



Food & Drink

NEWSLETTER

Small Ayrshire Firm Selected To Participate In 2017 Parliamentary Review



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An Ayr business has been selected to participate in next years Parliamentary review. Founders Vinita & Kushal Duggal started Punjab Pakora almost four years ago and now employ 25 staff at their manufacturing facility in Waggon Road in Ayr. Their various types of pakora can be found on shelves of Aldi, Iceland and in a number of Spar stores. The company owners have lived in Ayrshire since 2003 and have benefitted from a range of support services offered by both Business Gateway and the Enterprise Service at South Ayrshire Council and have now been chosen to participate in the 2017 parliamentary review which is made up of 12 editions with each focusing on a different key policy

area. Mr & Mrs Duggal will input into the manufacturing edition and as part of the honour they will attend a launch event within the House of Commons Members Dining Room. The 2017 review will be published in September and will “provide a comprehensive summary of the past year and a reliable template for the year to come”. Many congratulations to Mr & Mrs Duggal and we wish them continued success for the future.



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A Taste of Ayrshire & Showcasing Ayrshire Events



Ayrshire MP's have kindly agreed to host two events at Westminster on Wednesday 8th February 2017 in order to raise the profile of Ayrshire's offering and to raise awareness of the Ayrshire Regional Growth Deal which is currently being developed. The first event, '**A Taste of Ayrshire**', will be a food and drink tasting event within the Jubilee Room at Westminster in the morning shortly before Prime Ministers Questions. The second event, '**Showcasing Ayrshire**', will be held in the Attlee Suite of Portculis House in the afternoon and will have representation from a number of business sectors as well as a presentation on the Growth Deal.

An invitation will be sent to every MP and House of Lords representative across the UK inviting them to join us at both our events. This presents a fantastic opportunity for Ayrshire businesses to showcase themselves and our fantastic business offering here in Ayrshire across Aerospace, Engineering, Food & Drink, Life Sciences and Tourism sectors.

Ayrshire College Restaurant – Salt & Barrel

The new Kilmarnock campus of Ayrshire College was officially opened on Monday 12th December by First Minister Nicola Sturgeon. This fantastic facility has a new training restaurant which is open to the public during term time and is priced very affordably and has excellent quality food. This training environment allows the college students to gain valuable experience which prepares them for working in the hospitality industry. If you wish to support the college and are looking to try this restaurant bookings can be made via: saltandbarrel@ayrshire.ac.uk or 01563 548 010 ext 8010



Iceland Learning Journey



In late October a number of Ayrshire businesses went on a learning journey to Iceland on a project which was sponsored by the European funding programme Erasmus+. This trip was very well received and each project group completed a case study which is universally available for everyone to read and use the findings in their own businesses.

The projects were on the following topics: Hospitality Services, Innovation & Business Development and the use of Digital Marketing and Social Media.

All case studies are available for viewing at <http://www.karendonnellyassociates.com/learn-taste-experience---iceland>

Upcoming Events List

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December

Saturday 17	Dumfries House Christmas Market
Saturday 17	Kilmarnock – Farmers Market
Sunday 18	Ayr Central – Farmers Market
Sunday 18	Fencebay Farmers' Market

January

Sat 7 & Sun 8	Waistline Watchers – Thai Themed Healthy Cookery Lesson
Fri 13 & Sat 14	Waistline Watchers – Italian Themed Healthy Cookery Lesson
Sunday 15	Ayr Central – Farmers' Market
Sun 15 - Tues 17	Semex International Dairy Conference
Sunday 22	Burns Supper Cookery Lesson
Sun 22 – Tues 24	Scotland's Speciality Food Show
Wednesday 25	Burns Supper Cookery Lesson

