

## YNNI A'R AMGYLCHEDD • ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

### UWCH DDEUNYDDIAU A GWEITHGYNHYRCHU •

#### **1)Wylfa Newydd workers to benefit from £2.3m training cash pot (27/3/14)**

A £2.3m cash pot will pay to train the next generation of workers for Wylfa Newydd.

The Welsh Government will today reveal the investment to ensure the region's workforce is "up-skilled" to take on thousands of energy sector jobs on [Anglesey](#), especially the planned nuclear power station at [Wylfa](#).

The boost will be announced by Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology [Ken Skates](#) at a meeting with Grwp Llandrillo Menai leaders at the Coleg Menai Energy Centre in [Llangefni](#).

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/wylfa-newydd-workers-benefit-23m-6882322>

#### **2)Holyhead biomass plant project takes major step forward (10/4/14)**

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Darllen mwyl/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/holyhead-biomass-plant-project-takes-6945501>

### **3)North Wales nuclear waste burial plan (16/4/14)**

Nuclear waste from across the British Isles could potentially be shipped and stored on [Anglesey](#) as part of new plans unveiled by the Government.

But the resulting fallout from the proposals has already generated a storm of objections on the island, with one politician saying that residents should make every effort to stop it turning into a “nuclear waste depository”.

The UK Government’s Energy and Climate Change department is looking for communities to come forward and “volunteer themselves” in order to establish a new site from scratch, that would store nuclear waste from all over Britain.

Darllen mwyl/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/north-wales-nuclear-waste-burial-6995133>

### **4)300 jobs secured with deal for Point of Ayr terminal and oil and gas fields (1/4/14)**

THE jobs of 300 workers have been secured after a deal was completed for Point of Ayr gas terminal and oil and gas fields in the Irish Sea.

Energy and resources powerhouse BHP Billiton put its Irish Sea business [up for sale at the end of 2012](#). The global fuel giant operated the gas terminal in Talacre, administrative headquarters in Northop Country Park and five gas and oil fields in Liverpool Bay.

Darllen mwyl/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/point-ayr-terminal-oil-gas-6904263>

### **5)Preferred bidder chosen for Wylfa nuclear power station decommissioning (31/3/14)**

A joint venture between engineering contractors Babcock and US firm Fluor has been named as the preferred bidder for a contract to manage the decommissioning of Wylfa.



The 14-year contract, worth £7bn, covers 12 nuclear power sites in the UK.

Savings of at least £1 billion in the decommissioning programme of 12 nuclear sites are anticipated after the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) named the Cavendish Fluor Partnership as the Preferred Bidder in the competition to take ownership of Magnox Ltd and Research Sites Restoration Ltd (RSRL).

**Darllen mwyl/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/preferred-bidder-chosen-wylfa-nuclear-6899992>

### **6)North Wales green energy plant powered by food waste to be producing electricity by summer (29/3/14)**

A new green energy plant which will be powered by food waste is on track to be generating electricity by the summer.

Renewable energy specialist BIOGEN is building and will be operating the 22,500 tonne-a-year food waste anaerobic digestion (AD) plant near St Asaph.

It will process left overs from households and businesses in [Denbighshire](#) , Conwy and [Flintshire](#) generating enough renewable electricity for approximately 1,500 homes as well as a bio-fertiliser for local farmland.

**Darllen mwyl/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/north-wales-green-energy-plant-6892498>

### **7) First Minister opens £6m anaerobic digestion plant in Gwynedd (15/4/14)**

First Minister Carwyn Jones today officially opens a new £6m food waste recycling plant in Llwyn Isaf, near Caernarfon. Prosiect GwyrAD is Wales' first purpose built anaerobic digestion facility treating food waste collected by local authorities and generating renewable electricity.

**Darllen mwyl/Read more**  
<http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/firstminister/2014/140415gwyrad/?lang=en>

### **8)New £21m networks to boost world-class scientific research in Wales (13/3/14)**

Science Minister Edwina Hart today (13 March) marked the completion of the first phase of the Welsh Government's £50m Sêr Cymru programme to bring scientific talent to Wales, with the launch of three National Research Networks.

**Darllen mwyl/Read more**  
<http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/businessandconomy/2014/140312scn/?lang=en>



## **9)Work Commenced on Gwynt y Môr O&M Facilities (15/4/14)**

Construction work has started on the new long term operations and maintenance facilities for RWE Innogy UK's flagship Gwynt y Môr Offshore Wind Farm.

The multi-million complex at the Port of Mostyn, North Wales, will house more than 100 long term staff providing engineering, technician, management and administrative services throughout the operational lifetime of the wind farm.

Cheshire based Pochin Construction Ltd has been awarded a contract worth more than £3 million to design and build the new facilities, which are scheduled to be completed at the end of this year.

