



Welcome to our newsletter which brings you the latest news from Ambition North Wales and the North Wales Growth Deal. If you would like further information about our work, please contact us on info@ambitionnorth.wales.

WHO ARE WE?

The North Wales Growth Deal is a £1 billion investment in the region's economy, £240m of which is funded by the Welsh Government and UK Government.

The North Wales Economic Ambition Board is the decision-making body for the Growth Deal and is a partnership between the six North Wales local authorities and the region's educational institutions.



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Want more insight into our work and what we aim to achieve? Watch this video

CELEBRATING 2023/24 SUCCESSES

Our annual report is available on our website. It highlights our achievements over the year. Click the button below for the full report.

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FIRST CONSTRUCTION PROJECT DEVELOPING AT PACE

In early 2024, the Enterprise Engineering and Optics Centre was the Growth Deal's first construction project to move into delivery – and it's taking shape at speed!

The project is a pioneering build, at Wrexham University, which will deliver a specialist centre for research and development, business collaboration and skills development.

The focus will be on optics, photonics and supporting regional manufacturing businesses to reduce the environmental impact of their products and processes.

[Find out more.](#)



STRENGTHENING DIGITAL SERVICES AND ACCESS

Tackling mobile coverage 'not spots' and strengthening broadband is a priority for us:

4G+ PROJECT

The approval of the 4G+ Outline Business case by the Economic Ambition Board is a step forward to tackle connectivity challenges in North Wales to strengthen the area's capability to develop future technologies and attract investment. Read the full story [here](#).

LOCAL BROADBAND FUND

We have successfully led and completed the Local Broadband fund project, funded by the Welsh Government. The work upgraded broadband connections to 17 local authority and health sites in Wrexham, Gwynedd, Flintshire, Denbighshire and Conwy, including libraries and village halls in target areas.

RURAL DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY

We are pleased to be working alongside Annog Cyf to [promote funding streams and support rural communities](#) to improve connectivity across the region.

The project is funded by the Shared Prosperity Fund and led by Ambition North Wales.

TECH ADVICE FOR BUSINESSES

A project which provides advice and guidance to small and medium enterprises (SMEs) on how to make the most of the latest digital communication technology has been launched.

Led by Ambition North Wales, funded by the Shared Prosperity Fund and delivered by BIC Innovation with Intelligens Consulting, the [SME Connectivity Assessments](#) scheme will support 20 businesses across Conwy, Anglesey, Gwynedd, Flintshire and Denbighshire.

Applications close on **19 July**, so interested SMEs must email info@bic-innovation.com for further details in advance.



FINDING THE PERFECT CAREER

To help young people make decisions about their future career paths, a toolkit has been developed by the North Wales Regional Skills Partnership.

It also aims to provide parents, teachers and career advisors with important information so that they can support students as they decide on their next steps.

The [toolkit](#) includes a skills plan, an animated video, written case studies and videos from people sharing experiences.

BID WRITING SUPPORT

Community organisations and small enterprises in North Wales are being urged to look at our new scheme – providing bid writing support grants for clean energy projects.

Places are limited, and applications close on 30 August, so for further information and eligibility details, visit – [Bid Writing Support Grant](#).



SITE SET TO BECOME CENTRAL PART OF DENBIGH COMMUNITY

Work to transform the former North Wales Hospital site in Denbigh is progressing as planned – and set to provide employment and homes for local people.

The £107m project is being delivered by Jones Bros and will redevelop and breathe new life into the derelict 53-acre site.

The scheme includes restoration of the Grade 2* listed building, new homes, over 1,000m² of commercial units, as well as green community spaces.

The development is projected to create 360 apprenticeship opportunities supported by a new on-site training facility, as well as 70 full-time jobs by 2035.

