



Food & Drink

NEWSLETTER

Ayrshire Food and Drink Business Becomes 100th Business Supporter of the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere

The Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere have reached a new milestone with Home Cook School in Maybole, South Ayrshire becoming the 100th business signing up as a Biosphere Proud Supporter. Owner Lindsay Guidi can now show her commitment by displaying her 'Proud Supporter' certificate and using the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Proud Supporter logo on marketing materials.



Joan Mitchell Chair of the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere partnership said *"The Biosphere brings a unique opportunity to brand and market the businesses and communities of SW Scotland under the international banner of being a UNESCO Biosphere in a way that makes us stand out from the rest of the crowd! By signing up as a Proud Supporter businesses like Lindsay's can be recognised for their commitment to the local economy, environment and community through running their business in a way that also supports the goals of the Biosphere. More and more people want to buy and use services from businesses that are thinking local and acting sustainably so signing up to the charter also makes good business sense."*

Home Cook School offers tailor-made cooking tuition to individuals, groups and community classes championing authentic Scottish dishes and local produce. Lindsay Guidi said *"I am really proud to be the 100th Business Supporter in the Biosphere. Food is my passion and as an Ayrshire business many of my lessons focus on 'Scottish', 'Ayrshire', seasonal cooking and food culture. I am an advocate of healthy eating habits and encourage 'grow your own' principles through my lessons. As a business it is important to me to support and work with other business so I use produce from food businesses and farmers locally. It's great to be recognised by the Biosphere for how I operate my business and be acknowledged for sharing the same principles"*

Galloway and Southern Ayrshire is a unique and special place. So much so that the area has been designated a UNESCO 'Biosphere': a status awarded to world-class environments that demonstrate a balanced relationship between people and nature. The purpose of the Biosphere is to help protect the natural and cultural diversity of the region while promoting sustainable economic development.

To find out more about the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere and how to become a 'Proud Supporter' follow - <http://www.gsabiosphere.org.uk/get-involved/charter/>

Aldi Supports Local Brewing Company with Scottish Beer Festival



This year Ayr Brewing Company have been selected along with 34 other Scottish breweries to be part of Aldi UK's - **Scottish Beer Festival**, which showcases the best of Scottish brewing from across the country. This is a fantastic opportunity for the local business to expand its market to new consumers across Scotland. The **Leezie Lundie Pale Ale** has been available throughout March and is also available to order via online shop: <https://www.ayrbrewingcompany.com/>

2018 Largs Food Festival Cancelled

This year's food festival in Largs has been cancelled due to the Largs Business Improvement District (BID) failing to be reapproved by the business community. This event was one of three food festivals across Ayrshire in previous years and was typically the first event of the year. If Largs BID gets reapproved later in 2018 then it is hoped that the festival will return in 2019. Both Ballantrae & Newmilns Food Festivals are currently scheduled to take place over two days each this year which demonstrates that there is still an appetite for our local food festivals. Wigtown in Dumfries & Galloway will also host a food festival this year between 13-15th July.

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.



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

April 2018

4 th	REHIS Elementary Food Hygiene – SRUC, Ayr Campus
7 th	Ayrshire Farmers Market – Ayr Town Centre
8 th	Ballantrae Farmers Market – Ballantrae.
11 th -12 th	Visit Scotland Expo – SECC, Glasgow
14 th	Alloway Guid Fayre Market – Robert Burns Birthplace Museum
14 th	Ayrshire Farmers Market – Paisley Town Centre
15 th	Dumfries House Food Market – Dumfries House Estate
16 th	Farm Shop & Deli Show / Food & Drink Expo 2018
17 th -18 th	Business Improvement Academy - Engaging Your People To Make Change Sustainable
21 st	Ayrshire Farmers Market – Kilmarnock Town Centre
24 th -26 th	Seafood Expo Global 2018
27 th	Geraldo's Gin Fest – Largs
28 th	Ayrshire Farmers Market – Paisley Town Centre

