



# Food & Drink

## NEWSLETTER



On behalf of Ayrshire College, ESP Scotland and Skills Development Scotland, we invite Ayrshire businesses to participate in a pilot Food & Drink Improvement Programme which is fully funded and requires only a time commitment to complete. The three elements of the programme include;



<http://www.esp-scotland.ac.uk/>

- Online awareness course on Business Improvement
- Face-to-Face course for Business Improvement Techniques
- Business Improvement Learning Journey

Please see attached flyer for further details and to enrol in the programme please contact **Stuart Millar** at Ayrshire College via: [stuart.millar@ayrshire.ac.uk](mailto:stuart.millar@ayrshire.ac.uk)



As the summer season is now well underway, Visit Scotland are looking to capture how well the tourism sector is performing across Scotland. Many of our food and drink businesses benefit from tourist spend and therefore your business providing input into this survey can help Visit Scotland to gauge how well the tourism sector is performing across the region. The industry barometer is a means by which business performance and trends in Scotland's regions can be captured and it provides businesses with the opportunity to submit anonymous feedback. On behalf of Visit Scotland and local authority tourism officers, we would be grateful if you could complete the survey by following the link below. Thank you!

<https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=153070078654>

Congratulations to **Punjab Pakora** on their recent win at the British Indian Awards 2018 where they won **Wow Business of the Year**. The presentation took place at St. Johns Hotel, Solihull on 11<sup>th</sup> July. The award celebrates the hard work and dedication by those within the British Indian business community and for an Ayrshire business to win the major award is a fantastic achievement. Vinita and her daughter Nikita collected the award in Birmingham and were the only Scottish business to win at the awards ceremony. Congratulations on your continued success!



### Manufacturing Space – in Ayr & Darvel

If you are looking for small food production facilities in Ayrshire then there is currently a small facility in Darvel which is available to rent on a part-time/flexible basis. There is also a bigger facility (1,242 sq.ft) in Waggon Road, Ayr which is available for rent through property agents Shepard Commercial. For more information please email:

[Neil.McAleese@east-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:Neil.McAleese@east-ayrshire.gov.uk)

## Street Markets In The Pipeline For Largs

Largs town centre has hosted very successful food festivals in the past however the absence of a 2018 food festival prompted discussions around the opportunities for a Largs Street Market and in July there was a market license submitted to North Ayrshire Council to host two events. This event is provisionally until the license is confirmed however they are scheduled to take place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. If you are interested in taking a stall please contact Alex Sharpe for more details.

Alex Sharpe – 07850 221 228 / [AJStallhire@aol.com](mailto:AJStallhire@aol.com)

**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](http://www.ayrshirefoodanddrink.co.uk)

<u>August</u>	<u>Event</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Girvan Community Market
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ice Cream Tasting – Lime Tree Larder
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ayrshire Farmers' Market - Ayr
10 <sup>th</sup>	Girvan Community Market
10 <sup>th</sup>	Ice Cream Tasting – Lime Tree Larder
11 <sup>th</sup>	Alloway Guid Fayre Market
11 <sup>th</sup>	Ayrshire Farmers' Market - Paisley
12 <sup>th</sup>	Ballantrae Farmers' Market
17 <sup>th</sup>	Girvan Community Market
18 <sup>th</sup>	Ayrshire Farmers' Market - Kilmarnock
18-19 <sup>th</sup>	Scottish Food Market at Ayr & District Flower Show
19 <sup>th</sup>	Dumfries House Food Market
24 <sup>th</sup>	Girvan Community Market
25 <sup>th</sup>	Ayrshire Farmers' Market – Paisley
25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Largs Street Market – Largs Promenade (Provisional)</b>
25 <sup>th</sup>	Real Ale Event – Best Western Kinloch Hotel, Isle of Arran
31 <sup>st</sup>	Girvan Community Market

