skills in the rapidly evolving field of carbon reduction providing industry training that includes

- Renewables
- Retrofit
- Energy Efficiency
- Decarbonisation

Cost: Contact cist@gllm.ac.uk to find out about any funding options or costs

Sector/s: All

Area Available: North Wales

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
[Busnes@Lladrillo Menai](mailto:Busnes@LladrilloMenai)

Contact cist@gllm.ac.uk

Weblinks: Hyfforddiant Net Sero Training Gwynedd | Busnes@LladrilloMenai (gllm.ac.uk)

Environmental awareness, audit and management for your business.

Aims of this course is to equip participants with tools to complete an environmental audit of their farm or land-based business, identifying resource savings and compliance with new legislation.

1 day training course. A certificate of training will be issued following completion. From 1st September 2023, all applicants must complete the following mandatory e-learning module before applying for funding – Mandatory Unit: Fundamentals to a successful business

Cost: 80% funded.

Sector/s: Farm or land-based businesses

Area Available: Wales

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
Grwp Lladrillo Menai/ Farming Connect

Contact: Grwp Lladrillo Menai, Dewi Williams, dewiwilliams@gllm.ac.uk

Weblinks: Environmental awareness, audit and management for your business. | Farming Connect (gov.wales)

Flexible Skills Programme (FSP)

This Flexible Skills Programme is designed to provide funding support to Wales-based businesses that wish to address skills gaps and upskill their workforce and help develop an agile workforce in Wales.

The programme is available to any size of business in Wales and provides 50% funding towards eligible training including face-to-face or online training. There is no requirement to use any particular training company - the applicant may choose any certified training provider - but any supported training on this programme must either be accredited or to a recognised industry standard

Cost: Subsidised

Sector/s: All sectors

Area Available: All Wales

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
Welsh Government

Contact DFESRM@gov.wales

Weblinks: Flexible Skills Programme |
Business Wales Skills Gateway

Small Business Britain

Small Business Britain offers a range of free online workshops to small business owners on a range of topics including sustainability, all available to view on the Small Business Britain YouTube channel.

Cost: Free to attend/view

Sector/s: All SME's

Area Available: UK

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
Small Business Britain

Weblinks: Small Business Britain
Online Events and [youtube.com/@smallbusinessbritain](https://www.youtube.com/@smallbusinessbritain)

Careers Wales – Green Personal learning accounts

The PLA Programme Provides fully funded learning for individuals to gain higher-level skills in priority sectors like energy, construction, and green skills. No salary cap on specific approved courses.

The new investment will be delivered in the same way as the main PLA programme, but will include:

- applicable sectors (including energy, construction, engineering and manufacturing)
- removal of the earnings cap of £30,596

Further information can also be found on the gov.wales website: Stronger, fairer greener Wales: net zero skills.

Cost: Courses are 100% fully funded

Sector/s: All

Area Available: Wales

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:

Coleg Cambria / Grŵp Llandrillo Menai

Contact Click on the link to find contact details for Coleg Cambria or Grŵp Llandrillo Menai

Weblinks: Green personal learning accounts (PLAs): approved courses

AGORED Cymru - Net Zero Qualification

Offers a Level 3 Diploma in Energy and Carbon Management. Focused on energy systems, carbon emissions, and sustainable processes.

Guided Learning Hours (GLH) = 335

Total Qualification Time (TQT) = 620

Cost: Standard fee: £217.00 with possible discounts available upon enquiry

Sector/s: All

Area Available: Wales

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:

Centres North Wales: Grŵp Llandrillo Menai, Cambrian training.

Contact centre.manager@agored.cymru

Weblinks: Energy and Carbon Management (agored.cymru)

Climate change: transforming your organisation for sustainability

This microcredential equips professionals with the knowledge, skills, and tools to enhance their organisation's sustainability efforts.

Over 10 weeks, participants explore the latest climate science, the role of individuals and organisations in addressing the crisis, and five key approaches to sustainable working. Critical frameworks and strategies provide practical guidance for driving positive change and fostering leadership in sustainability across all roles, levels, and sectors. Enrolment 25th March 2025.

Cost: £500 (support available for those with household income less than £25,000)

Sector/s: All

Area Available: UK

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
The Open University

Weblinks: The Open University: Climate change: transforming your organisation for sustainability

North Wales Skills Portal

The North Wales Skill Portal aims to be an online gateway that simplifies skills, employment, and business growth opportunities in the region, connecting the dots between individuals, employers, and training and support providers.

Cost: Free

Sector/s: All

Area Available: North Wales

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
Ambition North Wales

Weblinks: North Wales Skills Portal

Coming soon in 2025

Gwynedd County Council - Skills and Work Potential Gwynedd

Workforce Skills Improvement Grant to support employee training in Gwynedd. Information on how to apply will be released soon.

Sector/s: All

Area Available: Gwynedd

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
The Open University

Weblinks: Business Support Projects (llyw. cymru)

Low Carbon Energy, Efficiency & Sustainability (Degree Apprenticeship- day release) BEng (Hons) Degree.

Provides a foundation in engineering fundamentals to succeed in your low carbon career.

Modules and teaching in this industry-focused degree are built around your own workplace. Each level of the degree has a project which acts as a capstone to your learning and allows you to apply your knowledge to real-world problems in your workplace. Also funded knowledge transfer partnerships and smart partnerships in low carbon available.