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.offshorewind.biz/2014/04/15/work-commenced-on-gwynt-y-mor-om-facilities/>

## **UWCH DDEUNYDDIAU A GWEITHGYNHYRCHU ●**

### **ADVANCE MATERIALS & MANUFACTURING**

#### **1)Bodelwyddan Hotpoint site bought by Welsh Government for jobs boost (14/4/14)**

The former Hotpoint factory in [Bodelwyddan](#) has been bought by the Welsh Government under plans to redevelop the site to create hundreds of new jobs.

The 25 acre site, which includes the 354,000sq ft factory, a loading bay, and a seven acre HGV trailer park has been bought for £1.55m.

Hotpoint once employed 750 workers at the site but it closed in 2009 and apart from a temporary occupation has lain empty since.

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/bodelwyddan-hotpoint-site-bought-welsh-6984802>

#### **2)Airbus sells 70 planes to China as it signs ten year deal (27/3/14)**

Airbus and China have signed a new 10-year agreement to extend the assembly of planes in Tianjin.

The deal, which paves the way for the sale of more [Airbus](#) planes in the region, was signed in Paris by Chinese officials during President Xi Jinping's visit to France

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/airbus-sells-70-planes-china-6885593>



### **3)A55 investment and rail electrification can kick-start North Wales economy** (26/3/14)

Splashing cash on the A55 and rail electrification can be the catalyst to grow the economy – says the CBI at the launch of its ‘Brickonomics’ report.

The CBI report argues that improving Wales' infrastructure could boost employment growth and strengthen the economy for the long-term.

They say a growing construction sector means a growing Welsh economy with construction contributing close to 10% of Welsh GDP and employing over 100,000 people.

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/a55-investment-rail-electrification-can-6875882>

### **4)Airbus in \$4bn deal with Tigerair for 50 planes** (24/3/14)

Singapore's Tigerair has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with [Airbus](#) for the purchase of up to 50 A320neo aircraft for future fleet renewal and growth.

The deal - worth around \$4bn - covers 37 firm orders plus 13 options and further boost the plant at [Broughton](#) where the wings are made.

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/airbus-4bn-deal-tigerair-50-6868935>

### **5)Revolymr's marine coatings project given funding** (15/4/14)

The Technology Strategy Board has awarded £500,000 to a Revolymr project in which researchers are developing new coatings to prevent fouling on ships.

The two-year collaborative research project between Revolymr, which is based on Deeside, AkzoNobel's International Paint Ltd, the University of Liverpool and Newcastle University will seek to develop technology to control the accumulation of marine organisms on the underwater areas of marine vessels and structures, known as fouling.

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.insidermedia.com/insider/wales/112760-funding-marine-coatings-product>



## **GWASANAETHAU ARIANNOL A PHROFFESIYNOL ●**

### **FINANCIAL & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

#### **1)Welsh retailers, restaurants and pubs backed by £15m business rates package (31/3/14)**

A £15M package to cut business rates for retailers, pubs and restaurants has been announced by the Welsh Government.

Minister Edwina Hart announced a £15m funding pot that includes an £11.5million funding package to help cut rates bills for retailers and food and drink premises.

The Wales Retail Relief Scheme will provide a £1,000 discount on the business rates bill to all qualifying retail premises with a rateable value of less than £50,000.

Grant funding will be made available to local authorities to operate the scheme in their area in 2014-15.

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/retailers-restaurants-pubs-backed-15m-6898136>

#### **2)Would independent Wales be a Celtic Tiger or economic basket case? (26/3/14)**

Welsh independence would leave a massive fiscal gap that would cause short term pain but could free decision makers to eventually turn the economy into the next Celtic Tiger, say economic commentators.

With the Scottish independence referendum dominating the news we asked what the economic consequences would be of an independent Wales – currently the poorest part of the UK.

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/would-independent-wales-celtic-tiger-6879353>

#### **3)Poverty hit areas of Rhyl and Caernarfon to get Welsh Government cash (11/4/14)**

Two deprived areas of North Wales will each receive £1m in [Welsh Government](#) funding for regeneration, it was announced.

[Rhyl](#) and [Caernarfon](#) are already two of seven areas guaranteed extra cash under the 'Vibrant and Viable Place Tackling Poverty' programme.

But the total funding pot was increased yesterday from £5m to £7m as housing and regeneration minister Carl Sargeant visited projects including in West Rhyl.



**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/poverty-hit-areas-rhyl-caernarfon-6955825>

#### **4) Staffing projections reach seven-year high (8/4/14)**

The proportion of Welsh businesses expecting to retain or grow their workforce over the next quarter has hit a seven-year high, new research has revealed.

In the latest instalment of its quarterly economic survey of companies across Wales, the South Wales Chamber of Commerce revealed that 95 per cent of respondents planned to keep their current staff levels or take on additional staff over the next three months.

To put this into context, it is the highest percentage reported for seven years.

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.insidermedia.com/insider/wales/112281-staffing-plans-hit-seven-year-high>

#### **5) £3m available to fund innovative solutions to public sector challenges (7/4/14)**

The Welsh Government is calling on public sector organisations, looking for new and novel solutions to challenges they face, to apply for a share of £3m in the second phase of a new fund.

