Redcar & Cleveland Update

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Welcome

Welcome to 'this is Redcar and Cleveland update' which is designed exclusively for businesses.

This bulletin from Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council provides useful information and news about funding opportunities, events and business support.

News

Powering on! £250 million energy plant to open in borough

PLANS have been unveiled for a £250 million waste-to-energy plant at Redcar Bulk Terminal (RBT).

Yorkshire-based waste management company PMAC Energy has secured 25 acres of

the terminal's land for the development which could create up to 400 jobs.

Subject to planning and other approvals, the plant is expected to start operating in 2021 and will eventually generate enough electricity to power 56,000 homes.

This announcement comes two weeks after RBT signed a major land and handling agreement with Sirius Minerals Plc that will see up to 10 million tonnes of Polyhalite pass through the facility each year.

Other good news for South Tees Development Corporation's wider 4,500-acre South Tees site this week includes a Government pledge to back Wilton-based research facility Centre for Process Innovation with £107 million.

Find out more about the industrial site at southteesdc.com and PMAC Energy at www.pmacenergy.co.uk

£1m skills boost for Tees Valley SMEs

TEES Valley small to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are being encouraged to take advantage of free training in the region, as a further £1m of funding has been made available.

The fund, accessible through the Skills Support for the Workforce (SSW) project and co-financed by the European Social Fund, will give SMEs the opportunity to offer their employees professional training.

Sue Dawson, regional development manager of the SSW project in Tees Valley said: “The project has already made a significant impact in the region, having helped over 400 businesses and 1,000 employees gain new skills over the last 18 months. Securing an additional £1m funding means we will be able to extend that reach and support even more businesses."

For more information and to see if your business is eligible for fully-funded training click here

EcoRIG moves from Leeds to Lingdale

AN established business, which specialises in remote control raise and lower equipment, has relocated from Leeds to Lingdale.

EcoRIG has been operating since 2008 and is one of the UK’s leading consultants for remote-operated systems for display and lighting which are often used in the retail industry.

EcoRIG applied technology enables lighting, banners and many other display fixtures to be lowered to the ground for maintenance or replacement without the need for access equipment.

Owner, Innes Whitlock, explained EcoRIG is looking for new markets globally and within the Tees Valley's petrochemical industry to help clients avoid the dangers of working at height.

Mr Whitlock, who opened his commercial premises in May on the Barmet Industrial Estate in Lingdale, near Saltburn, explained he was attracted to the area as a great place to conduct business at relatively low cost and also the beauty of the East Cleveland area.

Find out more about EcoRIG at www.ecorig.com, call 07787 112336 or email innes.whitlock@ecorig.com.

Heidi sees the big picture

A YOUNG photographer has come home from London to start up in business.

Heidi Knights, 30, takes photographs for businesses as well as taking more conventional photography bookings, including weddings.

Heidi, (pictured) originally from Redcar but now operating from Saltburn, explained she had a major health scare while working in London and needed brain surgery. The experience caused her to reassess her priorities and she decided to pursue her ambition of becoming a full-time photographer back home.

Heidi specialises in business products, weddings, conferences, events, pets and portraits.

Call her on 07868 229448 or access her Instagram page here for further contact

details and to see examples of her work.

Events

Book your place at Ambassador event

THE next Redcar | Cleveland Ambassadors event has the theme of 'Energy for Industry' and will be held on Friday 12 October at 7.45am in the Wilton Centre.

The Ambassadors include many of Redcar and Cleveland's business leaders who act as a sale force for the borough.

To find out more or book your place email ambassadors@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Funding opportunity

Grants for High Street businesses still available

GRANTS are still available for both existing and new town centre businesses across the borough.

The High Street Support Scheme provides funding for town centre enterprises in Redcar, Loftus, Guisborough and Saltburn.

Grants, which must be match-funded, are available for shop frontage works, fittings, security improvements, upper floor enhancements and for returning vacant premises back into use.

To lodge an expression of interest call the council's Economic Growth Service on 01642 444494 or email placeinvestment@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

The £2 million scheme is backed by the SSI Task Force and the council.

Our Business Growth Team is here to help you and your business. Contact the team on 01642 444366 or email businessgrowth@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk.