



## NEWSLETTER



East Ayrshire  
COUNCIL

Could your job vacancy be carried out by someone with a disability?

Find out more about what help is available at a Supportive Employment event hosted by East Ayrshire Council's Employability Service.

It helps those with disabilities or additional barriers into employment.

10am – 12 noon

Tuesday 1 March

Burns Monument  
Centre, Kilmarnock.

Sign up via [this link](#).



Ayrshire Food Network's new website represents around 35 Ayrshire based food and drink producers and providers, along with approximately 40 associated Bed and Breakfasts. They're all working together to promote the produce, culinary and food tourism delights of the area.

[www.ayrshirefoodnetwork.co.uk](http://www.ayrshirefoodnetwork.co.uk)

To support the new website, East Ayrshire Council has updated the Ayrshire Food & Drink Events Calendar at [www.ayrshirefoodanddrink.co.uk](http://www.ayrshirefoodanddrink.co.uk)

## SMAS

Scottish Manufacturing  
Advisory Service

This new and innovative approach is designed to support ambitious and growing businesses that recognise the need to engage with the concept of sustainable continuous improvement. The Business Improvement Academy is aimed at Food and Drink companies who will participate in workshop based learning combined with on-site (one-to-one) project work.

For more information please visit:

<http://www.ayrshirefoodanddrink.co.uk/downloads/smas-academy/>

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## Cold Water Island Tourism Conference

Isle of Arran

14-16<sup>th</sup> March 2016

An new initiative to promote, celebrate and help develop tourism on small cold water island destinations around the world. For more information please visit:

<http://www.ayrshirefoodanddrink.co.uk/food-drink-newsletter/cwit-2016/>

**Ayrshire Food and Drink Industry Engagement event** was held at the Park Hotel on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February and the feedback from the event has been extremely positive. As a result of the success we are now busy developing a programme of future activity for the sector.

Some interesting feedback which collected from the event included

- 100% of businesses who responded felt that the industry engagement event was worthwhile
- 94% of respondents would recommend these events to other businesses in the sector
- 86% of respondents felt that the sector needed more networking opportunities.

*'Large selection of speakers and information'*  
Attendee Feedback

*'Very Worthwhile. Connections Made.'*  
Attendee Feedback

*'Good Networking Event'*  
Attendee Feedback



StimuliEvolve specialises in bespoke training courses for the Ayrshire and Arran Food, Drink and Tourism Sector, working closely with clients to build goals and drive excellence.

For more information please visit <http://www.ayrshirefoodanddrink.co.uk/stimuli/>

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## Events

Ayrshire Chamber Annual Dinner	Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> March
Ayrshire Farmers Market - Ayr	Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> March
Ayrshire Farmers Market – Paisley	Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> March
Ayrshire Farmers Market – Kilmarnock	Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> March
Ayrshire Farmers Market – Paisley	Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> March

Cold Water Island Tourism – Arran 14-16<sup>th</sup> March

Mother's Day Shopping Night(s) - The Cook School  
5-7pm Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> March

StimuliEvolve - REHIS Elementary Food Hygiene Certificate  
Please Follow [Link](#) Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> March

SRUC Licensing conference in partnership with SAC  
Contact [Iain McGregor](#) for details Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> March

**For More Events & Information Please Visit: [www.AyrshireFoodandDrink.co.uk](http://www.AyrshireFoodandDrink.co.uk)**

