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One of the main features of our events is to provide support, information and assistance to businesses, large and small. And this has probably never been so important.

And so, even though we can't do anything face to face yet, we are replicating some of the business support features of the day, but in a digital format.

This will include using the hashtag #manchesterbizfair from 10.30am - 3.00pm on Weds 15 July for anyone wanting to tweet any general business messages or messages of how you can help and support other businesses at this time. So if you would like to tweet any messages please make sure that you include the hashtag #manchesterbizfair and we will retweet across our networks.

We have also produced this online Business Guide listing companies and organisations that are offering services, support and advice, as well as some useful online resources. We hope that you find it useful. Details of our activities can be found at https://manchesterbizfair.co.uk/digital-day-15th-july/

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