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NetWORKing at The Regent Cinema



Date: Tuesday 30th September

Time: 10:00am – 12:30pm

Location: The Regent Cinema, Newcomen Terrace, Redcar, TS10 1AU

Join NetWORK NotWORK CIC for a special **NetWORKing launch event** at the iconic **Regent Cinema in Redcar**.

Whether you're a seasoned business professional or just starting out, this event is designed to spark new connections and fresh ideas. Expect a lively atmosphere with music, games, and expert insights from a line-up of **Nexpert guest speakers** and **panellists**.

Expand your network locally, connect with business leaders from across the Northeast to support the growth of your business.

Event Agenda:

10:00 – 10:30 | Informal NetWORKing & Music

10:30 – 10:45 | Welcome & Nexpert Speaker

10:50 – 11:20 | NetWORK Games

11:20 – 11:50 | Nexpert Panel

11:50 – 12:00 | Update from NetWORK Partners

12:00 – 12:30 | Informal NetWORKing & Music

Don't miss this opportunity to connect, collaborate, and grow your business.

Spaces are limited, so be sure to book your ticket early!

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Tees Valley Rural Grant Funding Opportunity



Tees Valley has been allocated **£187,427** for the financial year 2025 to 2026 through the UK Government's Rural England Prosperity Fund.

In line with this year's allocation round 3 of the Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) is now open to applications offering capital grants of **£1,000** to **£15,000** for rural businesses and community organisations across Redcar and Cleveland.

Delivered by Tees Valley Combined Authority, in partnership with Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council, this fund is designed to strengthen both our rural economy and rural community infrastructure.

There is no match funding requirement for the purposes of this fund and applications are invited for projects which will:

- Accelerate business growth and diversification.
- Support the development of new products and services.
- Create jobs and support new developments in the rural area.
- Strengthen community infrastructure and services.
- Support local heritage, arts and creative activities.

Please note projects **must** take place in an eligible area as defined by the Department for Food, Environment and Rural Affairs (defra) on the Magic Maps tool, to check your eligibility we have developed an easy to use checker using defra data found [HERE](#).

Organisations have until **5pm** on **Friday 5 September** to submit applications for this funding round.

For more information on eligibility and guidance as to how to apply please visit the Tees Valley Combined Authority website [HERE](#).

Our team are here to provide support with your application if required, please respond to this email and a member of our team will get back to you, for any general questions please contact UKSPFenquiries@teesvalley-ca.gov.uk.

Business support opportunities

Tees Valley Youth Guarantee Trailblazer



Tees Valley Combined Authority is offering local businesses the opportunity of accessing funded three or six month **paid work placements** for young people aged 18-21 who are not in education, employment, or training.

To help your business take on a young person additional support is available including:

- Up to £2,000 is available to help you identify dedicated work-based mentors within your team.
- Training grants are also available with up to £2,500 towards certified training, qualifications and upskilling.

Paid placements will be subsidised for up to 25 hours per week, wages will be fully funded meaning there is no financial cost to your business.

Businesses can also offer flexible unpaid **work taster sessions** for young people to explore which sectors / roles they're most interested in.

Please note this programme is currently inviting expressions of interest from businesses with more than 5 employees, if you have less than 5 employees but are interested in the programme please contact our team at Business@Redcar-Cleveland.gov.uk

For more information, including FAQs, and to sign up, visit the Tees Valley Combined Authority website linked below.

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Tees Valley Net Zero



Delivered by Decerna the fully funded Tees Valley Net Zero programme is back to support your business on its decarbonisation journey.

The programme provides a range of support to help your business fully integrate sustainability into your daily operations and make even greater carbon reduction and cost savings, available to new enquiries and businesses who worked with Decerna on the previous programme.

Support includes:

- **Carbon Emissions Tool** – Calculate your baseline carbon footprint and track progress year on year.
- **Decarbonisation Plan** – Take meaningful steps to achieve real-world emissions reductions and hit your Net Zero targets.
- **Change at Work - Practical Help** – Get hands-on advice to implement change across your team.
- **Sustainable Manufacturing** – Expert guidance to help cut waste and improve efficiency.
- **Energy Audit** – In-depth analysis to identify energy-saving opportunities with expert support.
- **Access to Finance** – Explore funding available to bring your plans to life.
- **Build Your Knowledge** – Discover factsheets and videos on a wide range of decarbonisation topics, focused on what you can implement to save energy in your business.
- **Sustainable Business Network** – Learn from industry experts, share ideas, develop new contacts, and hear about other businesses' experiences.

