

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 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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Contact Our Business Development Executive on
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**90% Funded upskilling support available
for Businesses and Social Enterprises**
– with fewer than 250 employees



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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, LIMA VADY & STRABANE** in the following areas:

Business and Professional Programmes

- Leadership & Management ILM Level 3 Award (middle) & Level 5 Certificate (senior)
- Human Resource Management CIPD Level 3 & Level 5
- Accounting Technicians ATI Level 4 Certificate & Level 5 Diploma
- Strategic Management and Leadership Practice (Level 7 Certificate) CMI

Early Years Learning and Development

- Child Care CACHE Level 3 & Level 5 Diploma

Computing, IT and Digital Media

- Microsoft Certified Azure Fundamentals (Industry Recognised)
- 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 Add -Intro to Power BI - Specialist Software (OCN NI Level 2 Award in Information Technology Applications)
- IAB L3 Cert Computerised Bookkeeping & Accounting Using Sage Accounts
- OCN Level 2 Using Imaging Software Tools - (Photoshop Unit)
- OCN NI Digital Photography Skills (Unit 2)
- NCFE Level 2 Cert Photography

Health and Social Care

- Diploma Health and Social Care OCN NI Level 2, Level 3 & Level 5
- VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Reflexology
- VTCT Level 3 Diploma Sports Massage Therapy
- VTCT Level 4 Cert Sports Massage
- TCT L3 Diploma Aromatherapy



Construction and Built Environment

- CAD Parametric Modelling City and Guilds Level 3
- C&G Level 2 Autocad
- Nebosh General Certificate

Hospitality, Catering and Tourism

- Customer Service Skills/Customer Experience City & Guilds Level 2 & Level 3
- Food Allergens City & Guilds Level 2 & Level 3
- C&G Level 3 Diploma Professional Cookery
- C&G Level 3 NVQ Patisserie and Confectionery

Engineering and Motor Vehicle

- Welding Skills C&G Level 2 & Level 3 Award
- 3D Design & Print OCN NI Level 3
- Advanced Driver Assistance Systems IMI
- Electric/Hybrid Vehicle IMI Level 2, Level 3, & Level 4
- Automotive Studies IMI Level 4
- Air Conditioning IMI Level 3
- OCN NI Level 3 Award in Industrial Robotics
- HNC General Engineering
- BTEC HND General Engineering
- BTEC Level 3 National Diploma Engineering

Science

- C&G Level 2 Veterinary Care Assistant
- VetSkill VTEC Level 3 Veterinary Nursing



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



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

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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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