



Food & Drink

NEWSLETTER

Ayrshire College – HIIT Fundraising Dinner

On Thursday 19th April, Ayrshire College will host a HIIT Scotland fundraising dinner at its fantastic **Inver** restaurant at Ayr Campus. This fantastic event will feature a 7

course meal complimented with wine all for a very reasonable £50 per person. This event will bring together representatives from across the hospitality industry and proceeds from the evening will support scholarships through HIIT Scotland. A very worthwhile event for those who can make the commitment to attend.



Mossgiel Milk Continued Success

In January, Mossgiel farmer Bryce Cunningham successfully completed his transition to become an organic Milk producer. A great achievement for a passionate Farmer however the success continues as Bryce looks to eliminate as many plastic bottles as possible from his production process by transitioning to traditional glass milk bottles which can be reused multiple times and recycled thereafter. This is an excellent example of a producer considering the environmental impact of product packaging and reacting to this in a positive way. If your business is looking to reduce or prevent waste then contact Zero Waste Scotland for advice and opportunities for grant support to help eliminate waste. Visit: www.zerowastescotland.org.uk

Scotland Food & Drink Annual Conference



Scotland Food & Drink will host their annual conference on Thursday 29th March at the University of Strathclyde's Technology and Innovation Centre with this years theme being 'The World In 2030'. This themed event ties in with the Scottish Food & Drink Strategy titled **Ambition 2030** and speakers include; Fergus Ewing MSP - Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Connectivity, Dr Catherine Calderwood - Chief Medical Officer for Scotland, Professor Chris Elliot OBE – Institute for Global Food Security, Queens University. To book tickets to this event – [Register Here](#).

Manufacturing Suppor & Advice For All Producers



SMAS helps organisations improve and grow by designing and delivering tailored manufacturing improvement support. Support focuses on people, process and technology together to enable manufacturers like yours to become more profitable and competitive. If you have not yet engaged with SMAS then why no take the opportunity to apply for a free manufacturing review with one the SMAS practitioners. For more information visit:

<https://www.scottish-enterprise.com/services/develop-your-organisation/manufacturing-review/whats-involved>

2018 Dumfries House Food Market Dates

Sunday 18th March marks the return of the popular food market which takes place on the Dumfries House Estate on a monthly basis between 10am-2pm. To book a stall at this event please contact **Alex Sharpe** at Ayrshire Stall Hire on **07850221228**. For further market dates please visit: www.ayrshirefoodanddrink.co.uk



Export Workshop – Register Interest Now.

If your company is looking to begin exporting or you are looking to gain further insight into export markets then you may wish to register your interest for an Exporting Workshop which will take place in May 2018. Register interest by emailing: Neil.McAleese@east-ayrshire.gov.uk

Regional Food Group Workshop

On 19th February representatives from Scotland's regional food groups met in Inverness to discuss their activities and share knowledge, ideas and successes. The event was hosted by Scotland Food & Drink who facilitated discussion at each table as well as chairing the open discussion sessions on day two. One of the key discussions was around common issues, such as transportation and logistics where representatives from two logistics firms presented to those in attendance and took questions from the audience. If you are having issues with the logistics of getting your product to customers or would like to explore the opportunities of using a logistics company then please get in touch via Neil.McAleese@east-ayrshire.gov.uk and we can facilitate an introduction to representatives from across the sector.

Got an event coming up? Why not share your event for publishing on the Ayrshire Food & Drink calendar where businesses and consumers can get up to date event information. This is a free resource available to all Ayrshire food and drink businesses.

[Submit Your Event Here](#)

Upcoming Events List

www.ayrshirefoodanddrink.co.uk

March 2018

7 th Mar	Showcasing Scotland - West
7 th Mar	REHIS Elementary Food Hygiene – SRUC Ayr Campus
7 th – 9 th Mar	REHIS Intermediate Food Hygiene – SRUC Ayr Campus
10 th Mar	Ayrshire Farmers' Market – Paisley Town Centre
13 th Mar	REHIS Exam Intermediate Food Hygiene – SRUC, Ayr Campus.
17 th Mar	Ayrshire Farmers' Market – Kilmarnock
18 th Mar	Dumfries House Food Market – Dumfries House Estate, Cumnock.
24 th Mar	Ayrshire Farmers' Market - Paisley
29 th Mar	Scotland Food & Drink Annual Conference

April 2018

4 th Apr	REHIS Elementary Food Hygiene
8 th Apr	Ballantrae Farmers Market, Ballantrae.
11 th -12 th Apr	Visit Scotland Expo

