

## SME Resources

### General

#### **Better Business for All**

BBFA provides advice and useful contact information to assist businesses in understanding compliance and regulation.

Website: <http://www.bbfa.biz>

#### **Business is Great**

HM Government website that provides links to a range of sources of business information about how to start, grow and accelerate your business.

Website: <http://www.greatbusiness.gov.uk/>

Contact: [enquiries@businesssupporthelpline.org](mailto:enquiries@businesssupporthelpline.org)

#### **Better Business Finance**

Better Business Finance provides impartial information and support to businesses and entrepreneurs looking to develop and grow. The online search feature allows businesses to find information relevant to their local area.

Website: <http://www.betterbusinessfinance.co.uk/>

Contact: 020 7216 8989

#### **FSB (National Federation of Self Employed & Small Businesses Limited)**

Offer a wide range of vital business services including advice, financial expertise and support.

Website: <https://www.fsb.org.uk/media-centre/latest-news/2016/04/11/advice-and-support-for-small-business-owners-in-kent>

Contact: [customerservices@fsb.org.uk](mailto:customerservices@fsb.org.uk)

#### **Innovate UK (Part of UK Research & Innovation)**

Provides guidance and access to funding opportunities for innovation.

Website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/innovate-uk>

#### **Institute of Directors**

Offers business support, training and events for local CEO's and entrepreneurs.

Website: <https://www.iod.com/events-community/regions/south>

Contact: [iod.south@iod.com](mailto:iod.south@iod.com)

#### **UK Research & Innovation**

UK Research and Innovation works in partnership with universities, research organisations, businesses, charities, and government to create the best possible environment for research and innovation to flourish. Their website offers a range of information related to supporting innovative businesses.

Website: <https://www.ukri.org/>

### **The Institute of Export and International Trade**

Established in 1935, the Institute of Export & International Trade is the professional membership body representing and supporting the interests of everyone involved in importing, exporting and international trade. Offering a unique range of individual & business membership benefits.

Website: <https://www.export.org.uk/>

Contact: 01733 404400

[institute@export.org.uk](mailto:institute@export.org.uk)

### **Royal Academy of Engineering SME Leaders Programme**

This programme, delivered by the Academy's Enterprise Hub, will support promising leaders of high-growth tech and engineering SMEs. Contact:

Website: <https://www.raeng.org.uk/grants-and-prizes/grants/enterprise-hub-support-for-entrepreneurs/sme-leaders-programme>

Contact: 020 7766 0600

## **Kent**

### **South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP)**

As the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) for the South East, SELEP brings together businesses, councils, universities and other industry players to form beneficial economic partnerships. It decides what the priorities should be for investment in roads, buildings, and facilities in the area as part of an integrated approach to growth and infrastructure delivery.

Website: <https://www.southeastlep.com/>

Contact: [hello@southeastlep.com](mailto:hello@southeastlep.com)

### **South East Business Hub**

The South East Business Hub provides information and advice to businesses in Kent, Medway, Essex and East Sussex. Advice ranges from how to access finance to how to grow your business further.

Website: <http://www.southeastbusiness.org.uk/>

Contact: [southeastlocal.enterprisepartnership@essex.gov.uk](mailto:southeastlocal.enterprisepartnership@essex.gov.uk)

### **Kent & Medway Growth Hub**

As part of the South East Business Hub, it provides free business information about starting, running and growing a business.

Website: <http://www.kentandmedwaygrowthhub.org.uk/>

Contact: [business@kentandmedwaygrowthhub.uk](mailto:business@kentandmedwaygrowthhub.uk)

### **Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce**

The Chamber of Commerce provide a range of services related to business advice, growth, finance and development. Its membership option provides benefits including legal support, HR advice and wider business support.

Website: <https://www.kentinvictachamber.co.uk/>

Contact: [info@kentinvictachamber.co.uk](mailto:info@kentinvictachamber.co.uk)

### **Kent Construction Focus Group (KCFG)**

KCFG provides a one-stop-shop for access to local knowledge, expertise, and contacts within the land development and construction sector.