**Darllen mwy/Read more**

<http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/businessandconomy/2014/8684035/?lang=en>

#### **6) £20 million Wales Capital Growth Fund will help Welsh SMEs target larger contracts (1/4/14)**

A new £20 million fund that will provide Welsh small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs) with the backing they need to bid for larger contracts has been announced by Economy Minister, Edwina Hart.

**Darllen mwy/Read more**

<http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/businessandconomy/2014/140402wcfg/?lang=en>



## DIWYDIANNAU CREADIGOL • CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

### 1)£45m investment in Bangor University shows 'vote of confidence' for future (4/4/14)

The renovation of a historic landmark and the development of a new arts centre are among the projects set to benefit from a multi-million-pound investment in a North Wales university.

Extensive plans by [Bangor University](#) to upgrade its teaching and research facilities have received backing worth £45m from the European Investment Bank. Upgraded halls of residence and improved sports facilities are also among the many planned developments at Bangor.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/45m-investment-bangor-university-shows-6922105>

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

### 1)Wrexham jobs boost: Avox to create 200 new jobs (11/4/14)

A data company has announced plans to create 200 new jobs in [Wrexham](#).

Avox, which is based in Redwither Business Park in Wrexham, said it will double the firm's workforce to support business growth as industry demand for data services grows.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/wrexham-jobs-boost-avox-create-6950622>

## GWYDDORAU BYWYD • LIFE SCIENCES

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

### **1)Gelert in Porthmadog return with creation of 26 jobs (16/4/14)**

Landmark brand Gelert has returned to its roots in North Wales after opening a giant outdoor activity store that has safeguarded and created 26 jobs.

The future of the outdoor goods brand that emerged in [Gwynedd](#) in the 1970s looked bleak last summer after the firm entered administration in June.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/gelert-porthmadog-return-creation-26-6995380>

### **2)Portmeirion producing ice cream and jobs (9/4/14)**

Italianate village Portmeirion is set to create new jobs by starting ice cream production and opening a 'gelateria' at the popular tourism attraction.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/portmeirion-village-producing-ice-cream-6939393>

### **3) North Wales quarries see jobs return (9/4/14)**

THE quarries of North Wales once dominated the economy of the region employing thousands of workers – with slate exported across the world.

While those industries have faded since their heyday in the 19th century new jobs and industries are returning to these former economic powerhouses – from tourist attractions to housing and holiday villages.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/north-wales-quarries-see-jobs-6940948>

### **4)North Wales becomes foodie favourite after rise in quality eating places (16/4/14)**

Once a backwater for fine dining, North Wales is now looking local to grow its reputation as a favourite for foodies. Recent years has seen a growing number of quality eating places opening up – many using the region's outstanding local produce to give people a true taste of Wales.



This is good news for jobs in the restaurant sector and for the wider tourism industry with visitors attracted by the reputation for fine produce, which has been boosted by festivals like the Conwy Feast and Mold Food Festival.

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/north-wales-becomes-foodie-favourite-6996723>

### **5)Gwynedd storm fund to get tourism firms open for business (20/3/14)**

Gwynedd Council has secured funding from the Welsh Government to establish a business recovery fund to support those tourism related businesses in the county which were affected by the recent severe coastal storms.

The county was battered by 100mph winds and tidal surges over the winter causing millions of pounds of damage to the coastline.

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/gwynedd-storm-fund-tourism-firms-6856948>

### **6)Anglesey quarry could become holiday leisure park in multi-million pound plans (26/3/14)**

A former quarry could be transformed into a holiday village development under multi-million pound plans that would create around 40 jobs.

The Bryn Engan Quarry on Anglesey had once been a site for the extraction of limestone and owned by operators C&M Parry until five years ago.

But jobs could now return to the site near Benllech under plans by adjoining caravan site Ty Newydd which wants to invest millions in a major expansion that would pump an extra £2.5m a year into the island economy

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/anglesey-quarry-could-become-holiday-6876749>

### **7)Wavegarden gets on board with Surf Snowdonia (10/4/14)**

Conwy Adventure Leisure, the team behind the proposed Surf Snowdonia inland surfing lake in North Wales, has signed a deal with wave generation equipment maker Wavegarden.



A seven-figure first stage payment has been made towards the development of the project, which is expected to be completed in summer 2015.

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.insidermedia.com/insider/wales/112473-wavegarden-signs-deal-surf-snowdonia>

## **DIDDORDEB CYFFREDINOL • GENERAL INTEREST**

### **1)Housing boom: Welsh house sales at 10 year high (10/4/14)**

House sales in Wales have leapt to their highest level since before the housing boom - say surveyors.

Figures show a 10 year peak in the number of sales per surveyor in Wales as Help to Buy kicks in to drive the market.

The RICS March Residential Market Survey also found the increased activity was pushing up prices across Wales.

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/housing-boom-welsh-house-sales-6945657>

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