

Innovation Support Welsh Government

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What support is available?

Expertise Wales:

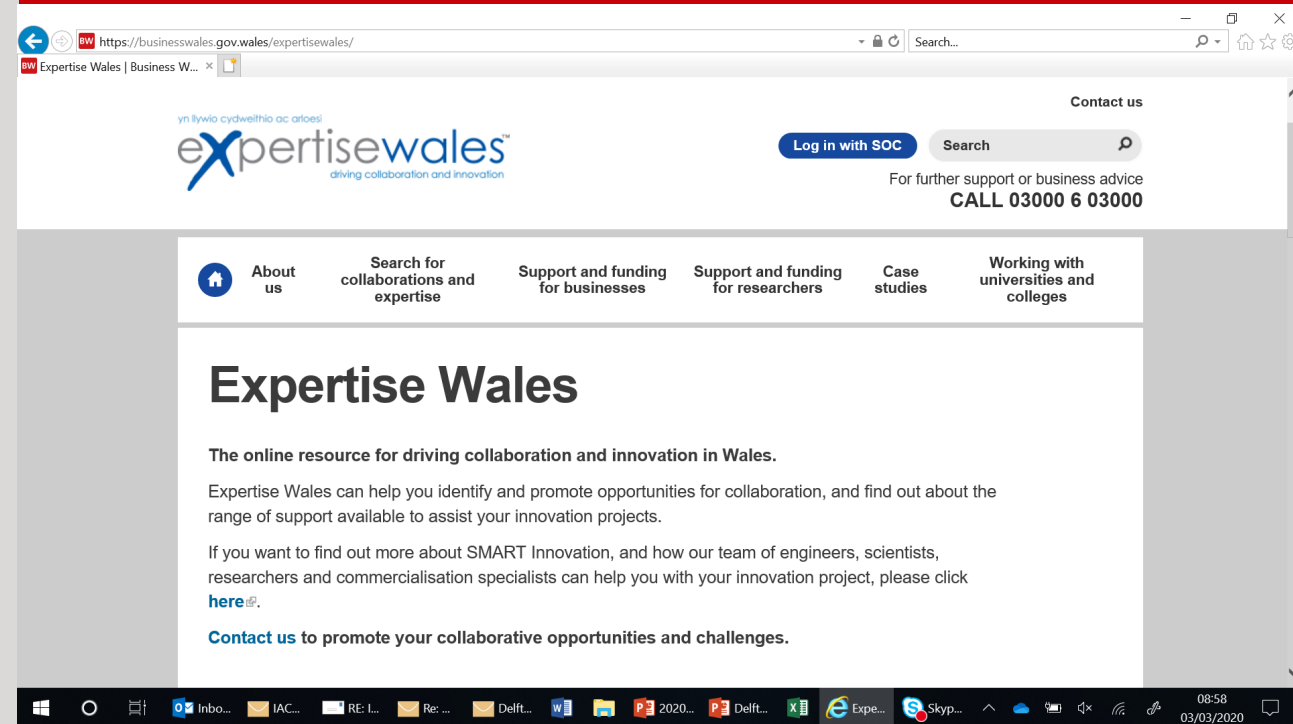
<https://businesswales.gov.wales/expertisewales/>

SMART Cymru

- co investment for businesses to implement innovative processes and undertake R&D.

SMART Innovation

- Advice and guidance from industry experts – manufacturing, IP, innovative design. Backed up by an Innovation Voucher of up to £100k (capital)



The screenshot shows the Expertise Wales website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo 'yn llywio cydweithio ac arloesi expertisewales driving collaboration and innovation'. To the right of the logo are buttons for 'Log in with SOC' and a search bar. Below the navigation bar, there is a horizontal menu with links: 'About us', 'Search for collaborations and expertise', 'Support and funding for businesses', 'Support and funding for researchers', 'Case studies', and 'Working with universities and colleges'. The main content area features the heading 'Expertise Wales' followed by the sub-heading 'The online resource for driving collaboration and innovation in Wales.' Below this, there is a paragraph of text: 'Expertise Wales can help you identify and promote opportunities for collaboration, and find out about the range of support available to assist your innovation projects.' Another paragraph follows: 'If you want to find out more about SMART Innovation, and how our team of engineers, scientists, researchers and commercialisation specialists can help you with your innovation project, please click [here](#).' At the bottom of the main content area, there is a link: 'Contact us to promote your collaborative opportunities and challenges.'