Website: <http://www.kcfg.co.uk>

Contact: [committee@kcfg.co.uk](mailto:committee@kcfg.co.uk) / [emma.ransley@kentinvictachamber.co.uk](mailto:emma.ransley@kentinvictachamber.co.uk)

### **Kent Manufacturing Focus Group (KMFG)**

KMFG is a business development and support group for Manufacturers across Kent and Medway. It provides information sessions, funding opportunities and events throughout the year.

Website: <https://www.kentinvictachamber.co.uk/sector-groups/>

Contact: [info@kentinvictachamber.co.uk](mailto:info@kentinvictachamber.co.uk)

### **Supply my Business**

Promotes and connects businesses in Kent to do business with each other. It offers business promotion and reduced supplier costs within 3 levels of membership.

Website: <https://supplymybusiness.co.uk>

Contact: [info@supplymybusiness.co.uk](mailto:info@supplymybusiness.co.uk)

### **Kent Business Portal**

A portal that allows the sharing of information about existing contracts and forthcoming tendering opportunities across councils in the Kent area.

Website: <https://www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk>

### **Kent County Council: Business**

Kent County Council provide links and information relating to all aspects of running a business. Information includes where to go for funding, how to grow a business, understanding trading standards and commercial services contacts.

Website: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/business>

### **Locate Kent**

Provides confidential, impartial and free advice about setting-up and growing an existing business in Kent.

Website: <https://www.locateinkent.com>

Contact: [enquiries@locateinkent.com](mailto:enquiries@locateinkent.com)

### **Kent International Business**

Kent International Business is a Kent-wide initiative which helps Kent companies to export and access overseas markets by providing information, advice and practical support.

Website: <https://www.kentinternationalbusiness.co.uk/>

Contact: [international.affairs@kent.gov.uk](mailto:international.affairs@kent.gov.uk)

### **Scale Up Ashford**

Scale Up Ashford is a business programme, providing support for companies located in Ashford with the ambition and capacity to grow.

Website: <http://www.ashfordfor.com/scaleupashford>

Contact: [economicdevelopment@ashford.gov.uk](mailto:economicdevelopment@ashford.gov.uk)

### **Women in Business: West Kent**

Women in Business West Kent is a women's business networking group based in Kent, UK

Website: <http://wibwestkent.org.uk/>

### **The Kent Foundation**

A charity based in Kent dedicated to providing free business support, advice and business mentoring to Kent's young entrepreneurs and business owners who wish to start or grow a business in Kent.

Website: <https://www.kentfoundation.org/>

Contact: [hello@kentfoundation.org](mailto:hello@kentfoundation.org)

### **Business in Maidstone**

Business in Maidstone is the official business support website of Maidstone Borough Council, dedicated to helping you find the right support, people and premises for your business to start, relocate and expand.

Website: <https://www.businessinmaidstone.co.uk/>

Contact: [economicdevelopment@maidstone.gov.uk](mailto:economicdevelopment@maidstone.gov.uk)

### **Folkestone Works**

Provides information about growing your business and investment opportunities in Folkestone, Hythe, Romney Marsh and North Downs

Website: <https://folkestone.works/>

Contact: [economy@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk](mailto:economy@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk)

### **Medway Council**

Provide advice and information for businesses in Medway

Website: [https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200141/business\\_licensing\\_and\\_regeneration](https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200141/business_licensing_and_regeneration)

Contact: [business.support@medway.gov.uk](mailto:business.support@medway.gov.uk)

### **Innovation Centre Medway**

Provides the space, resource and expertise to help businesses progress from the planning stage to sustainable commercial success within three years.

Website: <https://innovationcentremedway.co.uk/>

Contact: [info@innovationcentremedway.co.uk](mailto:info@innovationcentremedway.co.uk)

### **West Kent Partnership**

A Partnership that promotes West Kent, champions key economic issues, engages with industry and business and pursues external funding to develop and deliver initiatives to support our local economy. It offers free business support, events and information for local businesses.

Website: <https://westkentpartnership.org.uk/>

### **Tunbridge Wells borough Council**

Offer business support and advice in Tunbridge Wells.

