

Welcome to our new bulletin. Here's where we'll bring you the latest news about Menter Môn, our projects and work across Anglesey, Gwynedd and beyond. Please contact us for more information about us or any of our projects. Our work falls into three main themes:



Community



Economy



Energy

Bringing New Life To An Old Chapel In Gwynedd



Over 40 communities across Gwynedd have received support from the Grymuso Gwynedd programme, including Pencaenwydd. The community has come together to celebrate and develop a vital asset, Pencaenwydd Chapel, which is a nest of diverse activity attractive to all ages. The highlight of the project was holding a three-night drama festival which managed to put Pencaenwydd on the map and attract hundreds of people to enjoy a feast of entertainment. The chapel is a step further towards becoming a self-sustaining community asset, and it is safe to say that it has earned its place as the heart of the community. Watch the video to learn more about their success.

Click [here](#) to watch the video.



Sweet Opportunity For Young Local Individual To Stay On Anglesey



Local entrepreneur Richard Holt recently opened a new Chocolate Factory in Llangefni and is enthusiastic about offering opportunities to the area's young talent.

Luke Rhodes recently joined the company as a chocolatier, and found this opportunity through the Gyrfaol Initiative of Llwyddo'n Lleol, a scheme that promotes careers and social opportunities in the Arfor area.

Luke said, "I used to think that work like this was only available in towns or cities. I had the idea that I would have to choose between my career or being able to live at home. I'm grateful to be able to do both at the same time."

Find out more [here](#).



Providing Delicious Desserts To Llangefni Residents

Located on Llangefni High Street is Kico's Dessert Bar, founded by Emma and Vicky Roberts, with support from the Enterprise Hub. This new establishment promises to be a haven for anyone with a sweet tooth, offering a delicious range of treats from classic cakes and tarts to creamy ice cream and expertly brewed coffee.

The journey to open Kico's was not without its challenges, but the duo continued, driven by their vision. Emma said, "We wanted to create a welcoming space where people can come together, relax, and enjoy delicious treats. We believe that Kico's will become an integral part of the local scene."

Watch more of Kico's story [here](#).



Public Sector Supply Chain Events To Whet Appetite Of Food Producers In Wales

Via Business Wales we have worked hard to provide independent producers, small businesses, and larger companies in Wales with a platform to break into public sector supply chains. Whether that be local authorities, schools, hospitals or relevant organisations, we want to encourage the use of more local food and drink in their menus.

Doing so has a major impact on the environment as it lowers their carbon footprint but also supports regional economies across the country, which in turn has a knock-on effect for employment. Local produce can also be more nutritious as it hasn't travelled hundreds or in some case thousands of miles. The benefits are limitless.

These workshops will be invaluable for producers at a crucial time for the food sector nationwide, so we hope to see a good mix of procurement, catering, and carbon officers, as well as suppliers and distributors wanting to explore new opportunities.

Read more about the workshops [here](#).



Morlais And The Crown Estate Partnership Breaking New Ground

In a significant step to support the growth of the UK's tidal energy industry, north Wales tidal scheme Morlais has partnered with The Crown Estate to provide access to environmental survey data gathered off the coast of Ynys Môn (Anglesey). Helen Roberts is MCRP project manager, she said: "This is a game-changer for tidal energy, and we are delighted to play such a key role. Access to well-organised data is essential for project developers and researchers. With the Marine Data Exchange, reliable data and information will be available which will increase understanding of marine environments and improve planning and development processes. Our hope is that this will help drive the sector's growth while keeping sustainability at the forefront."



The Morlais tidal energy project and MCRP work closely, both within the energy portfolio of Menter Môn, a social enterprise based on Anglesey. From the outset, protecting marine wildlife and local habitats has been a priority in the development of Morlais. Information gathered through MCRP plays a leading role in this effort, ensuring tidal energy devices can be installed safely. With research ongoing, the first Morlais tidal devices are expected to be deployed from 2026.

[Read the full story here.](#)



Success For Morlais At Careers Wales Awards

Menter Môn's tidal energy scheme, Morlais was successful at the recent Careers Wales, Valued Partners Awards held at The Senedd in Cardiff. The scheme, won the Newcomer category.

Success at these awards highlight our dedication to creating opportunities for workforce development and educating young people about the important role of tidal energy in tackling climate change.

On receiving the award, Fiona Parry, Skills and Training Project Officer, expressed her gratitude:

"I joined Morlais just over a year ago, and it's incredibly rewarding to not only be nominated but to win this award. Collaborating with Careers Wales to engage with young people is a crucial aspect of my role. Visiting schools to talk about Morlais and inspiring students to consider their futures has been a privilege."

[Read the full story here.](#)