Cost: Free/ Fully Funded (provided you are employed in Wales for 51% of the time) as part of the Welsh Degree Apprenticeship scheme.

Sector/s: All

Area Available: All Wales

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
Wrexham University

Contact: Dr David Sprake d.sprake@wrexham.ac.uk 07973 501853

Weblinks: <https://wrexham.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate-courses/low-carbon-energy-efficiency-and-sustainability-degree-apprenticeship/>

CITB Net Zero Toolkit

The toolkit has been created for all professionals in the construction industry.

It is designed to make information surrounding skills, training, regulations and future requirements surrounding net zero accessible, easy to understand and in a single location. The toolkit tackles new build as well as the retrofit of existing buildings. So whatever your project, you will find the relevant information.

Cost: Toolkit is free to access/download but grant/funding support is only available to CITB registered employers

Sector/s: Construction

Area Available: All UK

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier: CITB

Contact: <https://www.citb.co.uk/about-citb/what-we-do/citb-in-your-local-area/wales/>

Weblinks: <https://www.citb.co.uk/about-citb/what-we-do/plans-and-performance/net-zero-action-plan>

<https://www.citb.co.uk/media/fajbl4fg/net-zero-toolkit-v2.pdf>

Make UK Environment, Health and Safety (EHS) Training and Support

Make UK's Environment, Health and Safety (EHS) team are a leading provider of training and consultancy services.

Expert trainers design and deliver a range of accredited IEMA training including Pathways to Net Zero and Introduction to Net Zero. The team specialise in developing bespoke training and offer consultancy support relating to net zero. Utilising extensive experience in fast-paced and highly regulated environments, alongside strong partnerships with accreditation bodies, Government and enforcement agencies, Make UK are uniquely positioned to support you in protecting your people and the environment.

Cost: Subsidized/full commercial rate

Sector/s: All

Area Available: All UK

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier: Make UK

Contact: enquiries@makeuk.org or call 0808 168 5874.

Weblinks: www.makeuk.org

Carbon Literacy Course

Carbon literacy training course is an educational course, designed to increase awareness and understanding of carbon emissions, climate change, and their associated impacts for SMEs based in Wales.

M-SParc has been accredited by the Carbon Literacy Project to deliver the training for SME's and the public sector across North Wales. The topics in the course range from Climate Science, Climate Change Impacts to Personal and organisational Actions and can be delivered in Welsh or English. Upon completing the course, participants receive a formal certification from the Carbon Literacy Project.

Cost: Full commercial rate or discounts for groups

Sector/s: All or targeted at a particular Sector

Area Available: North Wales

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
M-SParc

Contact: rhodrid@m-sparc.com / egni@m-sparc.com

Weblinks: <https://m-sparc.com/carbon-literacy>

Energy



Energy is key to building a sustainable and cost-efficient future for SMEs. This section lists support, resources and suppliers (including suppliers based in North Wales) available to businesses to help reduce their carbon footprint while saving money through renewable energy, efficiency improvements, and smart energy management.

Boiler upgrade Scheme (BUS)

The Boiler Upgrade Scheme (BUS) supports the decarbonization of heat in buildings by providing upfront grants for heat pumps and biomass boilers in homes and non-domestic buildings in England and Wales.

As of September 21, 2023, grant levels were increased to:

- £7,500 for air source and ground source (including water source) heat pumps
- £5,000 for biomass boilers

£450 million is available from 2022 to 2025, with an extension until April 2028. Installers apply on behalf of property owners.

Sector/s: All

Area Available: UK

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier: Ofgem

Contact Info: Boiler Upgrade Scheme (BUS) - Property owners | Ofgem

Weblinks: Boiler Upgrade Scheme (BUS) | Ofgem / Boiler Upgrade Scheme (BUS) - Installers | Ofgem

Energy Efficiency Support for SME's

Offers support for businesses to improve energy efficiency, reduce costs, and lower carbon emissions. Services include energy audits, advice on renewable energy solutions, and guidance on accessing funding and grants for energy-saving projects.

Also provide resources and tools to help businesses implement energy-saving measures and track their progress. This can be particularly beneficial for SMEs looking to become more sustainable and reduce operating costs.

Sector/s: All

Area Available: UK

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
Energy Saving Trust

Weblinks: Energy Saving Trust

Welsh Government Energy Service Support

Provides support to public sector bodies and community organizations in Wales, focusing on energy efficiency, renewable energy, and reducing carbon emissions. Covers following services: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Projects, Technical and Financial Support, Carbon Reduction Targets

While primarily focused on the public sector and community groups, the insights and best practices promoted by the service can also be valuable to private businesses seeking to improve their energy management. Such as Best Practices and Case Studies, Collaboration Opportunities, Information and Networking, Consultancy and Guidance

Sector/s: Public and Community organisations, however information also useful to Businesses

Area Available: Wales

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
Welsh Government

Contact: enquiries@energyservice.wales

Weblinks: Energy Service (for public sector and community groups) | GOV.WALES

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Also provide resources and tools to help businesses implement energy-saving measures and track their progress. This can be particularly beneficial for SMEs looking to become more sustainable and reduce operating costs.

Cost: Free

Sector/s: All

Area Available: UK wide

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
Energy Saving Trust

Weblinks: Advice for businesses and local authorities - Energy Saving Trust

Ambition North Wales - BID Writing Support

In 2025, Ambition North Wales will be launching the North Wales Clean Energy Fund, offering funding for clean energy and decarbonisation projects in North Wales.

