

YNNI A'R AMGYLCHEDD • ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

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1) Tidal project would bring hope of 2,500 new jobs (10/5/13)

A TIDAL power firm is investigating a £2.2 billion scheme off the North Wales coastline that could create more than 2,500 jobs.

Tidal Lagoon Power are currently working to bring a 250 megawatt (MW) tidal turbine project to Swansea Bay that would provide power to 107,000 homes.

Now it has been revealed that they are also eyeing up the coastline at Colwyn Bay as a location for a second scheme producing a potential one gigawatt (1,000MW) of power

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/north-wales-tidal-project-would-3568906>

2) New flood and coastal defences as part of £10m scheme (13/5/13)

NEW flood and coastal defences will be constructed in North Wales as part of a £10m investment announced by the Welsh Government today.

Natural resources minister Alun Davies set out the communities which will be protected by extra funding under the Wales Infrastructure Investment Plan.

This additional funding takes the total investment in flood risk management to more than £160m over the life of this Assembly, he said.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/new-flood-coastal-defences-north-3661585>

3) Seize the moment (8/5/13)

Billions of pounds and thousands of jobs at stake in race to make N.Wales a renewable energy power house

Renewable energy projects could create thousands of Welsh jobs over the next 20 years but Wales has to sit up and grasp the opportunity.

That was the message from a special debate on the economic benefits of renewable energy held in North Wales.

The debate heard that on-shore wind alone could create around 2,000 jobs a year in construction and maintenance up to 2050 and that low carbon nuclear, biomass and off-shore wind on Anglesey could pump £15 billion into the economy.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/renewable-projects-north-wales-could-3474828>

4) Power station pipeline to be temporarily switched off in £15m replacement scheme (1/5/13)

ONE of the oldest pipelines feeding a hydro electric power station is to be temporarily switched off as part of a £15m replacement programme.

The 90 year old Coedty pipeline has been operating in the Conwy Valley for more than 90 years, powering the RWE npower renewables Dolgarrog Hydro Electric Station.

It is now being modernised to preserve power generation and local jobs at Dolgarrog for the foreseeable future.

The North Wales-based Jones Bros Civil Engineering UK won a £6.6m contract to replace and bury 1200 metres of the existing overground pipe from Coedty dam to an area called Marble Arch, above the village of Dolgarrog.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/coedty-pipeline-temporarily-switched-15m-3312433>

5) 150 jobs created by biomass company on Anglesey (30/4/13)

MORE than 100 jobs will be created on Anglesey by a biomass company.

Mere Environmental have chosen to base its UK Biomass distribution and processing centre on the island with biomass fuel brought into Holyhead port from West Africa.

This initial stage will create 50 jobs with another 100 jobs created when the firm starts to grows trees for biomass fuel on the island.

The fuel will power biomass plants across the UK.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/100-jobs-created-biomass-company-3308914>

6) Plastic fantastic: How Welsh businessman is pioneering recycling (24/4/13)

A businessman is saving plastic waste from ending up in landfill in China, putting Wales on the map for recycling and helping create jobs in the process.

When John Northcott was investigating his latest business venture he looked to the expanding green market.



Teaming up with business partner John Payne and two other investors they seized upon the fact millions of tonnes of UK rubbish – deemed unusable by recycling plants – was being shipped to Asia where much of it was ending up in landfill rather than being recycled.

This saw them set up Plastecowood after years of research and development and a multi-million pound investment at the Expressway Business Park in Bodelwyddan, where they were backed by a Welsh Government grant.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/john-nortcott-how-plastecowood-stopping-2997451>

7) Hundreds of jobs safeguarded at Dwr Cymru (16/5/13)

About 400 jobs are understood to have been safeguarded at water utility Dwr Cymru following the administration of Daniel Contractors.

The Warrington-based company was placed under the control of administrators from Deloitte yesterday (15 May 2013).

The company provides workers for Dwr Cymru across Wales to run maintenance services.

In a statement, Dwr Cymru said: "We have been monitoring Daniels' financial and trading position for a number of months and have taken steps to support them.

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8) Jobs go at Wales & West Utilities (14/5/13)

Losses have reduced at Wales & West Utilities on a pro-rata basis, but the company has embarked on a round of voluntary redundancies as part of a restructuring process.

