



Food & Drink

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Developing the
Young Workforce

Food, Drink, Hospitality & Tourism Skills Seminar

2-4pm Tuesday 4th October 2016
Park Hotel, Kilmarnock

The session is an opportunity for you to network with others in the sector, tell us what support your business needs with regards to workforce planning & training. You will hear about Modern Apprenticeships and how they can work for your business.

Josh Littlejohn one of Scotland's most prolific entrepreneurs, will also speak about his passion about making a difference in the world. Co-founder of Social Bite, a chain of sandwich shops which donates all profits to charity, Josh employs a dedicated workforce which is partially made up of staff from formerly homeless backgrounds.

Book now via this [link](#).



NEWMILNS
FOOD FESTIVAL

Inaugural event success for Newmilns Food Festival!

On Saturday 17th September, Newmilns Regeneration Group hosted their first food festival at Jamieson Park in the village. The event was a huge success with over 4000 people passing through the marquees to shop at the 26 producer stalls and 6 food trucks. Shoppers were treated to a pop-up tea room which was facilitated by the students at Loudoun Academy and were also able to gain information and sample the catering in East Ayrshire's school meals service. Furthermore the schools cookery competition attracted 70 entries as the festival looked to appeal to an audience of all ages.

This event was a major success for all involved with several producers selling out long before the event closed. The conclusion of Newmilns draws to a close a summer of successful food events across Ayrshire which saw Largs BID hosting the first event on 21-22 May followed by Ballantrae Festival on 12 June and Newmilns on 17 September. It is anticipated that each of these events will run again in 2017 with improvements and new activities to keep them relevant and interesting for consumers. If you wish to sign up for any of these events early please contact – Neil.McAleese@east-ayrshire.gov.uk

Stimuli Evolve invites you to the Launch and Taster Session of new ILM-accredited courses from Accelerator Solutions Ltd. This new range of training courses will help empower your teams to deliver excellence for customers and build a real 'service edge' for your business. Aimed at front line staff, as well as managers and leaders, they offer a unique range of recognition options, including formal ILM qualifications. Taster Session & Launch on Friday 30th September 2016 between 11.30am – 1.30pm at Seamill Hydro, 39 Ardrossan Road, West Kilbride, KA23 9NB.

For more information please contact Lyndsey Phillips - lyndseyphillips@stimulievolve.co.uk / 07738 175457

Learning Journey – Iceland

A little under four weeks from now will see 20 delegates from businesses across Ayrshire attending a learning journey to Iceland to explore the food, drink, hospitality and tourism offering. This trip, which began planning in late 2015, will aim to inspire Ayrshire businesses on how they might be able to improve their customers' experiences and will also give attendees the opportunity to explore a number of fantastic features of Iceland including a trip to the fabulous blue lagoon. We wish all attendees a very successful & enjoyable trip.

Upcoming Events List

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October

Saturday 1	Ayrshire Farmers Market – Ayr Town Centre
Sunday 2	Culzean Country Market
Tuesday 4	Food, Drink, Hospitality & Tourism Seminar – Developing The Young Workforce - Park Hotel
Thurs 6 – Sat 8	Ayrshire Real Ale Festival - Troon Town Hall
Saturday 8	Ayrshire Farmers Market – Paisley Town Centre
Saturday 15	Ayrshire Farmers Market – Kilmarnock Town Centre
Sunday 16	Dumfries House Food Market
Sunday 16	Ayrshire Farmers Market – Ayr Central
Monday 17	Elementary Food Hygiene – Ayrshire Chamber (<i>Contact Lyndsey Phillips</i>)
Sun 23 – Sat 29	Learn, Taste, Experience Iceland – Learning Journey
Thursday 27	Demo & Dine at Costley's Patisserie & Chocolatier
Saturday 29	Ayrshire Farmers' Market
Sunday 30	Fencebay Farmers'

November

Sunday 6	Culzean Country Market
Wednesday 16	AgriScot 2016
Friday 18	REHIS Elementary Food Hygiene
Sunday 20	Dumfries House Food Market
Sunday 20	Ayr Central – Farmers Market
Sunday 27	Fencebay Farmers' Market

December

Sunday 4	Culzean Country Market
Wednesday 7	Demo & Dine at Costley's Patisserie & Chocolatier (Prestwick)
Thursday 8	Demo & Dine at Costley's Patisserie & Chocolatier (Prestwick)
Sunday 11	Culzean Country Market – Christmas Market
Sunday 11	Ayrshire Food Network – Farmers' Market – Robert Burns Birthplace Museum
Saturday 17	Dumfries House Christmas Market
Sunday 18	Ayr Central – Farmers Market
Sunday 18	Fencebay Farmers' Market

