



Supporting Local Business

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Mid Ulster Business News and Events

As a business in Mid Ulster District Council area, we would like to make you aware of current business programmes, events and awards that may be of interest to you.

Please note that Mid Ulster District Council have a dedicated Business Support Section established on its website providing up-to-date information to our business community.

[Visit our Business Support page](#)

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Workplace Health and Wellbeing

wellbeing of their employees. If you would like to avail of this support please contact:
healthandwellbeingteam@northerntrust.hscni.net

INI Trade Support

See below INI trade support that is available to all businesses.

1. [Business Information Centre](#) - Provides free access to company databases and market intelligence reports, including sector and country information.
 2. [Export Health Check](#) - This will assess a business's readiness for exporting, ranging from first-time exporters to those seeking new markets.
 3. [Trade Advisory Service](#) - Offers 1:1 support from an export adviser to identify and address specific challenges to sell successfully outside of Northern Ireland.
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Innovation Loans Future Economy competition

Innovate UK is offering up to £25 million in loans to micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). Loans are for highly innovative late-stage research and development (R&D) projects with the best potential for the future. There should be a clear path to commercialisation and economic impact.

Applications close at 12 noon Wednesday 7th May 2025

[Innovation Loans: More Information](#)

Smart Towns and Villages PEACEPLUS programme

The Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) encourages eligible organisations to apply to the Smart Towns and Villages call under the PEACEPLUS programme.

Funding is available to boost technology and social inclusion in rural areas across Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland.

The financial support is focused on improving access to telecommunications in rural areas of Northern Ireland and nearby counties in Ireland.

Applications close at 5pm Wednesday 7th May 2025

Women in Business: Explore it Programme

The Explore It programme offers support to women who are at the pre-start (idea stage) or early stage of trading in their business.

Support will be delivered over a 5 month period allowing time to action some of the programme learnings. Training will address a wide range of business start up issues and help to build confidence and grow business skills.

Applications close at 1pm on Wednesday 2nd April 2025

[Explore it Programme: More Information](#)

Mid South West Driving Net Zero Transformation Programme

The Mid South West (MSW) Driving Net Zero Transformation Programme is here to help SMEs operating in the Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering, Agri-food, Construction, and Tourism and Hospitality sectors in the MSW Region (Mid Ulster, Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon and Fermanagh & Omagh) to navigate new regulations, reduce consumption and lower carbon emissions, cut costs and ultimately improve sustainability credentials.

This fully funded programme provides practical support to help your business become more energy efficient and resilient and stay ahead of regulatory changes.

Key features include:

- Personalised Net Zero Assessments: Bespoke one to one evaluations to identify areas for improvement and strategies to reduce carbon footprints.
- Action Plan Development: Creation of targeted strategies for carbon reduction
- Comprehensive Support: Access carbon reporting software, expert workshops and guidance on carbon technologies and funding options

Spaces are limited, don't miss out on this opportunity.

Closing date for registrations is Friday 4th April 2025.

InterTradelreland Trade Missions at Home Programme

The programme offers small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs), including social enterprises, a support package worth over £5,000. The initiative offers up to five days of specialised mentoring and sales training.

The Trade Missions at Home programme has been designed for SMEs (including social enterprises) who are looking to take their cross-border exports to the next level. Whether a seasoned exporter, or exporting products for the very first time, this programme will generate valuable new sales opportunities and skills required for long-term success.

Trade Missions at Home Programme: Expression of Interest

Autism Inclusive Workplace Survey

The Northern Area Autism Employability Working Group is gathering views and feedback from Mid Ulster employers in relation to supporting and building an autism inclusive workplace.

If you could take a few minutes to complete the short form, it would be greatly appreciated. Ultimately the feedback from the survey will help shape future supports for employers to assist with accessible and inclusive workplaces.

For more information contact Gillian.Steele@northerntrust.hscni.net

Autism Inclusive Workplace Survey

Go Succeed Events

Go Succeed is the go-to source for expert business advice led by Northern Ireland's eleven local councils, in partnership with the UK Government through the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG). The programme provides tailored support and guidance to help businesses achieve their business goals. Click on the links below to

[SEO-Optimised Websites: Drive Leads and Sales](#)

Date: Thursday 27th March 2025

Time: 6pm-8pm

Location: Online

[Go Succeed in Developing Powerful Marketing Strategies](#)

Date: Friday 28th March 2025

Time: 10am-12pm

Location: Online

[Enterprise Support Clinic](#)

Date: Friday 28th March 2025

Time: 10am-12:30pm

Location: Cookstown Enterprise Centre, Derryloran Industrial Estate, Cookstown, BT80 9LU

[Business Planning for Early-Stage Growth](#)

Date: Friday 28th March 2025

Time: 12pm-2pm

Location: Online

Latest HMRC Tax Webinars

Listed below are a number of live HMRC webinars that will give the self-employed an understanding of key taxes that affect them and also help employers with payroll. The webinars are free and last around an hour.

[Residential property income for individuals - expenses and deductions](#)

Tue 1 Apr at 11:45am

[Residential property income for individuals - an introduction](#)

Wed 2 Apr at 9:45am

[Business expenses for the self-employed](#)

Wed 2 Apr at 1:45pm

[Making Tax Digital for Income Tax](#)

Thu 3 Apr at 3:45pm

[Car expenses for the self-employed](#)

Fri 4 Apr at 9:45am

[Construction Industry Scheme for contractors](#)

Mon 7 Apr at 1:45pm

[Construction Industry Scheme for subcontractors](#)

Wed 9 Apr at 11:45am

[VAT - using the Flat Rate Scheme](#)

Tue 22 Apr at 1:45pm

[VAT - the basics and the VAT return](#)

Wed 23 Apr at 11:45am

[VAT accounting schemes](#)

Thu 24 Apr at 3:45pm

[How to risk assess your business for Anti-Money Laundering Supervision](#)

Wed 28 May at 9:45am

[Capital allowances for the self-employed](#)

Mon 28 Apr at 11:45am

[How to document your risk assessment for Anti-Money Laundering Supervision](#)

Thu 29 May at 9:45am

[What to do when you have carried out your risk assessment for Anti-Money Laundering Supervision](#)

Fri 30 May at 9:45am

[Record keeping for the self-employed](#)

Wed 30 Apr at 1:45pm

[Employers - what's new for 2025 to 2026](#)

Wed 9 Apr at 1:45pm

Fri 11 Apr at 11:45am

[Statutory Maternity and Paternity Pay.](#)

Tue 22 Apr at 11:45am

[Statutory Sick Pay.](#)

Wed 23 Apr at 1:45pm

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