The business, which was taken over last year by a group owned by Hong Kong billionaire Li Ka-shing in a deal worth £645m, has cut 139 jobs.

The staff cuts were revealed in the latest financial results for Wales & West Gas Networks (Holdings) Ltd – formerly known as MGN Gas Networks (UK) Ltd and the parent company of Wales & West Utilities.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.insidermedia.com/insider/wales/89916-losses-fall-wales-west-utilities-owner>

9) First turbine installed at giant offshore wind farm (17/5/13)

THE FIRST of 160 wind turbines has been installed at the huge Gwynt y Môr offshore wind farm eight miles off the North Wales coast.



With a planned capacity of 576 megawatts (MW) Gwynt y Môr is one of the largest offshore wind farms currently in construction in Europe and is the largest project by RWE npower renewables.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/business/business-news/first-siemens-turbine-installed-rwe-3867047>

UWCH DDEUNYDDIAU A GWEITHGYNHYRCHU • **ADVANCE MATERIALS & MANUFACTURING**

1) Job and investment expected in North Wales manufacturers and tech businesses (1/5/13)

MANUFACTURERS and technology businesses in North Wales expect to create jobs and invest in new capital over the next 12 months.

That was the message from the Wales Manufacturing Survey 2013 which takes the temperature of the industry.

But firms warned finding people with the right level of skills and managing rising production costs were the key challenges going forward.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/north-wales-tech-manufacturing-businesses-3312485>

2) Boeing 747s could be landed on airfield in Snowdonia (20/5/13)

Planes as big as Boeing 747s will be flown into a Snowdonia airfield for dismantling rather than be transported by road, the owners have said.

Last night one of Llanbedr Airfield Estate's owners David Young reiterated they'll be flown in after Network Rail voiced objections to the plans.

Proposals for the airfield near Harlech, Gwynedd were given the green light by Snowdonia National Park (SNPA) planners last August

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/boeing-747s-could-landed-airfield-3874713>



3) 150 jobs saved as they are transferred from building giant (15/5/13)

MORE than 150 North Wales jobs were saved last night after they were transferred from a building giant which had gone into administration.

There were fears the jobs could be lost after Daniel Contractors, which employs 469 people in Wales – with around 151 in North Wales made up of 137 at its offices in Old Colwyn and 14 at Dinas, Caernarfon, called in the administrators.

But following top level talks, the jobs have now been transferred to a company called Enterprise Utility Services as an emergency contractor.

The workers mainly carry out maintenance on water and sewer works and pipes for contracts with Dwr Cymru Welsh Water.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/civil-engineering-firm-daniel-goes-3818274>

4) Airbus reports surge in profits (15/5/13)

EUROPEAN aerospace giant EADS has reported a rapid increase in both net and operating profit for the first three months of the year.

The company's earnings were boosted by strong demand for its commercial aircraft.

The European Aeronautic Defense and Space Company (EADS) reported a near doubling of first-quarter net profit yesterday.

On a year-on-year-basis, quarterly bottom-line earnings rose by 91% to 241 million euros.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/airbus-parent-company-eads-reports-3816906>

5) Future of quarry secured after expansion announcement (10/5/13)

THE future of the world's oldest and largest single site slate quarry was secured yesterday by an announcement on its expansion, safeguarding jobs.

Work will start this month on the strategically important extension of Penrhyn slate quarry in Bethesda that will secure slate reserves that could last for up to 20 years.

The project was backed by the Welsh Government, which provided a loan to enable Welsh Slate Ltd to speed up the purchase of 20 acres of land nearby after a rock fall at the quarry which hampered production.



Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/future-penrhyn-quarry-secured-after-3568927>

6) Laminate plant goes hi-tech to create new jobs (15/5/13)

WALES' first timber laminating plant has created 10 new jobs at a Denbighshire company – with the help of a high tech glue used in the aircraft industry.

Clifford Jones Timber has invested more than £1m in the new state of the art equipment at its eco-friendly 13-acre headquarters site in Ruthin.

It gives it the capacity to supply high quality, durable laminated timber for the leisure and construction industries and has increased the workforce at Ruthin to 67.