A suite of documents has been developed to guide project development and grant applications, aiming to help organisations create stronger, more coherent proposals. These documents provide general guidance and tips for developing robust project proposals and can be applied to various funding opportunities.

Cost: Free

Sector/s: All

Area Available: North Wales

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
Ambition North Wales

Contact: energy@ambitionnorth.wales (to find out more and receive application pack)

Weblinks: Ambition North Wales – General Guidance on How to Prepare for Bids and Fund Applications.

Smart Meters

Smart Energy GB is the not-for-profit campaign focussing on helping UK businesses and households understand and use smart meters for better energy management, leading to improved energy efficiency and cost savings.

Small businesses with smart meters can also take part in the Demand Flexibility Service, which is a voluntary scheme to encourage businesses to reduce their electricity usage at specific times. Find out more about using your energy in a more flexible way.

Sector/s: All

Area Available: UK

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier: Smart Energy GB

Weblinks: Smart meters for small businesses | Smart Energy GB

Manufacturing Energy Toolkit

For SME manufacturers based in the UK. Specialist resources and advice to help manufacturers reduce their energy consumption and increase profitability.

Cost: Not available

Sector/s: Manufacturing

Area Available: All UK

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier: Catapult High Value Manufacturing

Weblinks: <https://hvm.catapult.org.uk/news/manufacturing-energy-toolkit-why-apply/>

Ynni Cymunedol Cymru/ Community Energy Wales

Community Energy Wales connects, inspires, and supports communities in leading a just transition to a zero-carbon society.

Its members are experts in community energy, driving projects in generation, efficiency, transport, heating, and education. The organisation advocates for the sector, influencing energy policy to promote clear community energy targets in Wales. Community groups and organisations aligned with these goals are encouraged to join.

Cost: All

Sector/s: Not for Profit

Area Available: Wales

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
Community Energy Wales

Contact: info@communityenergywales.org.uk
/ 02920 190260

Weblinks: [Community Energy Wales](#) | [About Us](#)

Offshore Energy Alliance

The Offshore Energy Alliance is a supply chain cluster dedicated to advancing offshore energy in North Wales and the Northwest UK.

Designed to strengthen infrastructure, enhance regional skills, and connect businesses to offshore projects, the alliance creates collaboration across industries. Membership is free and provides businesses with valuable networking opportunities through our regular events programme, direct access to the offshore energy supply chain, and cross-sector partnerships that extend beyond the energy industry.

Cost: Free

Sector/s: All / offshore energy

Area Available: North Wales and Northwest

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier:
Offshore Energy Alliance / M-SParc

Contact: info@offshoreenergyalliance.co.uk

Weblinks: <https://offshoreenergyalliance.co.uk/>

Support for the Offshore Renewable Energy Sector

The Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult offer a broad range of support for companies of any scale developing products and services for the renewable energy industry, which, beyond wind, wave, tidal and floating solar, includes ancillary services such as environmental monitoring, alternative fuels, digital tools etc. Programs include:

- SME support services, engineering, research and development support, market analysis and business insight
- Supply chain scale up programs, for companies seeking to win more renewable energy work
- Collaborative research funding support, signposting to relevant funding calls, support with grant writing, and access to test and demonstration assets

Cost: Free

Sector/s: Offshore renewable energy

Area Available: UK wide

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier: The Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult

Contact: rebecca.jeffrey@ore.catapult.org.uk

Weblinks: <https://ore.catapult.org.uk/>

Free Energy Saving Review for Businesses

As a Leading Energy Saving Company for 16 years. We are offering local businesses and organisations a FREE Energy Saving Review.

If you are based in North Wales this will be a site visit with a representative, to look at how you can save energy and reduce your carbon footprint. There is no obligation to buy. The site visit is concluded with an email, with some recommendations and budget costs. A full report can be created at an additional cost. We are confident we can save most businesses thousands and help them reduce their carbon footprint by doing so.

Cost: Free

Sector/s: All

Area Available: All UK

Delivery Organisation/Name Supplier: Carbon Zero Renewables

Contact: info@carbonzerorenewables.co.uk

Weblinks: www.carbonzerorenewables.co.uk

Certification & Accreditation



Sustainability certifications help UK businesses, including SMEs, demonstrate their commitment to environmental responsibility and ethical sourcing and can help them with the structures necessary to manage the process of reducing their environmental impact. They provide credible recognition, enhance brand reputation, and support compliance with UK and global regulations. This section highlights key certifications, and delivery organisations (including ones based in North Wales) relevant to SMEs.

Green Key

Green Key is a leading international eco-label awarded to tourism establishments that commit to sustainable practices. It signifies excellence in environmental responsibility and sustainable operations within the tourism industry.

Green Key certification is available in over 70 countries globally, making it one of the largest international tourism eco-certificates.

Cost: Varies depending on the country and the type of establishment.

Sector/s: Tourism

Area Available: International

Delivery Organisation

Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE)

Accreditation Body:

Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE)

Contact: simon.preddy@keepwalestidy.cymru

Weblinks: <https://keepwalestidy.cymru/our-work/awards/green-key/>

B Corporation Certification

This certification is awarded to companies that meet high standards of social and environmental performance, accountability, and transparency.

