

Business Mentoring

Eligible businesses will have access to industry experts fully subsidised to receive mentoring in any aspect of business. Food & Drink Forum mentors have a wealth of experience in running food and drink manufacturing businesses and are keen to share their knowledge with you.



Industry Events

The Food & Drink Forum along with industry partners will run a number of industry-specific events throughout the course of the project. Bringing like-minded businesses together to share knowledge, best practice and experience.



Introducing FEAST

The Food & Drink Forum has secured funding to offer a range of useful services to food and drink manufacturers over the next three years, including; grant funding, business mentoring, industry events, technical support and technical apprentices.

£ Grant Funding £

The Food & Drink Forum has secured grant funding for eligible businesses looking to purchase new equipment to help them grow and create jobs.

Minimum spend = £2,500 / Maximum spend = £80,000

Eligibility

- Food and drink manufacturer ✓
- Businesses within D2N2, NEP & SEMLEP (Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Northamptonshire, Aylesbury Vale, Bedfordshire, Cherwell, Corby, Daventry, Kettering, Luton, Milton Keynes) ✓
- SME Businesses (Small/Medium Enterprise) - ONLY GRANT FUNDING ✓



Technical Support

Eligible businesses could receive two days of support at no cost from the Food & Drink Forum's technical team. These industry experts could assist with all technical issues such as; shelf life extension, labelling, nutritional advice, factory layout, product development, food standards and implementation, accreditation support, food safety and much more.



Technical Apprentices

Throughout the course of the project the Food & Drink Forum will employ a number of technical apprentices to help businesses bridge the skills gap in the sector. The apprentices will receive training from the Forum's team of technical experts and will gain hands on experience undertaking work placements. FDF apprentices will be available to enter any business on placement at no cost to the business.

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