The project was backed by a Welsh Economic Growth Fund grant of £157,000 from the Welsh Government and means that a process that used to take days is now carried out in minutes.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/expansion-ruthin-timber--firm-3816788>

7) Hotel chain could create up to 200 new jobs in North Wales (2/5/13)

A HOTEL chain could create 200 jobs and boost tourism under plans for a major expansion across North Wales.

Premier Inn want to build four new hotels in the region and are extending two existing properties.

Rival firm Travelodge will also create 20 jobs with plans to develop the Clarence Hotel in Llandudno.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/premier-inn-want-build-four-3316074>

8) 250 jobs under threat at civil engineering firm (14/5/13)

MORE than 250 jobs are under threat at a civil engineering firm facing a cash crisis.

Daniel Contractors, a specialist engineering company employing 1,300 across North Wales and the North West of England, is facing major financial difficulties with reports it is close to calling in administrators.



Accountancy firm Deloitte are understood to be on standby to be appointed to handle the administration if it reaches that stage.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/250-jobs-under-threat-civil-3810651>

9) Llecheiddior Uchaf quarry could re-open for first time since 1979 (24/4/13)

Up to 10 new jobs could be created under plans to resume operations at a former sand and gravel quarry.

Gwynedd Council planners have recommended the proposal to resume quarrying a 14 hectare site at Llecheiddior Uchaf, near Garndolbenmaen, is accepted.

Quarrying was stopped at the site in 1979, but according to the applicants, the rate of extraction would amount to 600,000 tonnes of sand and gravel over a period of 12 years

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10) Balfour Beatty wants to use Aberystwyth firms to build new university halls (24/4/13)

A construction firm undertaking a £45m student halls project says it is committed to using local businesses where possible.

Last week a Meet Balfour Beatty day was held at Aberystwyth University to encourage local businesses to get involved in the delivery of the uni's new student accommodation development.

The day was planned to give the local supply chain an opportunity to meet representatives from Balfour Beatty and to hear about the opportunities this project will bring during construction and operations.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/aberystwyth-university-halls-construction-firm-2997243>

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FINANCIAL & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

1) Taking on the City big boys (8/5/13)

Bangor investment firm challenging City of London rivals



A quiet street in Bangor is not the place you expect to find a multi-million pound investment company. But Hargreave Hale is proving you don't need to be in the Square Mile of London to successfully manage investments.

Flying against the obsession with the "bottom line" and focusing on clients needs, they have built up a professional reputation that means most of their new business comes from recommendations.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/bangor-investment-company-looking-take-3475341>

DIWYDIANNAU CREADIGOL • CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

1) Creatives network C6 launched to support businesses in North Wales (24/4/13)

A network to support the creative industries in North Wales has been launched.

C6, which is supported by S4C, BBC, and the Welsh Government aims to be the recognised and respected voice for the industry in North Wales.

It will also enable the industry to share knowledge and good practice; look at funding opportunities for joint productions and investment in resources, and will also contribute to the development of bespoke and industry-relevant skills and education provision in North Wales.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/c6-creatives-network-launched-north-2997164>

GWYDDORAU BYWYD • LIFE SCIENCES

1) Magstim buys Seren Medical (20/5/13)

Whitland-based Magstim, a medical device manufacturer, has bought Seren Medical in Ceredigion.

Seren Medical was founded in 2003 and is a medical device distributor, specialising in the sale of equipment for neuroimaging. The business has been sold by Catherine Davies and Robin Davies.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.insidermedia.com/insider/wales/90548-magstim-buys-seren-medical>



TECHNOLEG GWYBODAETH A CHYFATHREBU (TGCH) • INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES (ICT)

1) How the social media savvy can help companies cash in (1/5/13)

TWEETING teens will be sent into companies to help them cash in on the massive growth in business conducted on mobile phones.

A hundred tech savvy student 'app-rentices' are to be paid to bring their knowledge of mobile technology and of sites like Facebook and Twitter to businesses.

Participating businesses will work with undergraduates to develop their use of social media, identify mobile apps which allow them to operate on the move, and even create a bespoke app for their customers.