B Corps are assessed on their entire social and environmental impact, making it a holistic accreditation for businesses committed to sustainability

Cost: Varies based on a company's annual revenue and region

Sector/s: All

Area Available: International

Accreditation Body: B Lab UK, Nonprofit organisation

Contact: certification@bcorporation.uk

Weblinks: <https://bcorporation.uk/b-corp-certification/>

ISO 14001

ISO 14001 is an internationally recognized standard for Environmental Management Systems (EMS).

It provides a framework that organizations can follow to improve their environmental performance through more efficient use of resources and reduction of waste. Implementing ISO 14001 can help organizations enhance their environmental responsibilities and gain a competitive advantage.

Cost: varies based on factors such as the size and complexity of the organization

Sector/s: All including manufacturing and tourism

Area Available: International

Delivery Organisation: Various Consulting services across North Wales available

Accrediting body: UKAS

Contact: info@ukas.com

Weblinks: www.ukas.com

ISO 50001

ISO 50001 is an internationally recognized standard for Energy Management Systems (EnMS).

It provides organizations with a framework to manage and improve their energy performance, leading to increased energy efficiency and reduced greenhouse gas emissions. This standard is ideal for businesses focused on optimizing energy use and demonstrating environmental responsibility.

Cost: Varies based on factors such as the organization's size, complexity, number of sites, and existing energy management practices

Sector/s: All including Manufacturing

Area Available: International

Delivery Organisation: Various Consulting services across North Wales available

Accreditation Body: UKAS

Contact: info@ukas.com

Weblinks: www.ukas.com

ISO 59000 Family of Standards

The newly published BS ISO 59000 family of standards is designed to facilitate this transition by harmonizing the understanding and implementation of the circular economy.

The BS ISO 59000 series aims to standardize the principles, implementation, and measurement of the circular economy. These standards are designed to be universally applicable, assisting organizations in contributing to the United Nations (UN) Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development.

The series includes several standards, with BS ISO 59004, BS ISO 59010, and BS ISO 59020.

Cost: Varies

Sector/s: All

Area Available: All UK

Delivery Organisation: BSI Group

Accrediting body: UKAS

Contact: cservices@bsigroup.com

Weblinks: The BS ISO 59000 series: How to implement the circular economy

BS ISO 14068-1:2023 - Carbon Neutrality (replacement for PAS 2060:2014)

BS ISO 14068-1:2023 is a new international standard setting out strong principles and detailed and verifiable requirements on quantification and reduction or removal of GHG emissions.

Users gain clear, best practice guidance that will allow them to make verifiable claims of carbon or climate neutrality.

Cost: Varies

Sector/s: All, especially suited for industries with significant carbon footprints such as tourism, manufacturing, energy, transport

Area Available: UK

Delivery Organisation: The British Standards Institution (BSI)

Accreditation Body: UKAS

Weblinks: <https://knowledge.bsigroup.com/products/climate-change-management-transition-to-net-zero-carbon-neutrality?version=standard>

BSI Flex 3030 v2.0:2024-12 Net Zero Transition Plans Code of Practice

New standard has been developed to support SME's who are yet to set net-zero targets or outline supporting plans.

The standard covers how SMEs can:

- Quantify their greenhouse gas emissions baseline
- Set meaningful targets to reduce emissions
- Plot a credible pathway to net-zero
- Identify the actions and measures needed to deliver the pathway

Cost: Free guide to download

Sector/s: All

Area Available: All UK

Delivery Organisation: The British Standards Institution (BSI)

Weblinks: BSI Flex 3030 v2.0:2024-12

Route to Net Zero Standard

The Route to Net Zero Standard helps organizations measure, manage, and reduce their carbon emissions while working towards net zero.

It provides a clear framework for businesses to track progress and demonstrate their commitment to sustainability. The standard supports companies at different stages of their decarbonization journey, from initial carbon footprint measurement to advanced reduction strategies.

Cost: Varies depending on factors such as the size of the organization, the complexity of its operations, and the scope of the assessment.

Sector/s: All

Area Available: UK

Delivery Organisation: The Carbon Trust

Accreditation Body: UKAS

Contact: info@carbontrust.com

Weblinks: <https://www.carbontrust.com/what-we-do/net-zero-transition-planning-and-delivery/route-to-net-zero-standard>

Made in Britain Green Growth Certification

The Made in Britain Green Growth Certification is a sustainability accreditation designed specifically for UK manufacturers.

It helps businesses demonstrate their commitment to reducing environmental impacts, improving energy efficiency, and adopting sustainable practices. The certification is aligned with the UK's Net Zero targets and supports manufacturers in integrating sustainability into their business operations.

Cost: Membership starts from £195 per year / Varies based on company size

Sector/s: Manufacturing

Area Available: All UK

Delivery Organisation: Made in Britain

Accreditation Body: Made in Britain

Contact: info@madeinbritain.org

Weblinks: <https://www.madeinbritain.org/news/show-your-green-credentials-with-the-new-green-growth-badge>

Sustainable Restaurant Association (SRA) Rating

The Sustainable Restaurant Association (SRA) Rating is a sustainability accreditation for restaurants, hotels, and food service businesses. The rating assesses establishments based on three core pillars:

- Sourcing (local, seasonal, ethical, and sustainable ingredients)
- Environment (energy efficiency, waste reduction, water conservation, carbon footprint)
- Society (staff welfare, community engagement, and responsible business practices)

Businesses receive a 1 to 3-star rating based on their performance, helping them communicate their sustainability efforts to customers and stakeholders.

