



Last week the Chancellor announced the **Job Support Scheme**, the successor to the current furlough. This will run from 1st November for 6 months. More information on how the scheme will operate and a FAQs sheet can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/job-support-scheme> . It will operate via HMRC.

The Government announced some weeks ago its new scheme, **Kickstart**, helping young people into work. Information has been slow in coming out, particularly if you are not in a position to offer 30 placements. The Business Growth Hub has now established itself as an intermediary matching young people with local employers. Funding is available to you as the employer, as long as you provide a 25 hr per week job placement, to cover the wages and training and development. For more information on the scheme and the help available please see: <https://gckickstart.co.uk/>

Our next **Rochdale Ambassadors** event takes place on 14th October at 9am – with guest speaker, Andy Burnham, Greater Manchester Mayor. The event ‘Why Rochdale businesses are critical to the growth of GM’ will be hosted by Chris Maguire. The event will tackle a range of issues including Rochdale’s importance to Greater Manchester’s economy and the opportunity to ‘build back better’ in the wake of COVID 19. This is a free event but you do need to register here: <https://investinrochdale.co.uk/news/post/gm-mayor-burnham-to-speak-at-rochdale-business-event>

Does your business have **valuable intangible assets**? These include goodwill, brand recognition, copyrights, patents and trademarks. Are you making the most of them to support your growth? Innovate UK are holding a free webinar on 15th October at 10am, looking at how you can capture the value of such assets, develop strategies to enter new markets and how to leverage intangible assets to secure potential investment. Further information and eligibility criteria can be found here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/unlock-the-value-hidden-in-your-business-to-support-your-growth-tickets-123039016009>

For businesses on **Stakehill Industrial Estate, Middleton** – you are invited to an open forum to discuss the Stakehill BID in more detail. This virtual discussion takes place on 14th October at 12 noon for just half an hour. You do need to book via: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stakehill-bid-virtual-open-forum-tickets-122368853535>

Bridge GM are **supporting schools and colleges** across Greater Manchester to develop careers education strategies linked to the local labour market and are looking for local employers to help with this here in Rochdale. There are 2 ways you can support this activity:

Enterprise Adviser role: to work alongside Bridge GM and a school/college to help develop careers and employer engagement programmes, by providing strategic guidance and engaging your own networks to support the school/colleges careers programme. Currently, Kingsway Park, Middleton Technology School and Matthew Moss are looking for Enterprise Advisers.

Meet Your Future: you can offer a virtual Q&A, virtual workplace safari or a real-life project for students to complete through their repurposed virtual Meet Your Future campaign.

If you want to know more about either of these, please contact Bronwyn Raper, Senior Enterprise Coordinator, bronwyn.raper@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk or take a look at <https://bridgegm.co.uk/>

A reminder **that Brexit is not that far away!**

The UK has left the EU and will leave the EU Single Market and Customs Union at the end of the year. With less than 100 days until the end of the transition period, businesses should take action now to start preparing for new trading rules which will come into effect from January 2021.

To help you prepare, here are four things you should do:

1. Head to [GOV.UK/transition](https://www.gov.uk/transition) to take a short survey and receive a personalised list of actions for you and your business to take.
2. If you're an exporter, find out what you need to do to [continue to export goods to the EU](#).
3. If you're an importer, find out what you need to do to [continue importing goods from the EU](#).
4. [Sign up to email alerts](#) to stay up to date with any further changes.

These are concrete steps you can take now to minimise disruption and take advantage of new opportunities.

If you have any questions about preparing for the end of the transition period and you can't find answers at [GOV.UK/transition](https://www.gov.uk/transition), fill out the [enquiry form](#) and one of our experts will point you in the right direction.

You can also find information and advice about trading internationally (outside of the EU) at [great.gov.uk](https://www.great.gov.uk)

You may be aware that Rochdale Sixth Form College converted to a multi-academy trust and formed the Altus Education Partnership with the vision and mission to '*create and successfully run a family of inclusive academies from early years to 18 that enables all students, regardless of background, to progress to an aspirational career, a fulfilling life and make a positive contribution to their local community*'. As a highly ambitious organisation, they are looking to appoint experts with complementary skills to the Board at an incredibly exciting time for the Trust. Their ambition is to expand within the local area through a partnership framework and they have recently undertaken a review of non-executive skills and experiences on their governing body.

They are now looking for a new Chair and 4 additional trustees to help oversee the delivery of the strategic plan and provide support and challenge to the CEO, Richard Ronksley, and his senior team.

For the Chair role, the Partnership require an experienced board member / non-executive director. For the Trustee roles, they require professional qualified senior accountants, auditors or finance directors. Ideally, the Chair and Trustees will live in or around Rochdale and Middleton, as this is the focus area for the Partnership's growth and development.

More information can be found here: <https://www.peridotpartners.co.uk/jobs/altus-education-partnership/>

Finally (!!)

– take a look at our recent **Invest in Rochdale** magazine:
https://investinrochdale.co.uk/images/uploads/files/Invest_in_Rochdale_Mag_AS_7th_September_2020.pdf

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