Sign up to this year's Tees Valley Net Zero programme by clicking on the link below.

Support is fully funded for Redcar and Cleveland businesses by the UK Government via the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and delivered by Decerna on behalf of the Tees Valley Mayor, Business Board and Combined Authority.

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Made Smarter Adoption North East



Redcar and Cleveland manufacturers looking to become more efficient and implement digital technology into your business are invited to take part in the latest Made Smarter Adoption North East programme which includes the opportunity to apply for up to £23,500 in grant funding to help access expert technical advice and to purchase and implement new software/equipment.

- Get hands on help to develop a digital roadmap for your business – wherever you're at on your digital journey.
- Access specialist training and workshops on digital transformation, road mapping, process mapping, leadership development and industrial cyber security.
- Grants of up to *£3,500 to access expert technical advice.
- Grants of up to *£20,000 to help you purchase and implement new software and/ or equipment (up to 50% of the overall cost).

Find more information on the programme and range of support to make your manufacturing business more efficient and productive below.

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Supply Chain Opportunities



Northern Endurance Partnership (NEP) is the UK's largest offshore subsea carbon capture project.

bp is the operator of the NEP project on behalf of the partners bp, Total and Equinor.

Find upcoming tender opportunities for the project on the [Energy Pathfinder](#) platform.

Upcoming tenders listed for September include:

1st September 2025: Subsea - Supply of flanges, fittings and test rings for Spools and PLR's.

22nd September 2025: Projects - Carbon Steel and Stainless Steel Aboveground Pipes

23rd September 2025: Projects - Onshore Flanges, TEEs, Reducers, Elbows, Weldolet, Gasket, Bolting and 28" interface pipe

Our supply chain opportunities webpage linked below will be updated with these opportunities as they become available.

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Land and property opportunities

Leisure property to Let in Redcar



An opportunity to lease a seafront property located on Majuba Road in Redcar has come to tender.

The facility has been uniquely designed as a youth and education facility, with the 17,318 Sq. ft seafront property arranged over two levels. The internal area boasts a range of performance, office and meeting room space, along with a kitchen, changing rooms, storage and plant rooms.

Externally the property offers a private car park at the front of the building and access via a block paved private driveway, a refuse area adjacent to the building and a large, grassy area between the building itself and Majuba Road.

The deadline for tenders to be submitted is by **12 noon** on **10th September 2025**.

For more information on this tender, please see below.

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Family hub to Let in Carlin How



An opportunity to lease the Whitecliffe Family Hub has come to tender through Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council.

Situated in the village of Carlin How, this single story unit is positioned on the outskirts of the village, just outside the boundary of the North Yorkshire Moors National Park. This unit benefits from a rural setting whilst maintaining accessibility to nearby towns and transport links, offering a convenient location for families and community services.

Internally, the 1,967 sq. Ft unit offers an open plan space, partitioned offices, a reception, secure access and storage space. Whilst, externally, the property benefits from a soft play and grassed area as well as parking for approximately 3 vehicles.

The deadline for tenders to be submitted is by **12 noon** on **5th September 2025**.

For more information on the opportunity, see below.

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News

Aurora Energy Services expands with new Tees Base



Aurora Energy Services has expanded its UK presence with the opening of a new office at the Wilton Centre in Redcar, placing the company at the heart of Teesside's clean energy and industrial innovation hub. Headquartered in Inverness, Aurora is one of the UK's fastest-growing energy services companies, employing over 700 staff globally, bridging the gap between traditional oil and gas and the renewable energy sector.

The new base will support both legacy energy infrastructure and emerging net-zero projects, including hydrogen, offshore wind, and carbon capture. This expansion marks a strategic investment in regional capability and long-term partnerships, with recruitment already underway for engineering, project management, and operations support roles.

Dan French, Area Manager for the North of England, commented:

"We're not just here to participate – we're here to actively support and accelerate energy transition and industrial growth through scalable, integrated solutions that reduce risk and increase delivery certainty."

For more information, please click on the link below.

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Community news & opportunities

Make Your Business a Welcoming Space for Families: Join the 'Welcome to Breastfeed' Scheme



Are you a local business that welcomes families through your doors? The Welcome to Breastfeed Scheme for South Tees is a fantastic opportunity to show your support for mothers and children while enhancing your customer experience.