Enterprise group Menter Môn will pay 80% of the student's wages in the summer scheme which will run when undergraduates are home from colleges and universities. This funded scheme will initially run in Gwynedd, Conwy and Anglesey.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/facebook-twitter-savvy-teens-can-3312231>

GWEITHGAREDDAU AWYR AGORED CYNALIADWY, TWRISTIAETH AC AMAETHYDDIAETH • SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, TOURISM & AGRICULTURE

1) Anglesey jobs lifeline: 300 roles in the pipeline at chicken processing plant (25/4/13)

Workforce set to at least double just two weeks after 300 lose jobs at Gaerwen abattoir

A chicken processing plant is set to create up to 300 jobs on Anglesey in a major boost for the island economy.

The 2 Sisters Food Group has entered into a 45-day consultation with the Unite union over the creation of a second shift at the abattoir that was bought from Dutch firm Vion in March.

It will bring between 200 and 300 new jobs to the site – nearly doubling the current workforce.



Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/fresh-jobs-hope-anglesey-300-3002270>

2) How one Welsh farmer has used social media to start an agricultural revolution (25/4/13)

When the snows came, Gareth Wyn Jones felt marooned but not isolated: in his jacket pocket were more than 2,000 friends.

As other farmers rushed to rescue buried sheep, or retrieve cattle from fallen sheds, Gareth fished out his Blackberry smart phone and began accessing social media networks.

Four weeks later, his stories have travelled the globe and his messages have influenced the Welsh Government's response to the snow crisis.

By championing the industry's cause, the "Tweeting Farmer" became the public face of a disaster involving catastrophic livestock losses

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/social-media-how-farmer-gareth-3002338>

3) 'Big foot' grass could ease farm pasture flooding (9/5/13)

A new 'Big Foot' grass developed by Welsh researchers could help reduce flooding.

Festulolium works by soaking up more water in soils than standard grasses, so reducing run-off from farm fields into streams and rivers.

Field experiments showed the hybrid grass halved water run-off compared with some existing grass varieties.

The grass can also resist weather extremes to produce high quality forage, making it doubly useful to farmers.

"It is the way ahead for sustainable livestock agricultural practices," said Dr Mike Humphreys, principal researcher at IBERS, Aberystwyth University

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/local-news/aberystwyth-university-researchers-develop-big-3567326>



DIDDORDEB CYFFREDINOL • GENERAL INTEREST

1) Massive £3.5m investment in Tweedmill site (15/5/13)

A SHOPPING outlet will create up to 50 jobs as it pushes on with its massive expansion plans – set to more than double its size.

The Tweedmill near St Asaph wants to break through the one million customers a year mark in the £3.5m investment, the biggest change ever undertaken at the site.

They have already completed phase one of the construction project – adding a huge new building and an extended cafe.

The second phase – which will see the original buildings re-developed – will be completed by September.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/tweedmill-st-asaph-create-50-3817199>

2) Entrepreneurs find winning formula (15/5/13)

TWO of the brightest entrepreneurs in Wales have been crowned the winners of a ground-breaking business development programme.

Innovators Gemma Hughes and Rosie Kressman were both victorious at the SWEQUITY Wales Finals where their proposals for new businesses in education and sustainable living wowed a panel of industry experts and an audience of mentors, and potential investors.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/entrepreneurs-win-swequity-award-3817078>

3) Chamber of Trade 'would give traders a voice' (10/5/13)

BANGOR is in an urgent need of chamber of trade to help businesses in the city.

That's the view of Cllr Nigel Pickavance, who believes an organisation would help give smaller traders "a voice" and could improve the city's High Street.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/bangor-chamber-trade-would-give-3573291>



4) Business park fund creates 145 new jobs (8/5/13)

A £1 million project has helped create nearly 150 jobs in Wrexham and Deeside.

The North East Wales Strategic Business Parks project has been backed with some £450,000 from the European Regional Development Fund through the Welsh Government to help firms on Wrexham and Deeside industrial estates.

The cash helps businesses network and share resources to develop their services and win more trade – supported by business coordinators Rebecca Morgan and Brian Chaloner.

