



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.

FUNDING TO TACKLE MOBILE CONNECTIVITY CHALLENGES

North Wales could benefit from stronger mobile connectivity across key locations, with a £6m investment from the region's Growth Deal.

The 4G+ project, part of the Digital Connectivity Programme run by Ambition North Wales, paves the way for improvements in coverage and performance of 4G networks and will support the expansion of 5G – maximising economic benefits for the region.

Over five years, the project will promote the use of public sector infrastructure by network operators to expand their coverage. Alongside this the project will deliver grant funding to support improvements to digital infrastructure and step up engagement with the telecommunications industry.

North Wales has approximately 79% geographic 4G coverage from all four mobile network operators, compared to the UK average of 88%. With an even higher UK government target of 95%, the Growth Deal investment has been widely welcomed.



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CEB+ PROGRESS

The creation of new laboratory space, and improvements to facilities, at the Centre for Environmental Biotechnology+ (CEB+) at Bangor University, is progressing at pace. The enhancements have been made possible with investment from our North Wales Growth Deal. The development and upgrade will enable research into unique enzymes and their potential use as products and processes that have less impact on the environment, and generate new employment opportunities in the region.



CYDNERTH - MAKING WAVES IN NORTH WALES

Cydnerth, another North Wales Growth Deal project moving into delivery, was recently highlighted during speeches by the First Minister and the Secretary of State for Wales at the Marine Energy Wales conference.

As part of a major low carbon energy project, Cydnerth will futureproof the Morlais tidal energy scheme run by social enterprise, Menter Môn. This £8.9 million investment through the North Wales Growth Deal, which is funded by the Welsh and UK Governments, will enable the scheme's 18 megawatts grid capacity to increase over time to 240 megawatts. The expansion will also create up to 230 new jobs and supply chain opportunities - ensuring North Wales is a key player in the future of tidal energy and the generation of clean electricity.

Morlais is located off the northwest coast of Ynys Cybi (Holy Island), Anglesey and will generate electricity using energy from some of the strongest tidal resources in the UK.



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FUTURE PROOFING TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY

Ambition North Wales and Grŵp Llandrillo Menai have signed a £4.43m funding agreement which will unlock a total of £19m investment in world class training and knowledge transfer facilities across five locations in North Wales.

The Tourism Talent Network - is a North Wales Growth Deal project, spearheaded by Grŵp Llandrillo Menai in collaboration with 'Spoke' businesses. These include Portmeirion and Zip World and two additional Spokes to be appointed later this year. The collaboration also includes strategic partnerships with Snowdonia Hospitality and Leisure and the National Trust. Together they will enable a network of state of-the-art developments to become anchors for delivering apprenticeships and other specialist skills support.

This will be alongside extensive SME and micro business engagement and a comprehensive programme of school outreach across the region.

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EEOC IS SET FOR SEPTEMBER

Images from our first [North Wales Growth Deal](#) construction project in delivery are really reflecting the transformational impact the build will have. The Enterprise Engineering and Optics Centre is a pioneering development which will become a specialist centre for research and development and a hub for industry engagement. With finishing touches being made, the build is on target to open for the start of the next academic year in September.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

For the last few years, at Ambition North Wales, we have been working hard to deliver the region's Growth Deal - by developing and delivering projects which boost our economy and create jobs.

As this work continues, we have also taken on more responsibilities as the region's Corporate Joint Committee - to deliver plans for regional transport and planning, as well as a greater role in enhancing and promoting the region's economy.

To set out the breadth of our role, we have updated our website to explain a bit more about us and the work we are delivering for North Wales.



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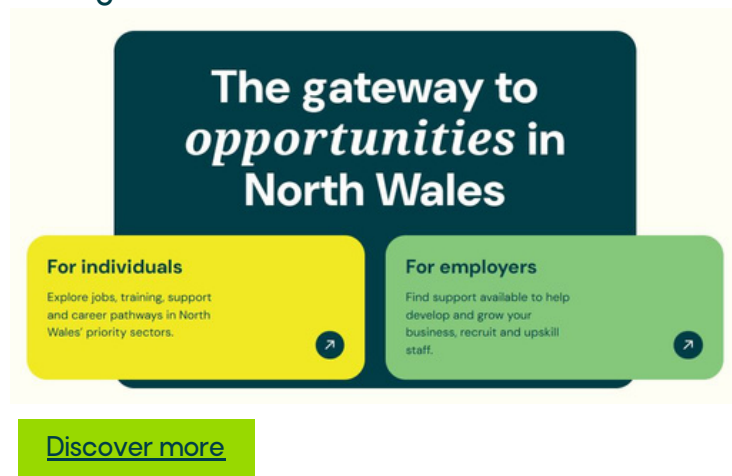
We would like to thank everyone who shared their views with us on the draft Regional Transport Plan for North Wales. Your valuable feedback is being carefully reviewed and considered. Although the consultation period has ended, you can still access key documents and learn about the next steps on our website.

[Find out more](#)

THE NORTH WALES SKILLS PORTAL

Have you explored the [North Wales Skills Portal](#) yet?

Our Regional Skills Partnership launched the platform this year to serve as a 'gateway to opportunities in North Wales' - sharing live job vacancies, training, career pathways and business growth opportunities for people and employers in the region.



LAUNCHING INNOVATION

Nine cutting-edge projects have been announced as successful in securing a share of £400,000 of funding through Innovate UK's New Innovators in agri-tech and food technology funding competition.

Based across North and Mid Wales the projects will drive innovation, enhance sustainability, and strengthen the region's position as a leader in the agri-tech and food-tech sectors. Businesses across North and Mid Wales are encouraged to join the Agri-Food and Food Tech clusters to access resources, expertise, and future funding opportunities.

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LITTER PICK

At Ambition North Wales we have a strong commitment to delivering social value, not just through all our programmes and projects, but in our day to day lives as a team of dedicated staff. We therefore weren't short of volunteers for a litter pick recently, in the area near our office in Llandudno Junction!



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