Cost: Pricing varies based on business size and location.

Sector/s: Tourism/ Hospitality

Area Available: UK

Delivery Organisation: Sustainable Restaurant Association (SRA)

Accreditation Body: SRA independently assesses businesses based on sustainability criteria

Contact: hello@thesra.org

Weblinks: <https://thesra.org/>

Fairtrade Certification

Fairtrade Certification ensures that products meet fair trade standards, supporting ethical sourcing, fair wages, and sustainable development for farmers and workers, particularly in developing countries.

The certification is widely recognised in the UK supply chain, helping SMEs, retailers, and manufacturers demonstrate their commitment to fair trading practices. Fairtrade-certified businesses must comply with strict criteria, including:

- Fair wages and ethical labour conditions
- Sustainable farming and environmental protection
- Support for local communities and producer cooperatives

Cost: Vary depending on business size, sector, and number of certified products.

Sector/s: Manufacturing

Area Available: All UK

Delivery Organisation: The Fairtrade Foundation (UK branch of Fairtrade International)

Accreditation Body: FLOCERT, an independent certifier carries out the certification process

Contact: commercial@fairtrade.org.uk

Weblinks: <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/>

Planet Mark Certification

The Planet Mark Certification is a sustainability accreditation that helps businesses measure and reduce their carbon footprint while enhancing social value.

It involves rigorous measurement, independent verification, and annual reporting, ensuring continuous improvement in carbon reduction, energy efficiency, and corporate social responsibility. Companies that achieve certification benefit from enhanced brand reputation, regulatory compliance, and cost savings.

Cost: Varies depending on business size, sector, and the scope of measurement.

Sector/s: All

Area Available: UK

Delivery Organisation: Planet Mark

Accreditation Body: Planet Mark independently verifies assessments in partnership with the Carbon Trust and the University of Exeter for sustainability research.

Contact: info@planetmark.com

Weblinks: <https://www.planetmark.com/>

Green Tourism Certification

The Green Tourism Certification is a sustainability accreditation for businesses in the tourism and hospitality sectors, recognising organisations that demonstrate environmental responsibility, efficient resource use, and sustainable practices.

Certified businesses receive a Bronze, Silver, or Gold award, based on their level of sustainability commitment. This certification helps companies attract eco-conscious customers and meet UK sustainability goals in the tourism industry.

Cost: Membership and certification costs vary depending on business size and type.

Sector/s: Tourism

Area Available: UK

Delivery Organisation: Green Tourism

Accreditation Body: Green Tourism, in partnership with industry and sustainability experts

Contact: info@green-tourism.com

Weblinks: <https://www.green-tourism.com/>

Accreditations Grant Scheme

Cyngor Gwynedd is keen to assist small and medium sized businesses located in Gwynedd to achieve accreditations which set recognised specifications for products, services and systems, to ensure quality, safety and efficiency.

Examples are ISO accreditations such as ISO9001 which specifies requirements for a quality management system and ISO14001 which specifies requirements for an environmental management system.

However, Cyngor Gwynedd is open to considering any accreditation that enhances a business product or service quality that boosts customer confidence.

Cost: 75% towards eligible costs

Sector/s: All

Area Available: Gwynedd

Contact: busnes@gwynedd.llyw.cymru

Circular Economy



The circular economy reduces waste by keeping resources in use through recycling, reusing, and repairing, unlike the linear “take, make, dispose” model. It promotes product longevity, renewable energy, and shared use to minimize resource extraction and environmental impact. This section provides resources, networks and suppliers (including suppliers based in North Wales) to help businesses transition to circular practices.

Ellen Macarthur Foundation

The Green Business Loan Scheme The Green Business Loan Scheme addresses common challenges by offering support to reduce carbon emissions and help businesses save on future energy bills.

A charity committed to creating a circular economy, which is designed to eliminate waste and pollution, circulate products and materials (at their highest value), and regenerate nature. It's an economic system that delivers better outcomes for people, and the environment.

Cost: Free access to a range of circular economy resources.

Sector/s: All

Area Available: UK

Delivery Organisation: Ellen Macarthur Foundation

Contact: 01983 296463

Weblinks: Explore the circular economy (ellenmacarthurfoundation.org)

UK Circular Plastics Network (UKCPN)

The UK Circular Plastics Network (UKCPN) connects diverse plastic product users to reduce plastic waste through networking, knowledge-sharing, and support activities.

Supported by Innovate UK and UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), UKCPN engages innovators to promote a circular economy for plastics, valuing polymers that contribute to a net zero future. Their goals include eliminating UK plastic waste, enhancing recycling rates, reducing public confusion through user-centered design, and showcasing innovations that prevent environmental plastic pollution.

Cost: Free

Sector/s: Manufacturing/ supply chain

Area Available: UK

Delivery Organisation: UKCPN is an UKRI supported activity

Weblinks: <https://ukcpn.co.uk/>

Circular Materials Mapping Tool for Wales

Funded by the Welsh Government, WRAP has developed this user-friendly Circular Materials Mapping Tool for Wales – a useful resource for Welsh stakeholders across the plastics, paper, and wood value chains.