Website: <http://www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/business/enterprise-and-regeneration/support-and-advice/1>

Contact: [Business@tunbridgewells.gov.uk](mailto:Business@tunbridgewells.gov.uk)

### **The National Centre for Miko Business: West Kent Support Programme**

They offer FREE 1 to 1 advice to small local businesses who are residents of the West Kent local authorities of Tonbridge and Malling, Tunbridge Wells or Sevenoaks to help them grow and develop.

Website: <http://www.thecentreformicrobusiness.co.uk/events/wkp/>

Contact: 03000 309660

### **Thanet & East Kent Chamber**

Thanet & East Kent Chamber (TEKC) is powered by local business to represent, support and assist companies and organisations in Thanet and East Kent. They offer business support, events with local networking opportunities and free legal advice to members.

Website: <http://www.tekc.co.uk/>

Contact: 01843 609289

### **Ask Phil (Ran by the Kent & Medway Growth Hub)**

Offers free advice, information and guidance that will help you to start, grow or improve your business.

Website: <https://www.kentandmedwaygrowthhub.org.uk/ask-phil/>

### **Swale Means Business**

Offer support to businesses in and around Swale wanting to grow.

Website: <https://www.swalemeansbusiness.co.uk>

Contact: [edu@swale.gov.uk](mailto:edu@swale.gov.uk)

### **Gravesham**

Provides information on funding and business support for businesses in Gravesham

Website: <http://www.gravesham.gov.uk/home/business/business-support>

Contact: [economic.development@gravesham.gov.uk](mailto:economic.development@gravesham.gov.uk)

### **Pioneer10 Dartford**

A programme sponsored by Dartford Borough Council to inspire entrepreneurs and drive commercial growth in this region. It is based at The Nucleus Business and Innovation Centre and offers workshops, tools and support for ambitious local businesses.

Website: <http://pioneer10-dartford.co.uk/>

Contact: [pioneer10dartford@oxin.co.uk](mailto:pioneer10dartford@oxin.co.uk)

### **IET Kent Network**

The Kent Network consists of IET local members from all branches of engineering. They hold regular events through the months of September to June each year, comprising talks on a variety of engineering subjects. To facilitate attendance, events are held at different locations across the County; these include Bromley, Maidstone & Sevenoaks.

Website: <https://communities.theiet.org/communities/home/196>

## **Energy**

### **Energy Innovation Centre**

The EIC bridge the gap between industry and innovators, with extensive knowledge they can help to deliver a route to market for innovative ideas and technologies

Website: <https://www.ukeic.com/>  
Contact: [enquiries@energyinnovationcentre.com](mailto:enquiries@energyinnovationcentre.com)

### **Energy System Catapult**

The ESC is was set up to accelerate the transformation of the UK's energy system and ensure UK businesses and consumers capture the opportunities of clean growth. It is an independent, not-for-profit centre of excellence that bridges the gap between industry, government, academia and research.

Website: <https://es.catapult.org.uk/news/digital-energy-landscape>  
<https://es.catapult.org.uk/service-platforms/>  
<https://es.catapult.org.uk/>

### **Energy Networks Association**

ENA acts as a strategic focus and channel of communication for energy networks. ENA also provides business support functions to a number of industry related companies. These include secretariat services, financial services, database management, tailored consultancy services, public relations and event management.

Website: <http://www.energynetworks.org/>  
Contact: [info@energynetworks.org](mailto:info@energynetworks.org)

### **Power Networks Demonstration Centre**

PNDC is playing a key role in accelerating emerging technologies towards commercial deployment in a realistic, controllable environment. This is done through the use of a fully operational HV and LV demonstration network (operated either as a grid connected or as an islanded system), integrated with state-of-the-art communications and monitoring equipment, as well as other bespoke integrated functionality.

Website: <https://www.strath.ac.uk/research/powernetworksdemonstrationcentre/pndc@strath.ac.uk>

### **Offshore Renewables Catapult**

Accelerating the creation and growth of UK companies in offshore renewable energy. Unique facilities, research and engineering capabilities bring together industry and academia and drive innovation. Products and services in three main areas: Testing and Validation, Research and Development, Operation and Performance.

