



Manufacturing Wales Newsletter Summer 2022

New Member Shoutout:

Capital Coated Steel

Cardiff and Vale
College

Dates for the Diary

20 th July	SPTS Technologies Factory Tour
August	Summer Holidays – no event
14 th Sept	Tri-Wall Factory Tour
October	Atlantic Services Factory Tour
25 th Nov	Christmas Lunch jointly with IOD at Hensol Castle
December	Christmas Break
January	2 year Anniversary

Events to be confirmed for 2022

Skills	Finding the right skills for Manufacturing
Coleg Gwent	Industry 4.0: HiVE (what it will offer you): Next generation engineering and manufacturing with Coleg Gwent
Marketing	Amplifying your brand



News Highlights

Business News Wales have interviewed three of our members this month to create these 6 minute audio interviews that are well worth a listen on the challenges faced and how these can be overcome.

[Oliver Congers, British Rototherm](#)
[Alison Orrells, Safety Letterbox](#)
[Frank Holmes \(Chair\) Gambit](#)



Ministry of Furniture have moved into new headquarters have exciting news to share as part of their future expansion plans.



Founder member Pro Steel celebrates 10 years in business



Aluminium fabricator Dudley's Aluminium has secured a major new client in the heart of Bristol.



Huge congratulations to Penderyn Distillery taking the top award at the Welsh Business Awards 2022, winning Wales Business of the Year at the awards hosted by Chambers Wales.



Global Welsh Event with Siemens- what does industry 4.0. and Product Life Cycle management mean for Welsh Manufacturing . [Listen here.](#)

Support for Manufacturers

GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR MANUFACTURERS

The Welsh Government overseas trade events programme can be found at: [Overseas events | Business Wales - Export \(gov.wales\)](#);

and similarly their webinar programme is available here: [In-Wales Events | Business Wales - Export \(gov.wales\)](#).

To find out more here is what you need : [Business Wales Homepage](#)

Tel: 03000 603 000 Email : InternationalTrade@gov.wales

UK Government Tech support for Manufacturers

£50 million data innovation hub for manufacturers to accelerate digital tech across the UK –The programme will be supported by 12 delivery partners, including Industry Wales:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/50-million-data-innovation-hub-for-manufacturers-to-accelerate-digital-tech>

Please contact Emily and Heather on the below contact details with any questions or queries: emily.price@manufacturingwales.com or Heather@manufacturingwales.com



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<https://www.linkedin.com/company/manufacturing-wales/>

WHAT WE NEED FROM THE MEMBERS

SHARED LEARNING: Factory tours are an important part of the membership. Some members have already come forward to offer a tour, but we need more! Please get in touch so we can all plan a visit/ tour for all our members

IDEAS: We are a new network and we want you to benefit as much as possible from your membership. If you have any ideas about how we can help, or what you want to see from us please share your ideas. No matter how big or small, we are want to hear from you.vc



WhatsApp Group

Don't forget to email Emily your mobile number and approval to be added to the member WhatsApp group for instant communications with other members.

UK Trade Support

The Department for International Trade (DIT) has recently established a trade and investment office in Cardiff. This team is dedicated to improving access to DIT services for Welsh businesses.

If your business is interested in using DIT's services to support your international business activity, you can get in touch by e-mailing ditwales@trade.gov.uk or chris.roach@trade.gov.uk

Apprenticeships are available for you new and current staff

There are a range of options to support new staff and train existing staff via apprenticeships, for which there is often financial support. EDUC8 are a great point of contact for anyone wanting to find out more email Emily Davey. EDavey@educ8training.co.uk

Too Busy to Hire a Graduate? Cardiff Capital Region's Venture Graduate Programme

This programme offers an expert and *no cost*, end-to-end recruitment and development service for businesses across Southeast Wales. If you want to find out more, contact Gerry or Jac: Geraldine.osullivan@cardiff.gov.uk / Jac.perry@cardiff.gov.uk

Business Wales Flexible Skills Programme

Upskill your current workforce to support your resilience via a new business opportunity, new technology or expansion and growth. These programmes may be able to help you with financial support towards upskilling your staff. The specific programmes to manufacturers are:

- develop advanced digital skills;
- address export related skills challenges
- support skills gaps in the Engineering and Manufacturing Sector

[Find out more here](#)

Sponsor Spotlight

Centurion Vat

Manufacturing Wales' partner Centurion VAT is able to offer manufacturers advice across all aspects that affect their VAT and Environmental Tax management areas. Of late their advice on [environmental taxes](#) as well as VAT has been in demand due to the drive across the sector to achieve their Net Zero Carbon deadline which for many is 2030. Projects that involve energy generation and cost mitigation can easily trigger Indirect Tax implications.

The other aspects that Liz Maher from the Centurion team highlighted were the continuing issues being experienced on the supply chain where imports and exports arise and the interest that HMRC have recently been expressing in the ability of VAT accounting processes to meet the Making VAT Digital regulations.

If VAT or Environmental Tax implications on projects do get complicated then do please visit the [Centurion VAT website](#) or contact them via emailus@centurionvat.com.