



Welcome to our newsletter which brings you the latest news from Ambition North Wales, which is the region's Corporate Joint Committee.

This newsletter is also available in Welsh.

WHAT WE DO

Ambition North Wales brings together the region's local authorities and partners to improve economic, social and environmental well-being.

Together, we deliver **regionally** on **transport** and **planning**, and work to enhance the North Wales **economy** - through transformational programmes such as the **North Wales Growth Deal** and the **Flintshire and Wrexham Investment Zone**. Our objective is to create thousands of jobs and prosperity for our people, communities and businesses - ensuring that North Wales is connected, resilient, smart and sustainable.

We do this while being champions of our language, culture and heritage and in line with the well-being goals for Wales.

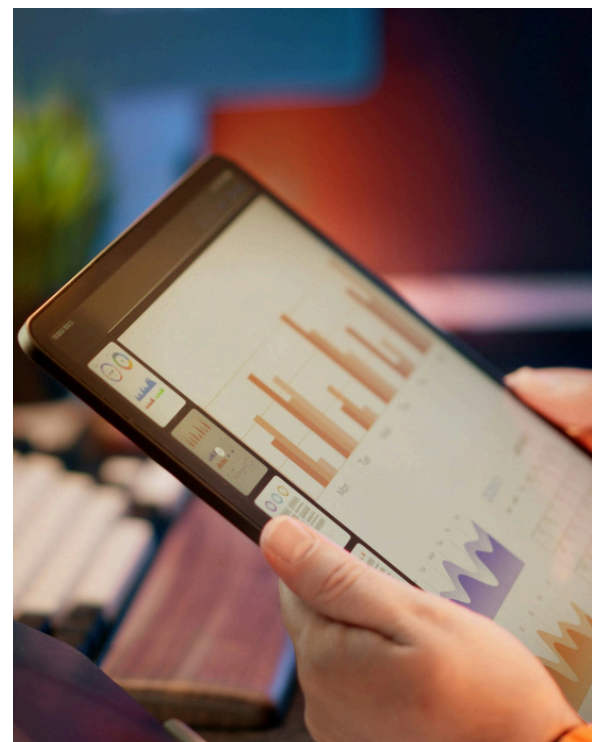
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NEW FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR WIRELESS TECHNOLOGY IN NORTH WALES

A new £18.8 million fund to support businesses in the region to upgrade their wireless technology systems has been launched by Ambition North Wales.

As part of the North Wales Growth Deal, the Advanced Wireless Technology Grant Fund will run until March 2030 for businesses with projects based in North Wales. Grant funding for up to 50% of eligible project costs will be allocated, with individual grants of between £20,000 to £2 million being made available.

Advanced wireless technology includes the latest Internet of Things (IoT), 5G, Wi-Fi and satellite communications systems, all of which help businesses boost their connectivity, improve productivity, automate processes and operate more efficiently. These technologies can support activities such as remote monitoring, data sharing and smarter operations across a wide range of industries.



[Find out more](#)

TURF-CUTTING SIGNALS NEXT PHASE OF WORKS AT FORMER NORTH WALES HOSPITAL

Partners have met at the site of the Former North Wales Hospital in Denbigh to mark the start of a new stage of work.

Attending the event were representatives from Denbighshire County Council, which is leading the works, Ambition North Wales, which is supporting the project, and Jones Bros who are undertaking this phase of the project – the remediation and demolition works, which are key to unlocking the development of the wider site.

The full scheme will look to redevelop and restore the derelict 53-acre site by introducing new housing, commercial units and green community spaces. The aim is to support economic recovery, improve access to quality employment and ensure that economic growth helps reduce inequality and poverty in the area.



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APPROVAL SECURED FOR UNIVERSITY'S NEW BUSINESS GATEWAY

Wrexham University's proposed Business Gateway has reached a major milestone, with formal approval of its outline business case for just over £7million from the North Wales Growth Deal.

The £22.9m initiative will promote collaboration and establish an access point for businesses to the University's expertise, research and specialist support. The Gateway is designed to help address regional challenges around productivity and specialist skills with a specific focus on innovation and growth areas including AI.

The project is particularly significant for Ambition North Wales, because as well as Growth Deal funding, it will benefit from £4m via the Flintshire and Wrexham Investment Zone – which reflects our regional collaboration in action.



[Find out more about the project and its funding](#)

FUELLING FUN AT THE EISTEDDFOD

This year's Eisteddfod yr Urdd Ynys Môn was part powered by hydrogen, thanks to an initiative funded by Ambition North Wales, led by Menter Môn and delivered by GeoPura. Visitors to the festival were able to tour the onsite generators and even taste the water – which is the only by-product of this green energy source.

During the Eisteddfod, Ambition North Wales was also grateful to be hosted on site by both Anglesey Council and Menter Môn – where some of its team were able to share news on exciting projects and enjoy activities with youngsters.

A special congratulations goes to Robin Powell-Jones from Bethel, Gwynedd, who was drawn as the winner of the Ambition North Wales 'Sticker Hunt'. Robin was presented with his prize – a voucher and some sweet treats.



CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON Egni AT M-SPARC

Work on Egni – a North Wales Growth Deal project, has officially begun, marking a major milestone for North Wales' growing innovation economy.

The second building at Bangor University's Science Park - M-SParc, the new Egni development, will expand the site's capacity to support businesses, researchers and innovators working across low carbon energy and advanced technologies.

The new building, being delivered by Wynne Construction, is expected to be completed by summer 2027. The project is demonstrating what positive partnerships working can achieve – as it is being backed by £3.94m from the North Wales Growth Deal, which is jointly funded by UK Government and Welsh Government, alongside a further £2.5m from Welsh Government, £3m from Anglesey Freeport and £580,000 from Bangor University.