Website: <https://ore.catapult.org.uk/>  
Contact: [info@ore.catapult.org.uk](mailto:info@ore.catapult.org.uk)

### **Energy and utility skill group**

Energy and Utility Skill group are the provider of choice for employer solutions and registering and assessing competency standards within the energy, gas, waste management and water networks industries. We offer guidance as well as bespoke consultancy to our members.

Website: <https://www.euskills.co.uk/about/the-group/>

## **Transport**

### **Connected Places Catapult**

Focus on growing businesses with innovations in mobility services and the built environment that enable new levels of physical, digital and social connectedness. The Connected Places Catapult

operates at the intersection between public and private sectors and between local government and transport authorities.

Website: <https://cp.catapult.org.uk/about-us/> Contact: [info-LDN@cp.catapult.org.uk](mailto:info-LDN@cp.catapult.org.uk)

## **Digital**

### **Digital Catapult**

One the UK's leading advanced digital technology innovation centre. It drives the early adoption of digital technologies to make UK businesses more competitive and productive to grow the country's economy.

Website: <https://www.digicatapult.org.uk/>

Contact: [info@digicatapult.org.uk](mailto:info@digicatapult.org.uk)

### **Compound Semiconductor Applications Catapult**

Helping the compound semiconductor industry exploit advances in technology, bringing applications to life.

Website: <https://csa.catapult.org.uk/>

Contact: [enquiries@csa.catapult.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@csa.catapult.org.uk)

### **Satellite Applications Catapult**

One of a network of UK technology and innovation companies which aim to drive economic growth through the commercialisation of research. Aim is to support UK industry by accelerating the growth of satellite applications and to contribute to capturing a 10% share of the global space market predicted by 2030.

Website: <https://sa.catapult.org.uk/>

Contact: [info@sa.catapult.org.uk](mailto:info@sa.catapult.org.uk)

## Healthcare

### **Medicines Discovery Catapult**

Helps UK SME biotechs, academics and innovators have access to the laboratory facilities, knowledge, data, technologies and networks they need to be able to progress their programmes of medicines research and development. Objective is to work collaboratively as part of a Syndicate to bring new proven therapies to patients faster and more cost-effectively.

Website: <https://md.catapult.org.uk/>

### **Cell and Gene Therapy Catapult**

Working to help cell and gene therapies to be safer, more effective, scalable and affordable.

Website: <https://ct.catapult.org.uk/>

### **KTN Health**

Accelerating innovation and technology exploitation in the health industries sector including Medical, Biotechnology, Medical Technology, Diagnostics and Pharmaceutical industries

Website: <https://ktn-uk.co.uk/interests/health>

Contact: <https://ktn-uk.co.uk/contact>

### **NIHR National Institute of Health Research - Invention for Innovation programme**

The aim of the Invention for Innovation (i4i) programme is to de-risk early stage projects that have a strong potential for commercialisation and acceptance for use in the NHS, making them attractive to follow-on funders and investors. i4i funds collaborative research projects that have demonstrated proof-of-principle and have a clear pathway towards adoption and commercialisation.

Website: <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/explore-nihr/funding-programmes/invention-for-innovation.htm>  
[i4i@nihr.ac.uk](mailto:i4i@nihr.ac.uk)

### **Catapult - Medicines Discovery**

At the Medicines Discovery Catapult we aim to help UK SME biotechs, academics and innovators have access to the laboratory facilities, knowledge, data, technologies and networks they need to be able to progress their programmes of medicines research and development. Our objective is to work collaboratively as part of a Syndicate to bring new proven therapies to patients faster and more cost-effectively.

Website: <https://md.catapult.org.uk/>

Contact: <https://md.catapult.org.uk/contact/>

## **Manufacturing**

### **The High Value Manufacturing Catapult**

Established by Innovate UK, the High Value Manufacturing Catapult (or HVM Catapult) aims to bridge the gap between business and academia, helping to turn great ideas into reality by providing access to world-class research and development facilities and expertise that would otherwise be out of reach for many businesses in the UK. It's role is to: To grow your business and the contribution of the manufacturing sector to the UK economy; Investigate innovative technologies or scale up new products and processes to prove they have achieved manufacturing readiness; Work with academic partners to build on research at Universities and Research establishments in the UK and beyond; Use its expertise to help shape UK manufacturing policy; Work with UK Government and others, to develop high quality training provision to meet industry needs.

