

Access to EU markets post Brexit on Export Conference agenda

At the second Wales Export Conference of 2018 , which is being held in Conwy, the Economy Secretary will tell businesses about the Welsh Government's proactive approach to helping companies prepare for life after Brexit.

Speaking ahead of the conference, the Economy Secretary said:

"There is little doubt that the impact of Brexit will be felt for some years after we leave the UK. While we are doing all we can to push for Welsh businesses to have continued full and unfettered access to the Single Market, we are working hard to prepare businesses for a variety of outcomes and today's conference is just one element of that proactive approach.

"Regardless of whether companies have been selling their goods and services all over the world for many years, or are new to exporting, whether they are focussing their export efforts on European markets or setting their sights further afield, they will be able to access support and advice at this Export Conference that is tailor made to suit their needs.

"Of course our exporting companies have questions about trading relationships post Brexit, and we are pushing the UK Government to achieve the best trading deal possible, but we are also working to future proof companies so, whatever the outcome of UK negotiations, they can rise to the challenges and opportunities ahead.

"This week I was pleased to launch our Economic Contract, to help us build a new and dynamic relationship with business. The Contract includes five Calls to Action to help businesses to prepare for the future, and one of these is specifically focussed on driving up levels of trade and exports.

"We know the results of increased exports really can be transformative for businesses and their long term chances of success. We want to work with companies right across Wales to help them build up this arm of their business, while continuing to promote Wales as an outward facing and globally trading nation that remains very much open for business."

Companies attending the conference will hear from North Wales' based companies Ruth Lee, Silverlining Furniture and Air Covers who have seen significant growth in their businesses after focussing on exporting. There will also be presentations from the Northern Powerhouse.