

Wales



Our modern Industrial Strategy sets out our long-term plan to boost productivity by backing business to create high quality, well-paid jobs throughout the United Kingdom with investment in skills, industries and infrastructure.

In Wales, a partnership of political, business and academic leaders – alongside other local partners – are working with government to build on existing strengths, help business to flourish, and grow opportunities for workers across the nation.

Industrial Strategy highlights include:

Invested over **£50m** across Wales via the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund including **£7m** to support an initiative led by NHS Wales and the University of Birmingham to develop advanced gene and cell therapies.

Monmouthshire has been chosen as one of the sites for the multi-million pound trial of new high speed connectivity in rural areas, testing the technology across a range of rural applications, such as smart agriculture, tourism and connecting poorly-served communities.

Invested more than **£650m** in City & Growth Deals in Wales so far. Negotiations are being taken forward so that every part of Wales can benefit, including **£120m** committed to delivering a North Wales Growth Deal.

Tourism is more vital to Welsh economy than any other part of the United Kingdom, and we are taking forward negotiations for a Sector Deal that will secure a long term, strategic partnership with that industry.



Population: 3,125,200
Businesses: 103,530

Case study: Active Building Centre, Swansea

The Active Building Centre project at Swansea University, funded via a £36m grant from the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund, is supporting the delivery of green technology that uses light and heat to make energy-replacing conventional walls, roofs and windows, and generating electricity which is stored and released by a smart operating system. Swansea's SPECIFIC research centre has already opened an "active" classroom and an office showcasing the technology.

For more examples go to bit.ly/IS-map

We have committed more than £45bn to Industrial Strategy programmes supporting research, local infrastructure, training and business growth throughout the United Kingdom. This money is already starting to be spent on the ground.