Website: <https://hvm.catapult.org.uk>

Contact: [info@hvm.catapult.org.uk](mailto:info@hvm.catapult.org.uk)

01564 711540

### **AFRC - Advanced Forming Research Centre**

The Advanced Forming Research Centre is a globally-recognised centre of excellence in innovative manufacturing technologies, R&D, and metal forming and forging research. For almost a decade, the AFRC has been at the heart of manufacturing research in Scotland. It is the only High Value Manufacturing Catapult centre in the country, one of only 7 in the UK making it the critical link between manufacturers in Scotland and the rest of this world-class network of manufacturing innovation and expertise.

The AFRC helps to fill the gap between fundamental academic research and industry. They help companies to turn innovative technologies and ideas into a commercial reality that will increase their competitiveness, boost their business and secure the manufacturing sector in Scotland and the UK for generations to come. The AFRC offers world-class expertise and cutting-edge technologies that help firms develop solutions that bring about real business benefits for companies of all sizes from across the UK and internationally.



Website: <https://www.strath.ac.uk/research/advancedformingresearchcentre/>

Contact: +44 (0) 141 534 5200

### **AMRC - Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre**

The AMRC is a network of world-leading research and innovation centres working with advanced manufacturing companies of any size. The AMRC has a global reputation for helping companies overcome manufacturing problems and has become a model for collaborative research involving universities, academics and industry.

They transform industrial and economic performance by making step changes in productivity, increasing competitiveness, developing new products and processes and training new talent and skills. Their 110-plus industrial members range from global giants like Boeing, Rolls-Royce, BAE Systems and Airbus to small companies. The AMRC's manufacturing expertise spans machining, hi-tech assembly and automation, augmented and virtual reality, robotics, casting, welding, additive manufacturing, composites manufacturing, design, structural testing and training for the aerospace, automotive, energy, medical and other high-value manufacturing sectors.

More recently the AMRC has begun applying that expertise to the construction sector, where advanced manufacturing techniques are now being seen as essential to increasing capacity, overcoming skill shortages and shortening lead times.

Website: <https://www.amrc.co.uk>

Contact: 0114 2221747

### **CPI - Centre for Process Innovation**

The Centre for Process Innovation (CPI) uses applied knowledge in science and engineering combined with state of the art development facilities to enable our clients to develop, prove, prototype and scale up the next generation of products and processes. CPI works with its partners to develop products and processes that enhance health and well-being, protect and improve our environment and increase productivity across industries. In doing so, CPI supports the development of next-generation manufacturing organisations which require highly-skilled jobs and will result in sustained economic growth for the UK.

CPI's partners operate across diverse markets including Healthcare, Food & Agriculture, FMCG, Electronics, Energy, Transportation and Construction. CPI is able to support such a broad-base of industries through their unique innovation processes, together with a diverse and expanding platform of technological expertise. Overall, the combination of CPI's innovation processes and outstanding scientific expertise enables their partners to get more products to market faster, and at a lower overall cost.

Website: <https://www.uk-cpi.com>

Contact: 01642 455340

### **MTC - Manufacturing Technology Centre**

The Manufacturing Technology Centre (MTC) develops and proves innovative manufacturing processes and technologies in an agile, low risk environment, in partnership with industry, academia and other institutions. They focus on delivering bespoke manufacturing system solutions for our

customers. The MTC operates some of the most advanced manufacturing equipment in the world, and employ a team of highly skilled engineers, many of whom are leading experts in their field. This creates a high-quality environment for the development and demonstration of new processes and technologies on an industrial scale.

The MTC's areas of expertise are relevant to both large and small companies and are applicable across a wide range of industry sectors. The MTC's members include global manufacturing companies from multiple sectors. Research partners include the University of Birmingham, University of Nottingham, Loughborough University and TWI Ltd

Website: <http://www.the-mtc.org>

Contact: MTC Limited, Ansty Park, Coventry CV7 9JU

### **NCC - National Composites Centre**

The National Composites Centre is the world leading authority on composites, bringing together the best minds and the best technologies, to solve the world's most complex engineering challenges.