This initiative invites **public, private, and voluntary sector organisations** to create more inclusive environments by supporting breastfeeding mothers. Research from the National Breastfeeding Welcome Scheme shows that **staff trained to support breastfeeding mums often extend that care to all customers**, resulting in **higher customer satisfaction**.

Why Join?

- Boost your reputation as a family-friendly business.
- Increase footfall from parents seeking welcoming spaces.
- Get listed on the Council website, making it easier for local families to find you.

Signing up is simple—and it's a meaningful way to show your commitment to community wellbeing.

Interested?

Email: breastfeedingwelcome@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Learn More:

Download the full guide linked below to discover how the scheme can benefit your business.

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Events

Tees Valley Economic Future Breakfast



Date: Wednesday 17 September 2025

Time: 8:45 - 10:30

Venue: Teesside International Airport

Join us at Teesside International Airport on Wednesday 17th September for this free networking event, exploring the economic drivers, regeneration hotspots and growth sectors shaping Teesside's future.

Key discussion points:

- **Economic Drivers and Sectoral Growth** – assessing the opportunities that exist in key areas around the Tees Valley.

- **Regeneration Hotspots** – how the redevelopment of urban areas and brownfield sites for housing and business growth can be unlocked.
- **Job Creation and Skills** – how businesses can attract and retain talent to further economic growth.
- **Investment Priorities** – what investment is needed, what funding is available and how it can be used.

To book your place, please use the link below.

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Teesside Expo – Autumn 2025



Date: Thursday 18 September 2025

Time: 10:00 - 15:00

Venue: Riverside Stadium

Join us in the Autumn at the Teesside Expo – the region's premier business networking and showcase event!

Taking place on Thursday, 18th September 2025, this dynamic Autumn exhibition will take place at the Riverside Stadium, Middlesbrough and will be an unmissable day of business opportunities, brand exposure, and valuable connections.

Register to exhibit, costs are detailed below or book your FREE delegate ticket for the event.

- 70+ innovative exhibitors showcasing the latest products and services
- Two expert-led seminar areas packed with insightful talks
- Dedicated networking zones to meet potential clients, partners, and industry leaders
- On-site refreshment areas to keep you fuelled for success

Whether you're looking to **raise your profile, generate leads, or gain industry insights**, this bi-annual event is the go-to destination for businesses across the region.

Showcase Your Business in the Autumn

Looking to boost your brand, increase awareness, and expand your network—all at an affordable cost? Our upcoming business show is the perfect opportunity to connect with potential clients and industry leaders.

Why Exhibit?

- Increase brand visibility
- Build valuable business connections
- Gain exposure at a low cost

Stand Options:

Standard Space: £250 + VAT

Premium Space: £300 + VAT

View the LIVE [Interactive Floorplan](#) to see available stands and discover who's already booked.

For more information and to register, please click on the link below.

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Kirkleatham Walled Garden Produce and Flower Show 2025



Date: Saturday 27 September 2025

Time: 9:00 - 16:00

Venue: Kirkleatham Walled Garden

Kirkleatham Walled Garden are now delighted to return a tradition to the local area. The flower and produce show is built upon the considerable skills of previous Head Gardeners.

Historical records provide a glimpse of what the gardeners at Kirkleatham were growing over 150 years ago. From early May cucumbers entered into Guisborough Show in 1845 to award winning 'Premier Tulips' in June of 1847, gardeners used the specialist growing conditions that a walled garden provides to extend the growing season.

Judging the show this year will be:

Hazel —Head Gardener at Kirkleatham Walled Garden. Hazel has been at Kirkleatham for 3 years. Prior to this she worked for the National Trust in South Wales and the Midlands.

Sioned and Roy—Apple Orchard Garden Nursery. Sioned and Roy are the owners of the nursery in Skelton.

Di and Julie—Community Stepping Stones. Based in the local communities of Redcar, Dormanstown and Marske, Community Stepping Stones supports people by reducing isolation, increasing new friendships, increasing positive wellbeing and resilience by promoting community engagement.

Jenni —Ruffled Flowers. Jen has ran Ruffled Flowers for over 9 years, specialising in seasonal and creative wedding floristry. She also runs floristry classes teaching her offbeat style of floral arranging.

"With 15 years of floristry experience, from college training through to adapting my own recognisable style - I appreciate all forms of flower arranging and love to encourage people to enjoy floristry. I'm so excited to see people's work and different styles."

For more information on attending the show and how to enter produce, visit link below.

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