



Today is the **last day you are able to place new staff onto the furlough scheme**. The current scheme will close to new entrants from 30 June. From this point onwards, you will only be able to furlough employees that they have furloughed for a full 3 week period prior to 30 June. This means that the final date by which you are able to agree with your employee and ensure they place them on furlough is 10 June. Employers will have until 31 July to make any claims in respect of the period to 30<sup>th</sup> June.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-for-wage-costs-through-the-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme>

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#### **Are you making changes to your workforce?**

If you are reducing your workforce, making redundancies or will no longer be using agencies to support your business please advise your employees to get in touch with Rochdale Council's Work and Skills Team at the earliest opportunity via [jobsandskills@rochdale.gov.uk](mailto:jobsandskills@rochdale.gov.uk) and also to have a look on our Facebook page – [Get Rochdale Working](#).

#### **Free support for your business**

If you would like to discuss support for you as a business regarding training, recruitment or health and wellbeing support for your staff please get in touch with Rochdale Council's dedicated team – [businesssupport@rochdale.gov.uk](mailto:businesssupport@rochdale.gov.uk)

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The Business Growth Hub is hosting a **Green Tech webinar** on 25<sup>th</sup> June. This has been driven by the improvements seen in the environment due to the lockdown – cleaner air and a greater appreciation of our green spaces. Are you a business working within the green technologies sector and want to ensure you can benefit from a green recovery? Then you may be interested in having a look at:

<https://www.businessgrowthhub.com/events/2020/06/review-reimagine-relaunch-your-green-technologies-and-service-business> Free to attend but you will need to register.

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**Hopwood Hall College** are committed to supporting both the employers and learners they work with, and wants to know from employers what they can do to support you post COVID19. Please can you spare a couple of minutes to complete a short survey: <https://bit.ly/2yY0tye>

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The Department for International Trade invites businesses to join a Northern Powerhouse virtual mission giving you access to healthcare and life science professionals from around the world as part of **Omnia Health Live 2020 21<sup>st</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June**.

OMNIA Health Live aims to help your business build virtual connections across the global healthcare industry and brings together medical equipment buyers, dealers and distributors, manufacturers, clinicians, procurement professionals and suppliers from all six continents. By joining the virtual expo you will have access to:

- ☐ Live and on-demand webinars
- ☐ Virtual meetings and networking
- ☐ Source and connect with suppliers

[https://eu.eventscloud.com/ehome/index.php?eventid=200206579&&reference=nph\\_flyer%0D](https://eu.eventscloud.com/ehome/index.php?eventid=200206579&&reference=nph_flyer%0D)

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EnterprisingYou is a fully funded programme to **support self-employed individuals**, gig economy workers and small business owners in Greater Manchester. Launched in Feb 2020, this exciting new pilot programme will provide free support to self-employed residents with advice and access to training, from personal skills and career development to business finance and mentoring. It's ideal for individuals who want to discover their growth potential and directions to achieve their self-employment goals.

If you are 18+, a self-employed resident in Rochdale with an income of less than £27,000 per year, EnterprisingYou could be the support you are looking for! Please visit : [www.enterprising-you.co.uk](http://www.enterprising-you.co.uk) or call 0161 667 6900 for more details.

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