Cost: Free

Sector/s: Manufacturing/ supply chain

Area Available: Wales

Delivery Organisation: WRAP Cymru

Weblinks: Circular Materials Mapping Tool for Wales | WRAP (wrapcymru.org.uk)

Workplace Recycling Guidance

The Business of Recycling Wales, an initiative by WRAP Cymru, provides comprehensive guidance to help workplaces in Wales comply with new recycling regulations.

The platform offers sector-specific advice for industries such as hospitality, retail, education, and residential settings, detailing the materials that must be separated for recycling, including food waste, paper, glass, metals, plastics, textiles, and small electrical equipment.

Resources available include webinars, posters, signage, and templates to assist businesses in implementing effective recycling practices. By following this guidance, workplaces can contribute to Wales's environmental goals, reduce carbon emissions, and support the circular economy.

Cost: Free resources

Sector/s: All

Area Available: Wales

Delivery Organisation: WRAP Cymru

Weblinks: The Business of Recycling Wales Guidance for all workplaces

Caru Cymru

The aim of Caru Cymru is to eliminate litter and waste. To achieve this, they need businesses across Wales to join the movement.

Encouraging businesses and organisations to pledge their commitment to four Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Repair.

Want to make it as easy as possible for businesses to make a positive difference. Access information, advice and resources to help make a change.

Sector/s: All

Area Available: Wales

Delivery Organisation: Keep Wales Tidy

Contact: simon.preddy@keepwalestidy.cymru

Weblinks: Business Support - Keep Wales Tidy - Caru Cymru

Carbon Footprinting / Life Cycle Assessment / EPD preparation

The BioComposites Centre at Bangor University is a self-funding research group specializing in renewable materials, circular economy, and sustainability assessment.

The LCA team can offer businesses of any size a product or organisational footprinting service, whether that be Scope 1 and 2 carbon emissions calculations or full life cycle assessment. We also have experience in Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) preparation and are naturally open to exploring grant-funded collaborative R&D opportunities.

Cost: Commercial Rate

Sector/s: All

Area Available: Wales

Delivery Organisation: Bangor University

Contact: c.j.skinner@bangor.ac.uk

Weblinks: www.bangor.ac.uk

Carbon Offsets from Welsh Farms - Ethical & Auditable

Whatever a company does leaves a Carbon Footprint. This can be Offset by purchasing Carbon to become carbon neutral.

BlociCarbon sells carbon offsetting credits from reputable and traceable UK organisations particularly Welsh Farms which can be independently verified via the Blockchain. Its blockchain technology ensures validation of carbon credits and fosters cyclic reinvestment in carbon reduction and biodiversity.

Buying from BlociCarbon encourages UK farmers to become Carbon Positive and selling their excess carbon offsets enables others to be carbon neutral. Its marketplace matches Welsh farmers that need to sell carbon offsets, with companies that need to buy carbon offsets.

Cost: 10% Discount to Net Zero North Wales Network members

Sector/s: All

Area Available: ALL UK

Delivery Organisation: BlociCarbon

Contact: contact@blocicarbon.com

Weblinks: www.blocicarbon.com

Business Support



A wide range of support is available to help SMEs in Wales and across the UK grow, innovate, and transition to sustainable business practices. From funding opportunities and expert advice to sustainability initiatives and net zero guidance, these resources provide practical assistance for businesses at all stages. The following list highlights some of the key support options for SMEs.

Business Wales / Green Ambition

Business Wales provides fully funded, impartial advice and support to help businesses thrive. Their services cover a wide range of areas, including HR, business planning, productivity enhancement, securing finance, and reducing carbon emissions, all aimed at building a stronger, more sustainable future.

Investing in workforce training and skills development not only future-proofs a business but also drives innovation and growth. Recognizing that net zero skills may not be an immediate priority and that staff training can be challenging, Business Wales offers tailored support packages to simplify upskilling. This enables businesses to remain competitive, reduce costs, and capitalize on opportunities in the green economy.

Cost: Fully Funded

Sector/s: All

Area Available: Wales

Delivery Organisation
Business Wales

Contact: 03000 6 03000

Weblinks: [Green Ambition](#) | [Business Wales](#)

Expert Support for Small Businesses in the UK

A UK-wide network that offers support to SMEs, including access to funding, and advice on sustainability practices. They provide resources and connections to help businesses grow sustainably.

Cost: Free to join

Sector/s: All

Area Available: All UK

Delivery Organisation: Enterprise Nation

Contact: hello@enterprisenation.com

Weblinks: Expert support for small businesses in the UK | Enterprise Nation

UK Business Climate Hub

The UK Business Climate Hub provides net zero advice for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the UK.

The UK Business Climate Hub is a collaboration between the UK Government, businesses and business groups across the UK. The Hub is the UK partner of the SME Climate Hub, the global initiative which empowers small and medium-sized enterprises to take climate action.

Cost: Free

Sector/s: All

Area Available: All UK

Delivery Organisation:
UK Business Climate Hub

Weblinks: <https://businessclimatehub.uk>

Cyllido Cymru / Funding Wales

This is a new funding search platform created by Third Sector Support Wales. Find funding for your charity, community group or social enterprise using our free online search engine.

This service is solely for the use of not-for-profit organisations.

Cost: Free

Sector/s: All charities/community groups/
social enterprises

Area Available: Wales

Delivery Organisation: WCVA

Contact: fundingwales@wcva.cymru

Weblinks: Home (funding.cymru)

Sustainability and net zero

The FSB supports small businesses and the self-employed on their Net Zero journey by providing resources, tools, and guidance for sustainability.

