

# News story: Welsh Consular representatives are key to unlocking trade opportunities

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Welsh Secretary Alun Cairns says the Consular Association for Wales can help source new trading opportunities post-Brexit

Welsh Secretary Alun Cairns will today hail the Consular Association for Wales and its members as the people who can help Wales unlock some of the trading opportunities that will help us prosper after Brexit.

Speaking at an event he will host at Gwydyr House in Whitehall, the Welsh Secretary will tell guests that as the United Kingdom enters a time of national change, the UK Government is determined to deliver a stronger, fairer, more united and outward-looking UK than ever before.

He will say that to become a Global Britain, our strong relationships with Consular Associations and foreign dignitaries has never been more important.

**Alun Cairns, Secretary of State for Wales, said:**

Wales has a growing international reputation. It is essential that we work with our friends at the Consular Association of Wales to unlock trading opportunities and promote a Wales that is confident and strong to the world.

Building on old relationships and developing new ones is vital if we are to secure trade links and explore new and emerging markets. This will help to drive an economy that works for everyone.

**Raj Aggarwal, President of the Consular Association for Wales and Honorary Consul for India in Wales, said:**

Now more than ever the country needs the Consular Association of Wales to strengthen relationships and ties to their respective countries both in the EU and the rest of the world. The expertise, network and knowledge of the Honorary Consuls will forge stronger connections.

They represent countries with huge markets and a thriving consumer

demand for quality Welsh products. Our aspiration is to bring the world to Wales and take Wales to the world.