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OFFICIAL LAUNCH

The official launch event will take place on Tuesday January 26, when existing Business on Anglesey members and non-members will be able to join. More information soon.

Business on Anglesey to join forces with the British Chambers of Commerce



Business on Anglesey is joining forces with the North Wales and West Cheshire Chamber of Commerce chapter to create a bigger and better business support group for the island.

From 2010 members will benefit from both Business on Anglesey's local knowledge and contacts as well as the Chamber of Commerce's excellent business resources and support.

Discussions have been taking place for some time on how best we can safeguard and strengthen Business on Anglesey's presence on the island.

The decision to join with the Chamber of Commerce has been taken after much careful consideration. Remaining the same isn't an option as Business on

Anglesey needs to have a sustainable business model.

We invite you to comment on the arrangement between now and the official launch date of Tuesday 26th January.

Email as at events@businessonanglesey.co.uk if you have any comments or questions. Keep reading, however – there's more information here!

We have successfully negotiated a special membership rate with the Chamber. We wish to secure Business on Anglesey's ongoing independence and feel the arrangement is vital to engage business on the Island.

Together, we believe Business on Anglesey and the Chamber of Commerce can deliver an excellent package of support to Anglesey's businesses for many more years to come.

Why join up with the Chamber of Commerce?

Since its inception, Business on Anglesey has been funded by Anglesey County Council. This funding was designed to allow Business on Anglesey to establish itself and become self-funding.

With public funding coming under increasing pressure, Business on Anglesey needed to reassess its approach in order to continue operating and growing.

By joining with the Chamber of Commerce, we are taking advantage of their established administrative procedures, enabling us to better handle opportunities to generate income.

At the same time, it will free-up Business on Anglesey directors to become more active 'on the ground' – creating useful events and networking opportunities that members will really benefit from.

How will it work?

On Tuesday 26th January we will be holding a launch event. At this event we will be looking for members to join and take advantage of a 'special early join offer'.

Once joined, members will have immediate access to Chamber of Commerce resources and events in the same way as any other Chamber member. Read on about some of the benefits of being a Chamber member.

Members will also be able to attend all Business on Anglesey events and networking, and will continue to receive the newsletter.

With the Chamber's support, Business on Anglesey will remain an independent organisation

working to suit the needs of businesses in this area.

The Business on Anglesey brand will be joined by the Chamber of Commerce logos.

How will it benefit my business?

As a member, you will continue to receive the same benefits as an existing member of Business on Anglesey.

However, with the Chamber's backing we will be able to provide improved events, such as Meet the Buyer, and attract more special guest speakers, as well as stage regular network events as we do now.

You will also gain access to all the Chamber of Commerce resources, events and offers they provide to help businesses grow and become more profitable.

You will be able to connect with a vast network of businesses across North Wales and into North West England. The North Wales and West Cheshire Chamber of Commerce represents 90,000 employees across the region, and this is increasing.

For a more complete list of Chamber benefits, visit their website at www.cepnwchamber.org.uk

How much will it cost?

We have successfully negotiated a special membership rate with the Chamber. This is lower than the standard Chamber membership fee, which varies according to the size of the business. Take a look at the membership fee chart on the following page.

At a glance – summary

- Business on Anglesey to join forces with the North Wales and West Cheshire Chamber of Commerce
- Business on Anglesey will retain full autonomy with dominant branding but will be supported by the Chamber's administration and resources
- Members will enjoy the best of both worlds – Business on Anglesey's experienced, tailored approach to the needs of local business, and the Chamber's vast network and resources to help make your business more successful and profitable
- Join the new, stronger Business on Anglesey organisation at our official launch on Tuesday 26th January

Let us know what you think

We'd like to hear your views.

If you have any questions or comments, contact us at events@businessonanglesey.co.uk

Please put the following date in your diary:

Tuesday 26 January, 6pm, official launch of the new Business on Anglesey, at the Anglesey Arms in Menai Bridge.

At this event we will be looking for members to join and take advantage of a 'special early join offer'.

Join at the launch event and receive an additional three months' free membership, plus complimentary attendance to a Business Growth Club event.

New membership fees and notes

Business on Anglesey has negotiated special, reduced rates for membership of the new Business on Anglesey/Chamber of Commerce organisation.

These rates are shown in the table opposite. Remember, this gives you access to all the benefits of being a Chamber member at a reduced rate, in addition to access to Business on Anglesey services.

Note: Business start-ups on Anglesey will still benefit from free membership to Business on Anglesey for the first 12 months, but not to the Chamber. If they wish to access Chamber benefits they must join at the relevant rate (£100).

Business on Anglesey associate members – those with businesses off the island – have access to these reduced rates only if they joined Business on Anglesey before 1 November 2009.

Existing Chamber members on Anglesey will not be subject to the new rates until the end of their current membership year. Fees paid to Business on Anglesey will be reduced by 50% for Anglesey Chamber members who joined the Chamber before January 1 2010.

Category	Normal COC price	BoA Price
New Business Starts	£100	N/A
Sole Trader	£160	£110
1 to 4	£268	£150
5 to 10	£299	£170
11 to 25	£335	£180
26 to 50	£371	£220
51 to 100	£567	£465
101 to 250	£716	£640
251 to 500	£901	£800
501 +	£1082	£980

Got any news? Get in touch!



Whether it's good news or bad, we want to hear from you!

It might be opinion on local or national issues. Maybe it's about something you've read in the press.

Or it might be news about your own business. Won a new contract? Taking on staff? Launching a new product or service? We want to know!

Email the editor
phil.thomas@wordcreative.co.uk
 with your news and views.

Charity begins with networking

Business on Anglesey, Gwynedd Business Network and Bangor University Business Club joined forces to host The Big Business Bash drinks and social event at The Management Centre, Bangor Business School.

More than 80 businesses attended the networking event, the first of many which will be jointly hosted by the three organisations in 2010.

The event raised more than £300 by way of a raffle for Ty Gobaith and North Wales Air Ambulance. For more information on future networking events at The Management Centre visit www.themanagementcentre.co.uk

Bid for extra jobs funding needs your support!

DO you believe your business will need extra pairs of hands in 2010 – help that could be of no cost to you?

We want to hear from you!

Anglesey County Council and the Groundwork organisation are jointly bidding to obtain funds for Anglesey and Gwynedd that will pay salaries and costs for new workers.

The Future Jobs Fund is a UK Government initiative to create 150,000 additional jobs, aimed at 18-24 year olds who have been out of work for nearly a year.

The aim is to provide these young people with an offer of a job, work experience, or training lasting at least six months.

A total of 95,000 posts have already been created, so if Anglesey is to benefit from this scheme, we need to act fast and show there's demand for work here.

Email Anglesey Council's Business Development Manager, Jon Pinnington, at jonpinnington@anglesey.gov.uk if you believe your business will have vacancies



About Business on Anglesey

Business on Anglesey is the island's leading independent network for local business.

It is the business representative organisation on Anglesey for businesses of all sizes and sectors.

A successful networking group that joins businesses throughout North Wales.

Providing information to businesses of events and courses on Anglesey and North Wales.

A business group that influences Anglesey's economy.

• If you are interested in becoming a member, email Jo Quinney at events@businessonanglesey.co.uk

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