The National Composites Centre (NCC) is one of seven centres that form the UK's High Value Manufacturing Catapult (HVMC). It works globally to accelerate the adoption of high-value, sustainable engineering solutions in composites. Its world-class, open access facilities are based in Bristol, UK – the heartland of Britain's high tech composite engineering R&D. Its technology innovation centres bring together over 500 composites specialists with cutting-edge digital manufacturing technology for the design and development of new composite products. The NCC specialises in providing industrial solutions all the way from the lab to developing large-scale production.

The NCC offers advice and training, design and simulation, metrology, digital manufacturing, automation and tooling, materials and processing. It is able to work with organisations of all sizes and in all states of maturity from starts-ups through micro organisations to scale-ups and large OEMs. It has a proven track record of helping small companies adopt composite solutions as well as partnering the world's most significant engineering companies with their biggest R&D programmes. It brings its broad cross-sector knowledge to new sectors looking for sustainable engineering solutions and, working with the High Value Manufacturing Catapult network, offers a one stop shop for any manufacturing challenge.

Website: <https://nccuk.com/>

### **Nuclear AMRC - The Nuclear Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre**

The Nuclear Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre helps UK manufacturers win work across the nuclear sector – in new build, operations and decommissioning – and in other quality-critical industries. The Nuclear AMRC combines academic innovation with industry expertise to help UK manufacturers improve capabilities and performance along the supply chain. Its facilities and services are open to all. The centre's engineers and sector specialists work with companies to develop innovative techniques and optimised processes for large-scale high-precision manufacturing.

Companies can use the Nuclear AMRC's state-of-the-art workshops to develop and test new processes on production-scale machines without losing capacity in their own factories. The Nuclear AMRC also provides a range of supply chain development support to help manufacturers enter the nuclear market and compete worldwide.

The Fit For Nuclear programme is a unique diagnostic tool which lets companies measure their operations against the standards required to supply the nuclear industry and take the necessary steps to close any gaps.

The Nuclear AMRC is backed by industry leaders and government and owned by the University of Sheffield. As well as its core research factory on the Advanced Manufacturing Park in South Yorkshire, the centre operates a modularisation R&D facility in Birkenhead, and additional workshops in Derby to develop new technology areas.

Website: <http://namrc.co.uk/>

Contact: 0114 2229900

### **WMG - Warwick Manufacturing Group**

WMG is the lead centre for two of HVM Catapult's 12 strategic objectives of Vehicle Electrification and Connected and Autonomous Vehicles (CAV), and is active in deploying Digital Manufacturing technologies to improve supply chain competitiveness. WMG is helping industry innovate in a number of key areas, including vehicle electrification, intelligent vehicles, and materials and manufacturing. All this is underpinned by expertise in automation, digital manufacturing technologies and supply chain and operations, enabling more efficient and low-cost manufacturing processes in connected supply chains.

WMG's vision is to develop and enhance the UK's automotive manufacturing capabilities to enable the development of cleaner, safer and smarter vehicles. This vision is closely aligned to the national 'Road to Zero' strategy, in which the Government outlines plans to make road transport emission-free by 2050. But it's not all about automotive.

For the past four decades, we have been successfully transferring knowledge into other sectors, such as aerospace, rail, health and motorsport, demonstrating how well industry and academia work together.

WMG delivers this vision by collaborating with UK-based manufacturing companies and their supply chains, helping them innovate to overcome existing challenges and develop new technologies. Between 2012 and 2017, WMG's dedicated SME Group supported 789 businesses, creating or saving 240 jobs, and adding £55m in value to the West Midlands economy. WMG also collaborates with industry more widely; in 2017 WMG was involved in 14 successful Innovate UK bids, with a total value of £76.2m, demonstrating the scale of R&D effort that Catapult Centres can catalyse

Website: <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/wmg>

Contact: 02476 524871

### **High Value Manufacturing Catapult**

Catalyst for the future growth and success of manufacturing in the UK - Technology Development, Problem Solving, Policy Insight and Intelligence, Workforce Development.

