

## Regional Meeting Update –Wales

### Regional Chair – Jeremy Mabbutt

Venue	Virtual Meeting (MS Teams)
Date	Monday 20th July 2020 2pm
Date of last meeting	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2020 10am
Meeting objective	Informal update across the region
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Attendees	Jane Eve – TUCO Sarah McLoughlin - TUCO Clare Winfield – University of South Wales Andrew Phelps – Cardiff Metropolitan University
Apologies	Jason Edwards– University of South Wales

#### 1. TUCO Framework Updates (JE)

##### Convenience Retail Framework (new)

New Agreement went live on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020. All documents relating to the new agreement are available to view and download on the TUCO website.

Lot 1 Confectionery, Snacks & Soft Drinks

Lot 2 Cakes (Ambient, Chilled, Fresh & Frozen)

Lot 3 Convenience Retail Grocery (Ambient, Chilled, Fresh & Frozen)

Lot 4 Convenience Retail Alcohol

Lot 5 Convenience Retail Non-Food

Lot 6 Cigarettes, Tobacco, E-Cigarettes and associated products

Lot 7 One Stop Shop (incl. all above)

Two lot 7 suppliers are still pending (due to discussion on terms & conditions). They are Nisa and Costcutter.

##### Vending DPS

The opportunity is closed for initial bids and submissions are currently being evaluated.

## Sandwiches Framework

Received news that Tiffin sandwiches and Street Eats are merging on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020. Currently awaiting official notification. In the short term, both brands will continue and there should be no change to customers.

## 2. Academy update/reminders (SM)

- No face to face Academy activity until 2021 at the earliest
- Looking at the feasibility and demand for a mental health course that will provide institutions with training for mental health first aiders – supporting safeguarding of students and direct reports
- Compliance courses – will be able to offer all courses by webinar and still be able to certificate through collaboration with institution by setting up a staff member at the institution as an invigilator in the TUCO centre
- TUCO is supporting a bid from a consortia of universities for a grant from the Doctorial Training Centre in Transformative Food Systems. This will give us access to research projects on menu planning, meal concepts that are based on nutritional composition and environmental sustainability. It can also provide an opportunity to give free training on the above for members
- Building a programme of forums to provide tools and support for all tiers in member institutions – starting with Leadership workshop which will additionally have a panel review / networking session post event. Also looking at sustainability and business planning
- Free webinars will continue for the foreseeable
- Free online courses for Food Safety and Allergens still available
- Working with University of Edinburgh to create a resource for students for ‘one pot’ cooking recordings from university chefs
- Virtual conference for the end of the year will be looking at “Managing disruption and change in a VUCA world” (VUCA is Volatile, Uncertain, Complex and Ambiguous) – hoping to still be creative with some virtual tours and an exhibition centre for partner suppliers

## 3. TUCO Board / General Update

- Regional Chairs Meeting held on Friday 10th July
- TUCO Board meeting being held 8th July
- TUCO redundancies – 5 members of the TUCO team across Business Development, Digital and the Academy. Detail on the TUCO website as to who to contact within each of these areas moving forward.
- 5 members of TUCO staff remain furloughed. Team actively working able to answer all queries.
- TUCO research questionnaire to consider the ‘new normal’
- TUCO Events – planning to have a virtual winter conference

#### 4. Member Updates

University of South Wales – Jason & Clare are back on campus. There will be a phased opening of all outlets.

Cardiff Metropolitan University – Students expected back at the end of September. Requests for accommodation in Halls has been high. One outlet per campus will be open. Perspex screens will be used. The till system has a loyalty app enabling click and collect.

#### 5. AOB

None

#### 6. Next Meeting

A date will be arranged