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Bus station development takes shape

News story

The former bus station in Whitehaven is turning into a hub for creative and digital start ups.



The former bus station in Whitehaven

After some inevitable delays due to Covid-19, the redevelopment of the derelict former bus station in Whitehaven is motoring on.

A short video tour hosted by our head of community and development, Gary McKeating, shows that the new home for digital and creative start-ups is taking shape.

Gary takes us on a tour of the bus station

Gary said:

I am incredibly impressed by how much progress Thomas Armstrong has made since work was able to restart.

You can see the business pods and communal working areas on the second floor coming together. And the blend of original features, like the former station's art deco windows, with the more contemporary features like exposed ducts, is going to give the building a contemporary feel.

While entrepreneurs will be busy planning their business growth upstairs, a new food and beverage offer called The Pedlar will be open to the public downstairs.

Speaking to Gary in this week's social impact multiplied (SiX) podcast, Craig Lowery from Osprey who will run The Pedlar, said:

Whether you're getting off a train in Whitehaven and want to grab a coffee to go, shopping in town and want somewhere to go for lunch, or are looking for somewhere for an evening meal, The Pedlar will cater for all".

The Bus Station development is being delivered by BEC with funding from Sellafield Ltd and the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority.

Michael Pemberton, chief executive of BEC, also joined Gary on the podcast

and said:

This is going to be a really exciting space and unique facility for the area. When open we'll have enough space for something like 9 individual offices, 5 meeting spaces, and 37 co-working areas. And then there will be 'maker spaces' where you can prototype products.

The full SiX podcast is available via Apple, Spotify and Google.

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King Scallop Closure

The decision by the four UK Fisheries Administrations (FAs) has been taken following a second public call for evidence on whether to extend closure of the fishery.

Fishing has been suspended since 12 July to enable scientific analysis of the state of the shellfish stock to be undertaken so management decisions can be made in consultation with industry. These decisions seek to balance sustainability and the economic needs of the shellfish industry.

A survey and analysis by Cefas this month demonstrated that scallops in the closed areas are currently either spawning or about to spawn. Evidence from other areas suggests the spawning will continue until late autumn.

The extension of the closure until 11 October 11 will protect the stock during spawning and allow time for a further survey to be done that will increase understanding of the state of the shellfish stock.

The closure covers ICES rectangles 37F1, 37F2, 37F3, 38F1, 38F2, 38F3, 39F1 and 39F2 in the Dogger Bank. Fishing licences will be varied to reflect the situation.

Three organisations responded to the FAs' second call for evidence, including the Scallop Industry Consultation Group (SICG). All three agreed the closure should be extended beyond 29 August 29 2020.

The FAs remain committed to working with the scallop industry throughout the closure and on future management of the fishery.

Jim Portus, Chair of the SICG and South West Fish Producers Organisation, said: "When the King Scallop fishery emerged on the Dogger Bank this summer, the Scallop Industry Consultation Group (SICG) members called for the initial closure to allow stock assessment surveys and data collection to be conducted

by CEFAS.

"Using this data to help decision-making processes, the vital and valuable King Scallop resource can be well-managed and harvested sustainably in the future.

"Consultation has been an important part of decision-making and the SICG welcomes the extended closure to October 11th, and actually has now called to keep the fishery closed until March 2021."

Call for Proposals: The UK Government's Conflict, Stability and Security Fund

World news story

The UK Government is accepting proposals for a project under its Conflict, Stability and Security Fund that aims to champion the two state solution in Israeli public debate.



Your project proposal should be based on the following:

- Project objective: Support for and political prospects of achieving the two state solution are improved
- Project outcome: Increased prominence of positive discussions around the two state solution in Israeli public debate

Notes

The funding period is 15 October 2020 to 31 March 2022.

The project will be managed under an Accountable Grant Agreement. projects in this framework are not allowed to generate a profit for the delivery partner. Proposals from for-profit organisations can only be considered if an officially registered non-profit making arm or division of the for-profit organisation will deliver the project.

The successful bidder must be willing to engage closely with the British Embassy in Israel and our independent project evaluators. it must commit to deliver a project in line with HMG policy. This will include close cooperation during the inception and recruitment period.

The project should work with Israeli participants across society, and involve engagement with Palestinians (though not necessarily as project participants themselves). The proposal must demonstrate how the project benefits both Israelis and Palestinians. Bidders must demonstrate that they have an existing, diverse network in place to identify relevant participants.

The project must be able to demonstrate how it will adapt to the likelihood of continued Covid-19 related disruption to project delivery.

Applicants are welcome to bid for this in addition to the previous call for proposals. Submitting a proposal for this call for bids will not prejudice any pending bid.

Bidding process

- 1. Proposals should be sent to beta.bids2022@gmail.com by 17 September 2020. In the email subject line and file names, please indicate the name of the bidder.
- 2. Bidders should fill in the standard Project Proposal Form Project Proposal Form (ODT, 57.1KB), and include a breakdown of project costs in the Activity Based Budget Template ABB Activity Based Budget Template (ABB) (ODS, 10.6KB) for the entire project period. Please use the templates attached. We will not consider proposals submitted in other formats. Budgets must be Activity Based Budgets (ABB), all costs should be listed in GPB (not ILS).
- 3. Questions relating to the call for proposals should be submitted by 6 September, adn answers will be published on the UK in Israel <u>website</u> by 10 September together.
- 4. The British Embassy Tel Aviv reserves the right to carry out due diligence of potential grantees as part of the selection process. Due to

the volume of bids expected we will not be able to provide feedback on unsuccessful bids.

Budget

The maximum funding for the project is up to GBP 190,000 in financial year 1 – FY 20/20 (September 2020-March 2021) and GBP 480,000 in financial year 2 – FY21/22 (April 2021-March 2022). This may be in addition to co-funding and self-funding contributions.

Administrative costs must not exceed 10% of the total project budget.

Evaluation criteria

Successful bids must demonstrate strong strategic relevance to the project outcome and objective, and have a clear focus on delivering change an sustainability.

Proposals will be evaluated against the following criteria:

- Strategic fit to project objective the extent to which the proposal addresses the issues
- Quality of project the strength of the Theory of Change, and the monitoring and evaluation framework
- Value for money the value of the expected project outcomes
- Expertise Evidence of: understanding of the context; ability to manage and deliver a successful project that includes dissemination activities and engagement across society, and an existing network of relevant connections
- Gender-sensitive approach bidders should identity the gender implications of the project, and demonstrate how this is taken into account in the proposal
- Sustainability: an explanation of how the project outcomes will continue to have impact beyond the lifetime of the project
- Risk management- the extent of which the proposal identifies serious risks, together with a management strategy.
 - Note: This must include detailed information on how the project would deliver its activities and outcomes under:
 - Different COVID-19 scenarios including full or partial lock-down, and restrictions on local/international travel, for part or all of the project period. This would impact both project activities, and the need for a local project team presence
 - Different political scenarios including annexation scenarios, elections and other potential sources of instability.

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