Website: <https://hvm.catapult.org.uk/>

Contact: [info@hvm.catapult.org.uk](mailto:info@hvm.catapult.org.uk)

### **Manufacturing Technology Centre**

The MTC's Manufacturing Support Services works with manufacturers to help them embrace the latest technology and improve their productivity to maintain tomorrow's growth. Our team provide specialist support for smaller companies and Innovate UK REACH funding is available for SMEs working with us.

Website: <http://www.the-mtc.org/manufacturing-support-services/overview>

Contact: <http://www.the-mtc.org/manufacturing-support-services/contact-us>

### **Sharing in Growth**

Sharing in Growth is an ambitious transformation programme which raises the capability of UK aerospace suppliers in order to share in the growth of aerospace and other global markets.

The scheme provides concentrated training and development programmes tailored to the assessed

needs of each supplier and targeted at world class standards of performance. The training and development covers all relevant disciplines, including lean operations, manufacturing processes, purchasing, cost modelling and leadership.

Website <https://www.sig-uk.org/>

Contact: Tel: 01332 269096, [info@sig-uk.org](mailto:info@sig-uk.org)

Twitter: @sharingingrowth

Youtube: [www.youtube.com/channel/UC0fcY8QPw5F-FxJeBywOx3g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0fcY8QPw5F-FxJeBywOx3g)

Linkedin: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/sharing-in-growth-uk-limited/>

**Make UK** is the new name of **EEF**.

We stimulate success for manufacturing businesses, helping them to meet their objectives and goals. We empower individuals and we inspire the next generation.

We enable manufacturers to connect, share, solve problems and create opportunities together. We do this through regional and national meetings, groups, events, advisory boards and through our online networks/communities. We work at every level to ensure UK Manufacturing performs and grows, now and in the future.

Website: <https://www.makeuk.org/>

Contact: Tel: 0808 168 5874

[enquiries@makeuk.org](mailto:enquiries@makeuk.org)

### **Sony Collaborative Manufacturing Solutions**

Prototyping, small batch size manufacture

Website: [Apuntan@sony.com](mailto:Apuntan@sony.com)

### **The Manufacturing Growth Programme**

Specialist Manufacturing Growth Managers will provide support to businesses in the West Midlands, Yorkshire and Humber, parts of the East Midlands and South East.

Website: <https://www.manufacturinggrowthprogramme.co.uk/>

## **Wales**

### **Welsh Government**

Welsh Government services and information.

Website: <https://gov.wales/>

### **Development Bank of Wales**

Flexible business finance for companies based in Wales from £1,000 up to £5 million. Loans and equity. Secured and unsecured.

Website: <https://developmentbank.wales/>

Contact: [info@developmentbank.wales](mailto:info@developmentbank.wales)

### **Big Ideas Wales**

The Big Ideas Wales campaign is here to inspire the next generation of entrepreneurs in Wales and inspire young people under the age of 25 to develop enterprise skills whatever their career choice.

Website: <https://businesswales.gov.wales/bigideas/>

Contact: 03000 603000

### **Business Wales**

Starting a business? Growing your business? All the information, advice and guidance you need

Website: <https://businesswales.gov.wales/>

Contact: 03000 603000

### **FSB Wales**

As experts in business, we offer our members a wide range of vital business services including advice, financial expertise, support and a powerful voice in government. Our mission is to help smaller businesses achieve their ambitions.

Website: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/fsb-wales-16062741588>

### **CBI Wales**

As the voice of UK business, we campaign for the changes that deliver prosperity for all. As a policy maker, by working with business you can help drive that change. Find out more about the issues that matter.

Website: <https://www.cbi.org.uk/>

### **Alacrity Foundation**

Alacrity is a unique 15 month programme that provides graduates with practical business training, software skills and mentoring so that they can develop as entrepreneurs and launch their own UK based technology companies

Website: <https://www.alacrityfoundation.co.uk/>

Contact: 01633 259517

### **Business in Focus**

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