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SMART Expertise

- collaborative projects between businesses & research organisations, translating research into commercial solutions (includes UHBs)

CRISP

- Information and support for R,D&I funding calls coming from IUK, Gates Foundation, Challenge led Procurement.
- Webinars and help with completing applications.
- To be added to the contact list email: simon.cooper@gov.wales

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How to Access?

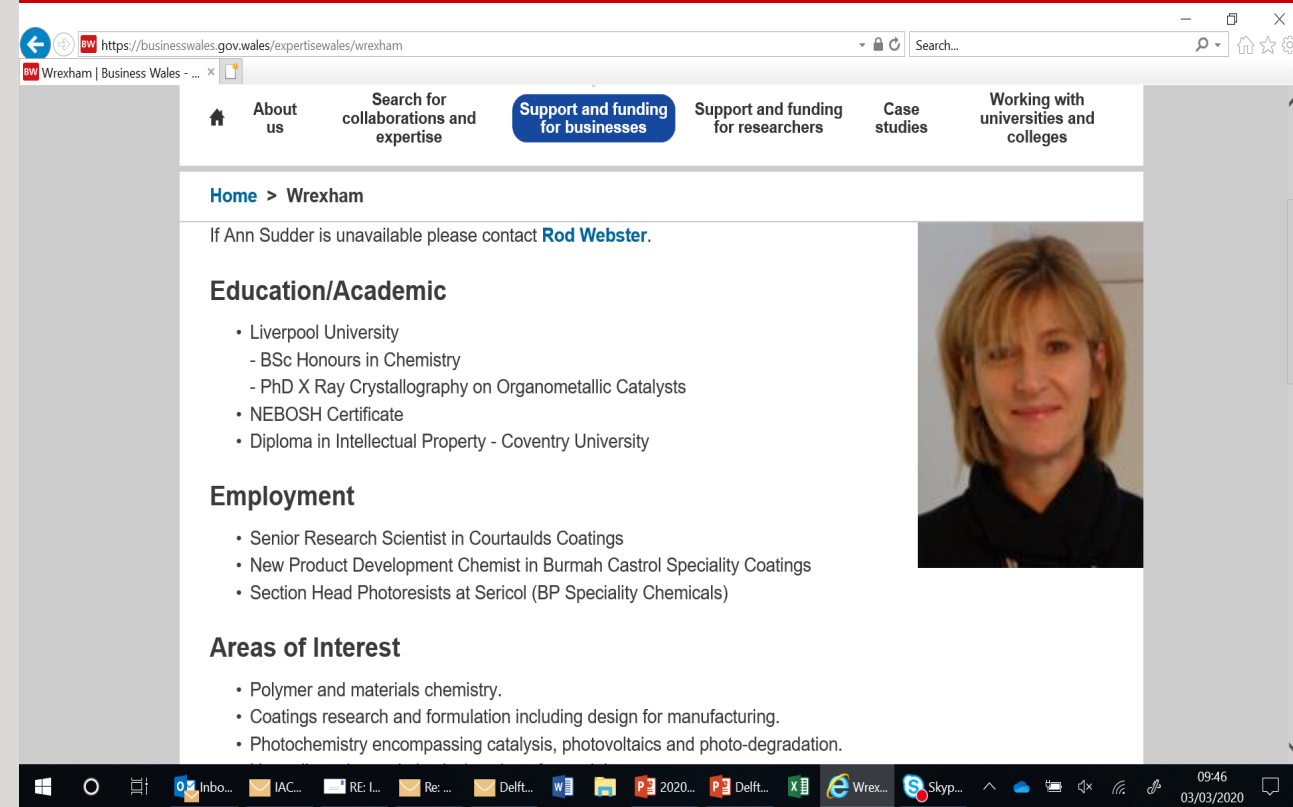
Business Development Manager

- Sectors to Regional

Innovation Specialists

- Regional

<https://businesswales.gov.wales/expertise-wales/support-and-funding-businesses/speak-someone-find-local-innovation-specialist>



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the profile of Rod Webster on the Business Wales website. The browser address bar shows the URL: <https://businesswales.gov.wales/expertise/wrexham>. The website header includes navigation links: "About us", "Search for collaborations and expertise", "Support and funding for businesses" (highlighted in blue), "Support and funding for researchers", "Case studies", and "Working with universities and colleges". Below the header, the page title is "Home > Wrexham". A message states: "If Ann Sudder is unavailable please contact [Rod Webster](#)". The profile is divided into three sections: "Education/Academic", "Employment", and "Areas of Interest".