It has helped 100 businesses, creating 145 jobs.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/1m-fund-creates-145-jobs-3475395>

5) £76m investment plan will safeguard around 1,400 jobs (8/5/13)

A £76.5M investment package was announced by the Welsh Government yesterday for housing, schools, flood protection and transport promising to safeguard about 1,400 jobs.

The proposals unveiled by finance minister Jane Hutt include £30m more to increase housing supply, £25m investment in school buildings, £11.5m for a railway and station in Ebbw Vale and £10m more to protect homes, businesses and communities from the risk of flooding.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/welsh-government-investment-plan-safeguard-3473852>

6) Jobs boost after a little visit from the Tooth Fairies (1/5/13)

DENTAL firms across the region could create dozens of new jobs through a free training programme expected to increase staff numbers.

Tooth Fairies, a dental specialist training group, has received a Welsh Government contract to train up dental nurses of the future.

The scheme is designed to provide free training for people in North Wales and dental practices will even be offered wage subsidies to then take them on.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/tooth-fairies-dental-training-giving-3312411>



7) Gender pay gap is holding back the Welsh economy (26/4/13)

The disparity between gender roles in the workplace is limiting women's contribution to the Welsh economy, new research has found.

A major new study on women in the Welsh workplace has found that gender stereotyping in society means that women continue to be concentrated into a small number of occupations and industries, leading to serious underuse of available skills in the workforce.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/chwarae-teg-study-gender-pay-2998147>

8) Caring jobs boom: Care sector in North Wales could create 25,000 jobs (24/4/13)

The care sector could create an extra 25,000 jobs in North Wales over the next two decades due to a rise in the number of older people.

That was the message from the Care Forum Wales who said the sector - that is already worth an estimated £1billion to the local economy - could produce a massive boost to the economy as people continue to live longer.

It comes as Colwyn Bay firm Abacare Care Agency creates 50 new jobs and comes just two weeks after plans were approved for a dementia centre in Abergele that will bring another 80 jobs.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/north-wales-care-sector-25000-2998085>

9) North Wales' spending blackspots: Wrexham, Anglesey and Clwyd West worst hit (24/4/13)

Spending blackspots across North Wales have been revealed in a major report on the impact of the credit crunch and double dip recession.

Exhaustive research by Barclays shows a plummet in spending in Wrexham, Anglesey and Clwyd West after the recession hit.

In Wrexham it fell 20% in the four years after 2008 when the housing bubble burst and banking crisis erupted.

Meanwhile on Anglesey it fell 17% while in Clwyd West it was down 18%.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/consumer-spending-wrexham-anglesey-clwyd-2997990>



10) Gwynedd Business Week and Dinner 2013 (17/5/13)

This year, Gwynedd Business Week will be held between the 20th and 24th May.

For the eighth year running, the Business Week will celebrate and promote local business success and will offer a great opportunity for all kinds of local businesses to come together to network and exchange ideas.

The week will be based around a programme of various events to be held across Gwynedd in venues including Dolgellau, Plas Tanybwllch, Caernarfon, Bala, Porthmadog as well as the Management Centre in Bangor.

Darllen mwy/Read more

http://www.gwynedd.gov.uk/gwy_doc.asp?cat=5518&doc=29781&Language=1&p=1&c=1

11) £90m regeneration fund launched (20/5/13)

Up to £90m of public sector cash will be made available over the next three years for regeneration projects in Wales.

The Welsh Government is inviting applicants for a share of its Vibrant and Viable Places programme. The fund is designed to reverse economic, social and physical decline in town centres.

"We need to find new ways to regenerate these key areas and I want our investment to act as a catalyst for wider action," said Regeneration minister Carl Sargeant.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.insidermedia.com/insider/wales/90549-90m-regeneration-fund-launched>

12) Second round of Business Rates Scheme opens (16/5/13)

More than £4m is available to small and medium companies in the seven Welsh Enterprise Zones through the second round of the Business Rates Scheme.

Through the scheme announced by the Welsh Government, a grant to offset business rates for up to three years is provided to help reduce companies' operating costs. Priority is given to new start-ups and businesses increasing their workforces. Applications are being accepted from now until 8 July.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.insidermedia.com/insider/wales/90393-second-round-business-rates-scheme-opens>

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