

# Mid Ulster Council Presentation 18 January 2018

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#### Northern Regional College Fact File





- 20,000 enrolments
- £35m annual budget
- 6 campuses
- 32 centres for community based provision
- Working with 780 SMEs
- Partnered with 47 post-primary schools
- £85m capital investment programme
- 1,000 staff
- 1080 trainees & apprenticeships



#### 6 Campuses in 4 Council Areas





#### Where Colleges Fit in the Education System in NI





**14-16 year olds** – Entitlement Framework curriculum delivery in partnership with schools

16-18 year olds – Level 1 to 3 Further Education and Training via apprenticeships and work based learning Higher Education – Level 4 Higher Diploma, Level 5 Foundation Degree, part time or as Higher Level Apprenticeship



#### The College at the Centre of the Community



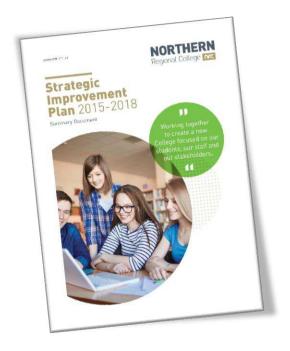






#### **Our Key Performance Indicators**





- KPI 1 Enrolments, retention and success rates,
- KPI 2 Quality of delivery, measured through inspection, student surveys and internal/self evaluation
- KPI 3 External engagement, income and partnerships
- KPI 4 Modernisation and digitisation of teaching model
- KPI 5 Resource/staff utilisation, staff costs, cost ratios



#### **Increasing Work Based Learning Opportunities**



From September 2018, NRC will be offering **NEW** work based learning opportunities in Magherafelt:

- Civil Engineering
- Engineering Construction Products
- Hairdressing
- Hair & Beauty
- Retail & Customer Care





#### Responding to the Skills Needs for Mid Ulster



#### **Higher Level Apprenticeships:**

Advanced Manufacturing Engineering Accounting

#### **Foundation Degrees:**

**Building Technology and Management** 

Electrical/Electronic Engineering

**Business with IT** 

Health and Social Care

Early Childhood Studies

#### Level 3:

**Fashion and Textiles** 

Animation

Music Technology

Digital Marketing and Video Production

#### Level 2:

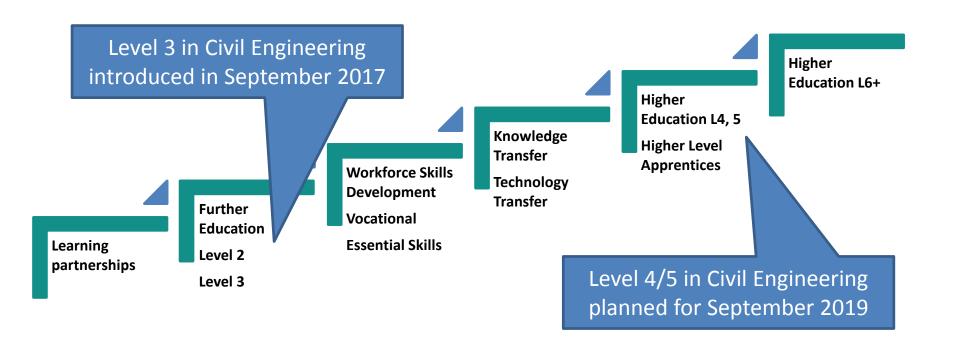
**Essential Skills and ESOL** 





### **Providing a Progression Path is Key**







# **Continued Investment to Modernise Teaching and Provide Best-in-class Digital Materials**



- £2m+ investment in hardware/software/licensing
- Expanded Digital Learning Team
- New student-focused and resource-efficient
   Digital Learning Environment
- Investment in materials from Lynda.com,
   Blended Learning Consortium and City and
   Guilds ensures that course materials are
   best in class









#### **Continued Investment in Magherafelt Campus**



- Senior Manager designated as Campus Lead
- CNC machine tooling
- Plasma cutting facilities
- Virtual welding training aids
- Increased Staff headcount





### **Ongoing Partnership with Schools**



School	Location
St Colm's High School	Draperstown
St Patrick's College	Maghera
Rainey Endowed School	Magherafelt
Saint Pius X College	Magherafelt
Sperrin Integrated College	Magherafelt
Magherafelt High School	Magherafelt
Kilronan Special School	Magherafelt











### **Magherafelt Enrolments**



Provision	Level	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Higher Education	4-6	172	151	136	126	101
Apprenticeships	1-3	34	34	41	36	47
Further Education	1-3	1321	1471	1307	1311	1378
School Partnerships	0-3	129	140	147	113	78
Total		1656	1796	1631	1586	1604

#### **Big Lottery/Empower project in Magherafelt**



- 5 year initiative Support young people under 12, with Autism, Dyslexia or Dyspraxia
- Parents and the wider family circle, health and educational professionals, schools, childcare providers and voluntary groups
- Enhance confidence and learn together to develop skills to support their children
- www.empowernetwork.co.uk
- Online booking Eventbrite



#### 2015/16

50 activities with 436 participants

#### 2016/17

138 activities with 1279 participants

Sept 2017/18 – progress to date

32 activities with 454 participants



#### **Growing Relationships with Employers in the Area**



- SDC Trailers: welding recruitment and training support
- Bloc blinds: training in process automation using robotics, also partnered for apprenticeships







#### **Construction Focus Bringing About New Relationships**



New skills development and apprenticeship programmes are helping form new relationships in the construction sector and quarry product sector













### Our social media campaign has key messages...



For HE, University is not the only route to a degree





### In summary, our messages to you:



- Northern Regional College is investing heavily in Magherafelt
- With the result that we have a much richer provision available from September 2018, which is strongly aligned with Mid Ulster's industrial base
- We are now actively recruiting students for September intake





#### Call to action:



### We would ask you to:

- Promote participation in FE, HE and apprenticeships, as a crucial element of the Council's Community Plan
- Support the expansion of our provision at Magherafelt Campus
- Actively direct businesses in Mid Ulster to avail of innovation and skills development support



## Finally ...



Magherafelt Campus Open Days:

Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018 10 am – 1 pm Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018 4 pm – 8 pm

You are all welcome.





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