

## Spotlight on Welsh Government Support for Skills and Supply Chains – 14 April 2022 – Resources

### Regional Skills Partnerships (RSPs)

RSPs are tasked with analysing economic challenges and likely growth areas to identify the skills needed in the workforce.

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[Wales Green Skills Report: The labour market of tomorrow – Jobs, skills and the transition to a green economy](#)

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### **Welsh Government Innovation Support**

Information on Innovation Specialists: [Speak to someone - find a local innovation specialist | Business Wales - Expertise Wales \(gov.wales\)](#)

Information on SMART Partnerships: [SMART Partnerships | Business Wales - Expertise Wales \(gov.wales\)](#)

[Welsh Government Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme](#)

[Business Funding in Wales](#)

## **Other resources**

[Welsh Government Net Zero Wales](#)

[Net Zero Industry Wales established to support decarbonisation of Wales' Industry Supply Chain](#)

[ORP 2 – Intelligent Energy System \(IES\) Technical Specification](#)

[Business Wales – Construction Sector](#)

[Business Wales – Energy & Environment Sector](#)

[British Business Bank](#)

[SMS PLC SOLO Energy Funding Model](#) – Overview available [here](#)

[Bankers without Boundaries](#)

[Energiesprong Funding Model](#)

Green Finance Institute: [Coalition for the Energy Efficiency of Buildings Europe \(CEEB Europe\)](#)

[The Welsh Construction Shows](#)

[WRAP Cymru - Low Carbon & Resource Efficient Construction Procurement guidance](#)

## **Resident engagement**

From the Retrofit Challenge Conference (London, 24 March 2022)

[Radical approach for green project](#)

A unique collaboration between believe housing and a group of students from the Royal College of Art has created a new approach to improving the environmental performance of homes. Five students have taken an in-depth view of how best to ensure that believe housing customers are at the heart of introducing new, environmentally focused technology into existing homes. Their research found that most customers were more concerned by the direct financial benefits of reducing energy than the longer-term environmental impacts.

The speaker presentations are available to download [here](#). Please click onto each session to view and download them

## [Industry Business Support: Welsh Water - WaterSafe.](#)

WaterSafe is the national register of plumbers who must meet the minimum requirements:

1. Hold a suitable plumbing qualification (minimum NVQ level 2)
2. Hold a Certificate in Water Regulations Knowledge (if not covered by their plumbing qualification)
3. Hold minimum levels of public, and where relevant, employer's liability insurance

WaterSafe is free to join and offers the following benefits to plumbers:

- Free listing on the WaterSafe website
- Removes the need to notify some plumbing works
- Provides a direct link to speak to water companies

For customers it offers the benefit of:

- Knowing the plumber is qualified
- Knowing the plumber is insured
- Knowing there is a route to complain should something go wrong

One barrier plumber's often quote which prevents them from becoming WaterSafe accredited is access to and the cost of Water Regulations Training. So in response to that Welsh Water have developed a [one day training package on the Water Regulations](#) and is offering this free of charge

In addition, for those wishing to complete the course with Welsh Water, we can audit the qualifications to ensure they meet the list of qualifications recognised by WaterSafe.

WaterSafe also lists plumbing qualifications that it recognises for membership. Water Regulations UK Limited co-ordinate the process of recognising plumbing qualifications. To submit a qualification for consideration it should be sent to [wiaps@waterregs.co.uk](mailto:wiaps@waterregs.co.uk)