In collaboration with the UK Business Climate Hub, the FSB's sustainability hub offers expert advice, practical tips, and real business stories. Whether businesses need help understanding carbon jargon or taking the next step, the hub provides essential support.

Cost: Membership based on size of business/
organisation

Sector/s: All

Area Available: All UK

Delivery Organisation:
Federation of Small Businesses

Contact: Wales@fsb.org.uk

Weblinks: Sustainability and net zero

Net Zero transition planning and delivery

The Carbon Trust collaborates with companies, financial institutions, and public sector organisations, supporting them at every stage of their Net Zero transition.

It helps clients make strategic decisions, drive innovation, and turn ambition into impact by providing expertise across sectors and international markets.

Cost: Varies

Sector/s: All

Area Available: UK

Delivery Organisation: Carbon Trust

Contact: Andy Beaumont, Senior Client Engagement Adviser: +44 (0)207 170 7000.

Weblinks: Net Zero transition planning and delivery | The Carbon Trust

Catapult Network

The Innovate UK Catapult Network provides a unique combination of cutting-edge R&D facilities and world-class technical expertise to support UK business innovation

Catapults across the UK include those for Advanced and High Value Manufacturing, Connected Places, Digital, Energy Systems and Offshore Renewable Energy.

Cost: Free

Sector/s: SME's, Manufacturing and Innovation

Area Available: UK

Delivery Organisation: UKRI Innovate UK

Weblinks: Business & Industry

Climate Adaptation Readiness Assessment for the Food and Drink Industry

Food and Drink Wales has developed a toolkit to help businesses improve sustainability.

The toolkit has been developed as part of the Welsh Government's vision to make Wales one of the most environmentally and socially responsible food and drink supply chains in the world, as well as contributing towards the country's wider climate ambitions, including reaching net zero by 2050.

The toolkit provides some 'top tips' on how to reduce your food waste, packaging, and energy use, and ultimately, in places, help the 'bottom line'.

Cost: Free

Sector/s: Food and Drink

Area Available: Wales

Delivery Organisation: Food and Drink Wales

Weblinks: Climate Adaptation Readiness Assessment for the Food and Drink Industry

The Centre for Sustainable Business

The Centre for Sustainable Business research scope is diverse and covers connections between social, environmental and economic issues.

The aim is to inform urgent and responsible business transitions to net-zero, and ultimately net-positive, with human rights at its core.

Cost: Free

Sector/s: All

Area Available: UK

Delivery Organisation:
Liverpool University

Weblinks: The Centre for Sustainable Business

SME Net Zero Standards Hub

The Net Zero Standards Hub supports the development of the Net Zero Transition Plans Standard for SMEs and fosters industry engagement, discussion, and best practice sharing.

It provides a platform for SMEs and key stakeholders to contribute to the Flex 3030 standard, exchange insights, and access support for their net zero transition. Members can collaborate with like-minded professionals, shaping the future of sustainable business practices.

Cost: Free

Sector/s: All

Area Available: All UK

Delivery Organisation: BSI Standards

Weblinks: Net Zero Standards Hub

Edie

edie is a content-driven website used by over 130,000 sustainability, energy, and environmental professionals.

It offers daily news, commentary, exclusive interviews, research, industry reports, business guides, videos, webinars, and podcasts. This content is freely accessible via daily and weekly newsletters and is supported by a unique content distribution hub for product and service suppliers.

Cost: Free

Sector/s: All

Area Available: UK

Delivery Organisation:
Edie

Contact: 01342 332 000

Weblinks: <https://www.edie.net>

Disability Confident

The Disability Confident scheme helps employers maximize the talents of disabled individuals by supporting recruitment and retention.

This voluntary program offers free guidance, self-assessments, and resources for businesses of all sizes. It includes three levels: Disability Confident Committed, Disability Confident Employer, and Disability Confident Leader, which employers must complete in order. The scheme helps employers take actions that positively impact disabled employees, including those with conditions like asthma and diabetes, demonstrating a commitment to hiring based on merit and supporting diverse talent.

Cost: Free

Sector/s: All

Area Available: All UK

Delivery Organisation: Department for Work and Pensions

Contact: Lynne- lynne.taylor@dwp.gsi.gov.uk or Paul – paul.murphy6@dwp.gsi.gov.uk for more information

Weblinks: Link: Disability Confident employer scheme - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Climate Fit

The SME Climate Hub is a non-profit global initiative that empowers small to medium sized companies to take climate action and build resilient businesses for the future.

The Hub is an initiative of the We Mean Business Coalition, the Exponential Roadmap Initiative and the United Nations Race to Zero campaign in collaboration with Normative and the Net Zero team at Oxford University.

This course aims to help small and medium businesses navigate the path to net zero, in seven achievable steps.

Cost: Free

Sector/s: All

Area Available: UK

Delivery Organisation: SME Climate Hub

Weblinks: Climate Fit - SME Climate Hub

Business Support and Funding through Wrexham University's Enterprise Team

Wrexham University is here to help your business thrive while embracing a net zero future.

From innovation and funding, to training, placements, academic expertise, and access to resources, we provide tailored solutions to support your sustainability goals. Centrally positioned in North Wales' vibrant business community, we work with organisations across all sectors, offering expertise to drive meaningful change. Our team specialises in helping businesses access funding for sustainable innovation and recruit talent with a passion for net zero.

