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Skills Focus

Funded upskilling support available for Businesses and Social Enterprises

– with fewer than 250 employees



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Skills Focus



North West Regional College (NWRC) is a high quality provider of specialist training and upskilling programmes to a range of employers across the region.

Skills Focus funding is available for training courses for SME's and Social Enterprises with less than 250 employees.

As part of this funding, the college provides accredited courses (Level 2 and above) and tailored courses to meet the specific needs of businesses and social enterprises.

We deliver high quality programmes at our three campuses in **DERRY-LONDONDERRY, LIMAVADY & STRABANE** in the following areas:



Business and Professional Programmes

- Leadership & Management ILM Level 3 Award (middle) & Level 5 Certificate (senior)
- Coaching and Mentoring ILM Level 3 & Level 5
- Human Resource Management CIPD Level 3 & Level 5
- Accounting Technicians ATI Level 4 Certificate & Level 5 Diploma

Early Years Learning and Development

- Child Care CACHE Level 2, Level 3 & Level 5 Diploma
- Mindfulness & Reducing Anxiety OCN NI Level 2 & Level 3
- Managing Challenging Behaviour OCN NI Level 2

Computing, IT and Digital Media

- Microsoft Certified Azure Fundamentals (Industry Recognised)
- Software Testing OCN NI Level 4 Diploma
- Cybersecurity OCN NI Level 2
- Cybersecurity Essentials CISCO
- Excel OCN NI Level 2 & Level 3
- Digital Marketing OCN NI Level 2 & Level 4
- Computerised Accounts using Sage City & Guilds Level 2
- Computerised Payroll IAB Level 2

Health and Social Care

- Phlebotomy (Obtain Blood Samples) OCN NI Level 2 & Level 3
- Diploma Health and Social Care OCN NI Level 3 & Level 5



Science

- Veterinary Care Assistant City & Guilds Level 2
- Veterinary Nursing VetSkill Level 3
- Principles & Practice for Pharmacy Technicians BTEC Level 3 Diploma

Construction and Built Environment

- CAD Parametric Modelling City and Guilds Level 3
- Building Information Modelling (BIM) with REVIT OCN NI Level 3
- Neboosh General Certificate

Sports and Leisure

- Exercise Referral YMCA Level 3

Hospitality, Catering and Tourism

- Customer Service Skills/Customer Experience City & Guilds Level 2 & Level 3
- Food Safety City & Guilds Level 2 & Level 3
- Food Allergens City & Guilds Level 2 & Level 3
- Barista City & Guilds Level 2
- Tour Guiding OCN NI Level 2 Award
- Professional Cookery C&G Level 2 & Level 3
- Patisserie and Confectionery C&G Level 3 NVQ



Engineering and Motor Vehicle

- Welding Skills C&G Level 2 & Level 3 Award
- 3D Design & Print OCN NI Level 3
- Advanced Driver Assistant Systems IMI
- Electric/Hybrid Vehicle IMI Level 2, Level 3, & Level 4
- Automotive Studies IMI Level 2, Level 3 & Level 4
- Air Conditioning IMI Level 3

We provide programmes onsite, at college or online to meet the specific needs of the company. The college works closely with the Department for the Economy to secure funding to support a range of both accredited and industry recognised qualifications on behalf of employers. The Business Support Centre will complete a training needs analysis to assess your training requirements and we also aim to help you expand your business and give you the support to do this.



Innovation & Skills Centres

Our innovation and skills centres drive new knowledge and skills through our curriculum areas.

Upcoming courses via i4.0 Centre

- Industrial Robotics - Programming & Application Level 2 & 3 (City & Guilds)
- Programmable Logic Controllers Level 2 & 3 (OCN NI)
- Cisco Cyber Ops Level 3 (Cisco)
- Cybersecurity Kick Start Programme Level 2 (OCN NI)
- App NI - Manufacturing Engineering With Automation And Controls



Foodovation Centre
Stella Graham



Manager of the NWRC's Food Innovation Centre, the Foodovation™ Centre, responsible for developing relationships and partnerships with local businesses in food and drink product development, skills and innovation.

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Product Design Centre
Philip Devlin



NWRC's Product Design Centre Manager, supporting idea generation and new product and process development across a range of industries supporting business through research and prototype development, with underpinning skills.

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XR Hub
Jim Murray



XR Hub Manager responsible for supporting local businesses with projects in the field of XR (Extended Reality), including Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality and supporting a variety of creative media and IT-based support.

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i4.0 Centre
Cathal Ferry



i4.0 Centre Manager specialising in the areas of industry 4.0 including electronics, automation, and robotics, supporting business and the college through up to date training and support to both its students and business clients.

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Skills Funding Options

• Funding for Businesses

Skills Focus is a Department for the Economy (DfE) funded programme aiming to increase the skills levels, motivation and productivity of the existing workforce by offering industry specific and accredited qualifications at level 2 and above. This programme is open to businesses and social enterprises with fewer than 250 employees.

• Funding for Individuals

Skill Up offers a range of fully-funded accredited courses to provide people across Northern Ireland the opportunity to retrain or reskill to improve their employment prospects. Opportunities are available from entry to postgraduate levels across a range of industries and sectors such as digital, advanced manufacturing & engineering, health & social care, leadership & management and entrepreneurship. The DfE-funded programme aims to respond to the needs of the local economy, helping to upskill and boost productivity in a global market, and all courses are either accredited or industry recognised.

• Funding for Foreign Direct Investment Companies

The DfE-funded Assured Skills programme is a short, demand-led, pre-employment training programme, which is fully funded by the Department for the Economy, to upskill individuals and help them compete for guaranteed job vacancies in new foreign direct investment (FDI) companies and expanding indigenous businesses.



• Skills Academies

Skills Academies offer pre-employment training to candidates needing skills for new employment opportunities. These programmes give individuals the skills that employers are looking for in a range of priority areas.

• Higher Level Apprenticeships

In addition to traditional apprenticeships, HLAs are a work-based learning programme (1 day in the NWRC, 4 days at the business) enabling participants to earn while they learn and progress the workforce through training and skills development, in qualifications at levels 4 and 5. Businesses can avail of the HLA programme for newly recruited staff, as well as a training opportunity for existing staff, to upskill and progress in the workplace. Example areas are accountancy, software development, engineering, hospitality & tourism and childcare.



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