[Read the full story.](#)

CANFODAU WINS PRESTIGIOUS BUILDING AWARD



Ambition North Wales, Wrexham University and its construction partner – Wynne Construction, are celebrating after the University's innovative CanfodAu building was named Building Project of the Year over £5m at the 2026 Constructing Excellence in Wales Awards.

The CanfodAu – Centre for Engineering and Innovation is a North Wales Growth Deal project and opened its doors last summer following an 18-month construction programme. The development provides a hub for the research, design and construction of products involving photonics, optics, and composites as lightweight alternatives for manufacturing.

Winning the Wales Award will now see CanfodAU go forward to represent Wales at the National Constructing Excellence Awards, which will take place in November in London.

[Discover more](#)

MULTI-MILLION-POUND PACKAGE TO BOOST INVESTMENT ZONE SKILLS

A £12.43 million package to expand skills across Flintshire and Wrexham has been approved, paving the way for major growth in advanced manufacturing and digital capability across the region.

The funding will deliver the Investment Zone Skills Strategy, supporting a coordinated effort to tackle skills shortages, increase access to high-value careers and strengthen links between employers and training providers.

The Skills Strategy is led by the North Wales Regional Skills Partnership (RSP), and delivered in collaboration with local authorities, Coleg Cambria and Wrexham University. The investment will fund a series of projects across apprenticeships, degrees and employer-designed training. The programme aims to strengthen the region's advanced manufacturing base, support emerging technologies and maximise the opportunities created through the Investment Zone.



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SHOWCASING THE REGION TO INVESTORS

For the first time, some of the Ambition North Wales team attended the UK Real Estate Investment and Infrastructure Forum (REiif) as part of an all-Wales Cymru Pavilion.

Together with counterparts from Cardiff Capital Region, South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee, Growing Mid Wales and in partnership with Welsh Government, Ambition North Wales showcased what Wales has to offer to investors.

Through insightful panel discussion, the all-Wales team highlighted the nation's credentials as an investable location – setting out opportunities for businesses to develop and grow across a wide range of key sectors.



DURING THE EVENT, AMBITION NORTH WALES:

- Hosted a breakfast discussion, sponsored by Ontix. The session focused on 'planning for on-site digital connectivity' and looked at why indoor and outdoor mobile performance is so critical to property value, regional growth and connected place strategies.
[Discover more as Ontix reflects on why digital connectivity is now the key priority for regional success.](#)
- Launched its new North Wales Strategic Energy Investment Prospectus - setting out a clear and compelling case for investment in renewable and low carbon energy across the region. The opportunities showcased reflect both the scale of ambition in the region and the readiness of projects to progress.
[View the North Wales Strategic Energy Investment Prospectus](#)

4G+ GRANT SCHEMES LAUNCH

Our 4G+ Project will improve mobile connectivity across key economic sites in North Wales, focusing on transport routes, and business and tourism hubs where strong digital infrastructure is essential to support growth and investment. It is also helping to lay the foundations for further 5G deployment, strengthening the long-term connectivity offer across the region.

Recently this Growth Deal project launched two targeted grant funding streams to support the delivery of mobile infrastructure and help unlock development opportunities:



- **Public Sector Asset Improvement Grant Scheme** - This grant scheme offers capital funding to upgrade or replace publicly owned assets, enabling sites to be made ready for 4G and 5G deployment.
- **Industry Grant Scheme** - This scheme supports Mobile Network Operators, neutral hosts and infrastructure providers with capital funding to deliver new and upgraded mobile infrastructure in priority locations to improve connectivity and support future development.

[Find out more about](#)

ROLL-OUT OF FUNDING FOR REGION'S TRANSPORT SCHEMES

Ambition North Wales continues its collaboration with councils in North Wales as they progress delivery of year-one schemes approved through Welsh Government's Regional Transport Fund.

The funded schemes stem from the policies and interventions set out in the North Wales Regional Transport Plan 2025-2030 – a plan developed by Ambition North Wales in partnership with local authorities, Transport for Wales and Welsh Government.

The developments are a mix of improvements to services and infrastructure as well as funded preparatory work such as feasibility studies, designs and business cases.

The funding will benefit road safety, public transport, highways and active travel, with projects designed to deliver a more accessible, sustainable, affordable and integrated transport system for the region.



[Find out more](#)

PORTFOLIO DIRECTOR APPOINTED

Hedd Vaughan-Evans has been appointed as Portfolio Director for Ambition North Wales, where he will now lead on the delivery of Growth Deal projects. Working closely with partners across local government, higher education and the private sector, his role will focus on driving economic growth and creating long-term opportunities for communities and businesses across North Wales.

Bringing with him extensive experience in local government, performance management and programme/project delivery, Hedd previously held the position of Head of Operations at Ambition North Wales.

FLAGSHIP BIG BUSINESS NORTH WALES EVENT



We were proud to support the first Big Business North Wales event which took place at Venue Cymru in June. The day brought together entrepreneurs, employers, local authorities and business leaders, alongside educators and young people keen to explore the exciting opportunities North Wales has to offer.

With 10 sector-specific zones there was a wealth of knowledge, insight and collaboration opportunities for all delegates. Our team enjoyed talking to visitors about our work across North Wales, whether that be on skills, regional transport and planning, or further enhancing our economy – including through the region's Growth Deal projects. We look forward to continuing the dialogue with businesses, individuals and cross-sector stakeholders into the future.



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