*Most knowledge transfer initiatives are subsidised, whilst academic consultation and equipment use begin at full commercial rate. Email for more information.

Cost: Subsidised*

Sector/s: All

Area Available: Nationwide

Delivery Organisation: Wrexham University

Contact: enterprise@wrexham.ac.uk

Weblinks: <https://wrexham.ac.uk/business>

Sprake Energy, Zero Carbon Consultants

Straightforward decarbonisation advice from independent, unbiased PhD expert's, resulting in tangible results that enhance your business.

Carbon measurement to ISO standards, carbon reduction plans, carbon zero accreditation, Renewable (solar, wind, hydro, energy storage) feasibility studies, socio economic studies. Complex analysis leading to optimised solutions made simple.

Cost: Full Commercial Rate

Sector/s: SME/ Large business

Area Available: ALL UK

Delivery Organisation:
Sprake Energy

Contact: David Sprake BEng(hons) CEng, MEI, PhD (renewable Energy smart grids)
07973 501853 / David@SprakeEnergy.com

Weblinks: www.SprakeEnergy.com

Sustainability, Carbon-Accounting and Decarbonisation Consultancy Services

Since 2018, Greener Edge has provided exceptional sustainability, carbon-accounting (emissions measurement) and decarbonisation (emissions reduction strategy) support to businesses, charities and government initiatives throughout the UK.

With team members who are first language Welsh, we have also carved out a niche providing these services in Welsh, without the need for external translators. We have extensive experience assessing the Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions of our clients, and developing science-based targets and practical strategies for reducing these emissions. Additionally, we have expertise in waste-management and material substitution, looking to reduce our clients' environmental impact (minimising pollution as well as emissions)

Cost: Full Commercial Rate

Sector/s: All

Area Available: All UK

Delivery Organisation: Greener Edge Ltd.

Contact: Stu Meades, Managing Director, stu@greener-edge.co.uk, 07763678468

Weblinks: <https://greener-edge.co.uk>

The Clean Tech Business Group

The Net Zero Carbon revolution is as significant and positive to our business lives as the digital revolution, introducing huge opportunities for SME's - The Clean Tech Business Group can ensure businesses are equipped to lead and thrive from those opportunities.

We work with ambitious and forward-thinking business owners to lead in this revolution by driving carbon awareness in your business - we will identify your carbon footprint and build a carbon reduction plan and sustainability strategy with you. Call us to get right to the detail of how your businesses can benefit from Net Zero Carbon and a sustainable future.

Cost: Full Commercial Rate, discounted rates for charities and CIC

Sector/s: All sectors covered

Area Available: UK

Delivery Organisation: The Clean Tech Business Group.

Contact: Simon Shuker - 07833 207643 simon.shuker@cleantechbusinessgroup.co.uk

Weblinks: <https://cleantechbusinessgroup.co.uk/>

Net-Zero Carbon Accounting for Land Management

Mapscape's digital mapping solution provides a measured Carbon calculation system for sustainability reporting for Micro / SME or large businesses and organisations.

Enables estimated quantification of the carbon sequestration potential of trees, tree groups (Tree trunks) and hedgerows, allowing confident reporting on natural capital. With detailed reports on current carbon stock and future uptake, our tool helps optimise land for carbon sequestration, whether existing green spaces or planned transformations.

Mapscape is a UKRI Award-Winning Net-Zero Tree Management software and provides scientifically backed carbon estimations using data from the Global Wood Density Database and industry-standard methods for calculating stem carbon stock.

Cost: Full Commercial Rate

Sector/s: Construction/Manufacturing/Agriculture

Area Available: UK and Ireland

Delivery Organisation: Mapscape Limited

Contact: David Winlo (Director) 01244 630808

Weblinks: www.mapscape.co.uk

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Weblinks: <https://cleantechbusinessgroup.co.uk/>

PR, communications, & stakeholder engagement

We tell your net zero story to build trust with stakeholders, as well as avoid greenwashing. Clear and strategic ESG messaging and storytelling supports brands to:

- secure funding for decarbonisation projects
- become an employer of choice, making it easier to recruit for roles including head of sustainability
- win new clients, as ESG issues form part of the decision-making process when purchasing, allowing you to reinvest in further decarbonisation actions.

We also deliver stakeholder engagement for firms seeking planning permission to develop renewable energy schemes, with activity throughout the entire planning phase (including DNS) through to construction and operational stages.

Cost: Full Commercial Rate

Sector/s: All

Area Available: UK

Delivery Organisation: Outwrite PR

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Carbon Reduction Action Plan - Pathway To Carbon Zero

Carbon Reduction Plans are increasingly important for businesses due to legal, environmental, and competitive pressures.

A Carbon Reduction Plan will help you understand your current position, record the good work that you have already done, plan for further improvements and map your potential route to Net Zero. Our approach ensures businesses transition to a low carbon position effectively and responsibly.

Pathway to Carbon Zero help businesses achieve Net Zero by offering tailored decarbonisation strategies.

We focus your business goals on reducing environmental impact through cost- effective, realistic actionable steps helping businesses align with global climate goals while improving their environmental credentials.

Cost: Full Commercial Rate (£1,800) with 20 % discount £1440 + VAT

Sector/s: All Micro / SME Businesses

Area Available: UK

Delivery Organisation:
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