



Growing Mid Wales

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Welcome to the August edition of the Growing Mid Wales newsletter. This month, we're excited to bring you the latest updates from across the region, including developments with the Regional Skills Partnership, which now has its own dedicated website.

You'll also meet our new Regional Energy Officer, Huw Williams, who is playing a key role in advancing the region's energy transition goals.

Plus, don't miss the updates on the Employment and Skills Plan 2024 and opportunities for free bespoke Carbon Literacy Training in Powys.

Stay informed and engaged with the progress shaping Mid Wales' future.

Helping to grow opportunity in Mid Wales,

The Growing Mid Wales team

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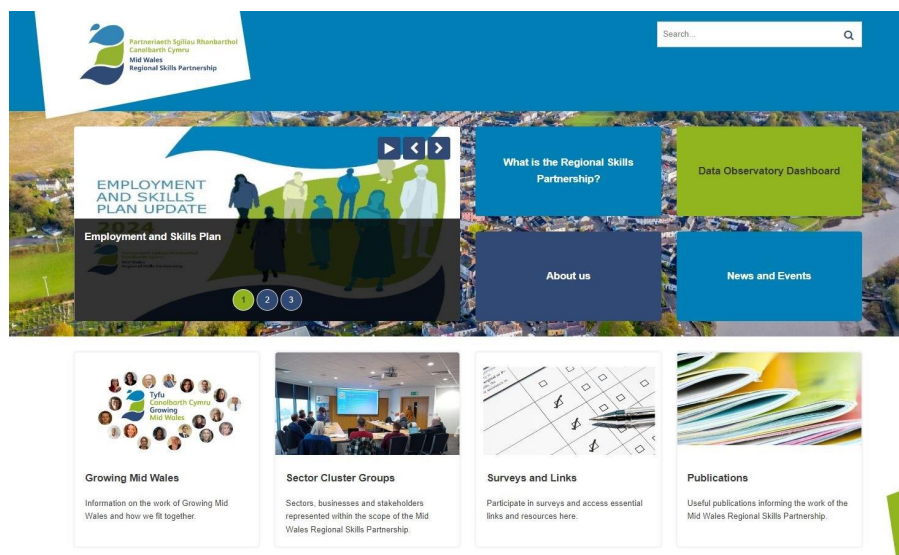
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A brand new website for the Regional Skills Partnership

We're happy to share with you that the RSP now have their own website. This will allow the team to have a platform to connect with businesses and organisations across the region and provide information to businesses such as funding, WG policy, sector consultations and surveys.

It will also be a platform for Data Cymru's data observatory – offering a range of the latest robust data relating to the economy, post-16 education and training, qualifications, Welsh language, and the workforce for Mid Wales.

Check it out now! <https://midwalesrsp.wales/>



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Employment and Skills Plan Update 2024

The Mid Wales Regional Skills Partnership (RSP) recently unveiled its update to the [Employment and Skills Plan 2022-2025](#). It addresses the region's evolving employment and skills needs, reflecting sector growth and economic demands.

Let's take a closer look at its employment and skills analysis on the Food & Drink sector, the sector which has the highest predicted growth rate of 9% between 2022 - 2028, out of all the sectors outlined in the plan:



You can see the employment and skills analysis for all the following sectors in the plan: Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering, Agriculture, Construction, Energy, Digital, Food and Drink, Health and Social Care, Public Sector, Tourism and Leisure, and Transport and Logistics.

These projections are up to 2028, giving an indication of the possible direction of growth for each sector based on past trends.

The information presented reflects current recruitment activity in each sector by looking at the number of job postings over time, key employers currently recruiting, and skills required.

Meet the Team

Huw Williams
Energy Officer

Regional



When did you start with the team?

I started working for Growing Mid Wales in May. Prior to joining, I completed a MSc in Sustainability in Energy Provision and Demand Management. Whilst completing my Master's at the Centre for Alternative Technology in Machynlleth, I worked as a Welsh Rugby Union hub officer for Ponthafren, a mental health charity in my local community. Working in my community and directly impacting local people was a key aspect of my decision to apply for this role.

Can you tell us more about your role?

As a Regional Energy Officer, I engage with Powys and Ceredigion Local Authorities, as well as other local stakeholders, to provide technical and strategic advice around the transition to net zero. Part of this is supporting the region to follow the Local Area Energy Plans.

What are your current priorities?

The Local Area Energy Plans (LAEPs) will be published soon and the promotion of these will prove a key priority, we want to ensure as many people as possible are informed on its outputs. I am also analysing the results of our local area energy plan survey, to better understand people's perception of the transition to net zero. I have also been working on aligning the outputs of the LAEPs with the Mid Wales Regional Energy Task Register, to avoid repetition of work and ensure a more streamlined workflow.

The Register is part of the broader effort to decentralise and enhance energy management at a regional level. It's linked to the Welsh Government's commitment to decarbonise the energy system,

support local renewable energy projects, and ensure energy security while promoting economic development.

What developments have you seen over the years?

As a proud Mid Walian, I have seen huge advances in the generation of renewable energy in the region particularly in terms of onshore wind. However, the developments in this area are yet to reach their full potential, particularly in terms of community energy and Smart Local Energy Systems. I am very keen that the transition to net zero is a positive one for all.

What's been your biggest achievement?

Recently graduating with a master's; my dissertation looked at the potential secondary benefits of renewable energy installations, particularly the health and well-being benefits that may be possible through a change in valuation and management.

One word that sums up the Growing Mid Wales Team:

Skilled

Other news

Free Bespoke Carbon Literacy Courses for Communities and Organisations in Powys
Funded by the Shared Prosperity Fund, [CAT](#) are offering bespoke Carbon Literacy Training, tailored to the needs of your organisation, free of charge up until December 2024.

CAT is a leading provider of [Carbon Literacy training](#), and have a variety of unique courses accredited by the Carbon Literacy Project. These training programmes can be a vital part of raising awareness with your community or organisation, and in creating a low-carbon culture fully engaged in and equipped to take effective action.

Find out more [here](#).

Keep up to Date

Need to catch up on what's been discussed in our meetings? Here's a reminder of where you can find the minutes for the following meetings:

- All minutes relating to the Growing Mid Wales Board are hosted on Powys County Council [website](#).
- Papers relating to the Growing Mid Wales Partnership can be found on our [website](#).

Keep up to date with Growing Mid Wales news, developments on activity and organisations we support by following our X, LinkedIn pages, and YouTube channel:

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www.linkedin.com/company/growing-mid-wales

<https://www.youtube.com/@TCC-GMW>

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