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Tour de force: FSB fighting for small tourism businesses



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The Federation of Small Businesses is the UK's largest campaigning pressure group promoting and protecting the interests of the self-employed and owners of small firms. Formed in 1974, it now has 210,000 members across 33 regions and 194 branches.

In addition to offering services such as a free legal advice and free business banking, the FSB lobbies MPs, Government, Whitehall, Brussels and the devolved regions to ensure the voice of small businesses is heard loud and clear by key decision makers.

The FSB is concerned that small tourism businesses are undervalued and being subject to an ever growing amount of regulation from Whitehall.

Our tourism businesses are some of the best in the world and offer huge potential to boost growth for the UK yet they are being stifled by red tape and unnecessary regulations. Overzealous health & safety inspections, bureaucratic licensing requirements and heavy handed fire regulation enforcement hinder the growth and profitability of B&Bs, hotels and tourist attractions alike.

The FSB is fighting for a government review to simplify and cut the number of regulations that tourism businesses have to comply with.

“ Reinstatement the level of funding Regional Development Agencies allocated for regional promotion of tourism ”

The FSB knows that marketing is key for successful tourism businesses which is why we are so concerned about the future of regional tourism marketing. Funding for regional tourism marketing is disappearing which is likely to have severe consequences for local tourism businesses.

The FSB is lobbying government to reinstate this funding to ensure every region gets to promote itself at a national level.

“ Incentivise local authorities to encourage tourism in their areas ”

The FSB wants to make local government work with local tourism businesses. Attracting tourists to an area should mean more local prosperity but for too many local authorities an increase in tourism means more money that will have to be spent on cleaning pavements, maintaining beaches and disposing of rubbish.

The FSB is campaigning for local authorities to be rewarded for stimulating tourism growth in their areas.

The above are just a few of the issues that affect small tourism businesses which the FSB is raising at the heart of government – why not add your voice by joining the UK's leading business organisation.