Education/Academic

- Liverpool University
 - BSc Honours in Chemistry
 - PhD X Ray Crystallography on Organometallic Catalysts
- NEBOSH Certificate
- Diploma in Intellectual Property - Coventry University

Employment

- Senior Research Scientist in Courtaulds Coatings
- New Product Development Chemist in Burmah Castrol Speciality Coatings
- Section Head Photoresists at Sericol (BP Speciality Chemicals)

Areas of Interest

- Polymer and materials chemistry.
- Coatings research and formulation including design for manufacturing.
- Photochemistry encompassing catalysis, photovoltaics and photo-degradation.

A portrait photo of Rod Webster is shown on the right side of the profile.

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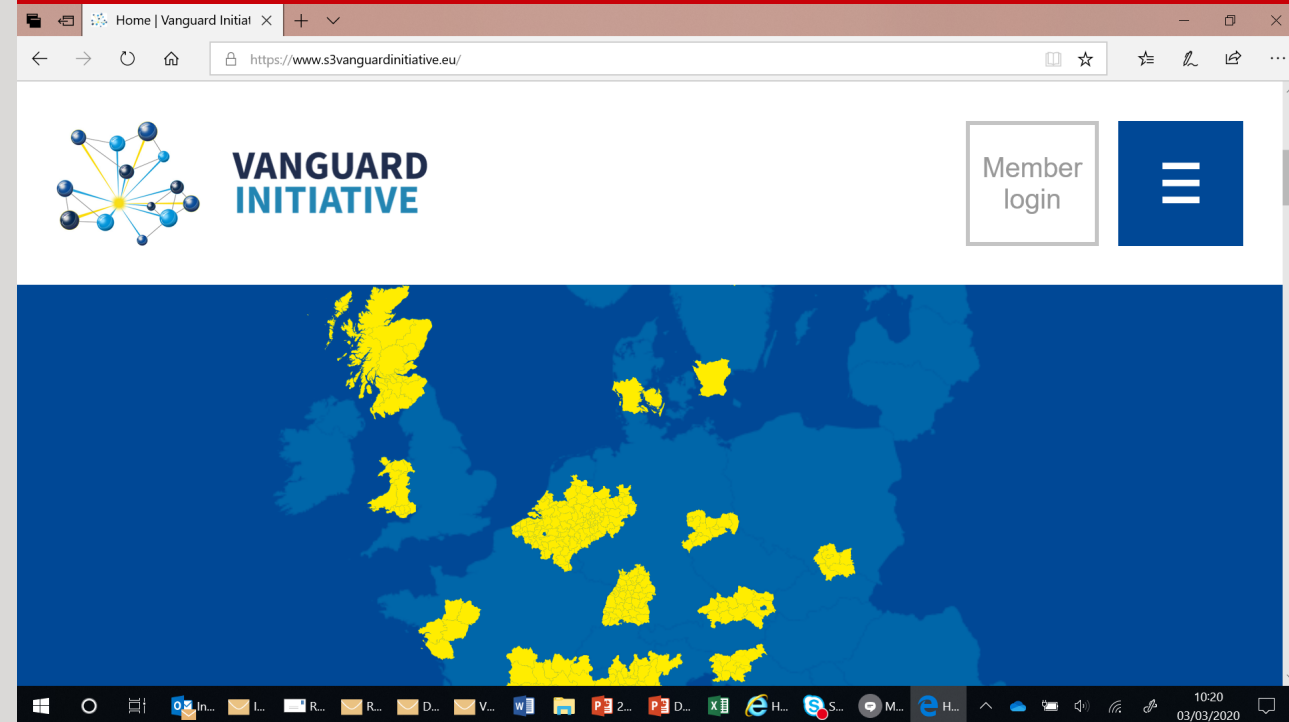
EU Innovation Initiatives:

- Policy Learning
- Inter-regional Projects
- Vanguard Initiative

<https://www.s3vanguardinitiative.eu/>

Sign up – March event:

<https://wales.business-events.org.uk/en/events/p-86p4z9kxjl05mdnml012we3yo7r8gvno/>



My Role – early days:

- Post 2023 – Funding
- UK Funding Opportunities
- Innovation Advisory Council for Wales (IACW)
- Challenge led Procurement
- International engagement



Thank you

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