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Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Conference

Redcar & Cleveland Council are holding an 'Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Conference' on **Friday 24th June 2022 (10am to 3pm)** at **Kirkleatham Walled Garden**, and local businesses are invited to attend. The aim of the conference is to celebrate equality, diversity and inclusion throughout Redcar and Cleveland and to consider what can be done collectively to further benefit local communities.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP, to Lauren Shevlin - lauren.shevlin@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk



Power of Women Festival

Tickets are now available for the inaugural Power of Women Festival, taking place at **Middlesbrough Town Hall** on **Friday 24th June 2022**. Businesses are being urged to encourage their employees to attend the event and to book their place early to avoid disappointment, as a sell-out is expected. Tickets can be booked here (<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/powerofwomen/690250>)

Largest Local Business Event Returns



Tees Valley Business Summit will take place on **Thursday 7th July 2022** at **Teesside University Student Union**. Now in its tenth year, it is free to attend and will include seminars, exhibition stands and an opportunity to network. To book tickets click here (<https://www.teesvalleysummit.co.uk/>).



National Manufacturing Day

Make UK are having a National Manufacturing Day on **Thursday July 7th 2022**, where manufacturers across the country can open their doors to the local community for a behind the scenes look at the modern world of manufacturing. Manufacturing businesses can find out more and sign up to this here (<https://www.nationalmanufacturingday.org/>)

New Bill Establishes UK Infrastructure Bank



The UK Infrastructure Bank is part of the Government's National Infrastructure Strategy and will have £22 billion of financial capacity to invest in infrastructure to help tackle climate change and to support regional and local economic growth across the UK. Click here

(<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-bill-to-set-up-uk-infrastructure-bank-announced-in-queens-speech>) for more information.



Extra Funding for Arts and Culture

Cultural venues including museums, galleries and public libraries are to benefit from up to £128 million of national funding to improve access to arts and culture. For more information click here

(<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/cultural-venues-to-receive-128-million-to-improve-access-to-arts-and-culture>).

Further Limits on Exclusivity Clauses



New reforms give low paid workers more flexibility to work in multiple jobs. This places further limits on exclusivity clauses used by some employers. For more details see this link

(<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/lowest-paid-workers-to-be-given-flexibility-to-top-up-their-pay-under-government-reforms>).

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Ambassador Programme Milestone

The 'Redcar | Cleveland Ambassadors' programme has achieved a major milestone, after signing up its 500th ambassador. See link (<https://redcarcleveland.co.uk/blog/news/redcar-cleveland-ambassadors-reaches-500-members/>) for more details.

Small Firms Struggle to Access Commercial Finance



Lending to smaller firms has hit an all-time low, according to a study by the Federation of Small Businesses. The FSB's chair, Martin McTague, warned that without proper funding for small firms, economic growth in the country will be stifled. More details on findings can be found here

(<https://www.fsb.org.uk/resources-page/lending-to-small-businesses-hits-all-time-low-new-study-finds-with-six-in-ten-impacted-by-late-payment.html>).



Green Jobs for a Green Industrial Revolution

A new national Green Jobs Delivery Group has been established whose task it is to help drive the creation of 480,000 new well-paid green jobs by 2030, as part of the UK's green industrial revolution. For more information click here (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/green-jobs-delivery-steps-up-a-gear>).

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