



Just a reminder to **pubs and restaurants** around the local lockdown measures:

Please ensure social distancing measures are in place and complied with at all times.
Please ensure you record and retain the customer details –each and every time they visit your venue.
Please ensure you have a risk assessment in place.
Please ensure you do not exceed capacity limits.

It is critical that everyone plays their part in reducing the rate of infection across the borough of Rochdale – we are relying on your continued support.

Rochdale Development Agency has worked with Jonathan Schofield, Manchester historian and tour guide to produce a short video. Please feel free to share:

<https://investinrochdale.co.uk/tv/watch/welcome-to-rochdale>

The Business Growth Hub have some more online **workshops coming up around energy efficiency and being environmentally aware**. These are free but you do need to register:

Quick Wins for Energy Savings – 17 August

Government research indicates that SMEs are missing out on savings of up to 25% on their energy bill – just from simple 'low or no cost' measures. We can help you optimise your energy usage, get ahead of the competition, and build resilience against rising energy prices. This online workshop will provide quick, 'no and low cost' energy saving measures which will cut energy use in your operations. Support will also be provided by our expert advisors to help your business build its own tailored action plan and business case for action.

<https://www.businessgrowthhub.com/events/2020/08/quick-wins-for-energy-savings>

Developing an Effective Environmental Policy – 25 August

Having a robust environmental policy is now a key requirement of many local and central government tenders; in addition, demonstrating your commitment to reducing your environmental impact will help to develop positive relationships with your customers and improve corporate image. This online workshop, led by industry specialists, will help you to write an effective environmental policy that demonstrates your environmental credentials and will help to deliver measurable results for both you and your customers.

<https://www.businessgrowthhub.com/events/2020/08/developing-an-effective-environmental-policy>

Creating an Environmentally Aware Workforce – 8 September

This online workshop will help you build and engage a positive workforce that is focused on driving down energy consumption and making other environmental improvements. It will cover the implementation of staff engagement programmes, maintaining staff motivation and managing resistant staff in order to develop, and sustain, a programme of cultural change throughout the business.

<https://www.businessgrowthhub.com/events/2020/09/creating-an-environmentally-aware-workforce>

A reminder about the Government incentives around **apprenticeships**. If you recruit an apprentice between August 2020 to January 2021 you could be eligible for a cash incentive of up to £4,000.

- Start a new apprentice aged 16-24 and receive £2,000
- Recruit a new apprentice aged 25+.and receive £1,500
- Offer a short work placement of 100 hours and receive £1,000 per person
- This is in addition to the existing £1,000 incentive already provided for new apprentices aged 16-18

Speak to your current training provider (if you have one) or contact MWhittaker@rochdaletraining.co.uk or tracey.wood@hopwood.ac.uk for more information about the scheme and what other employer support they may be able to offer.

Link4Life are currently seeking new Trustees to help guide and shape the future development and delivery of services. They work across the borough providing leisure, culture and community health & wellbeing services supporting people to make their lives more active, creative and healthy.

Recent events have demonstrated that their services are needed more than ever and they are therefore looking for talented, passionate and well-connected individuals who can help to steer them through the next challenging, but exciting phase of their plans.

If you would like to find out more, please see full details in the Trustee Recruitment Pack <https://lnkd.in/dKr2vGg> Closing date for applications: 3 September 2020

And finally – the consultation around the proposals for **road improvements to Simister Island** (interchange of M60, M62 and M66) closes on 17th August – so make sure you have your say.

Highways England have announced proposals to improve the Simister Island Interchange between the M60, M62 and M66. The interchange is one of the busiest motorway junctions in the north-west used by around 90,000 vehicles each day. The junction was not designed for this level of traffic and as a result suffers from congestion and poor journey time reliability.

Two options have been developed for the proposed project which will provide additional capacity through the junction. These options would provide quicker, more reliable and safer journeys into and around Greater Manchester, with fewer unexpected delays.

Highways England are now holding a public consultation on their plans and would like to hear your views, concerns or ideas. You can find out more about the project and details on how to get involved in their consultation on the project webpage at www.highwaysengland.co.uk/m60-j18-simister-island

Regards

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