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# Dynamic partners

Newry Mourne  
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District Council

Further  
Education  
Colleges

Local  
Enterprise  
Agencies

Chambers of  
Commerce

Area Learning  
Co-Ordinators  
for NMD

Invest NI

Jobs and  
Benefits  
Offices

Education  
Authority

Disability  
Action

National Trust

Social Economy  
representatives

Private  
business sector  
representatives

# Strategic Priorities



1: To form and successfully deliver the functions of the local Labour Market Partnership for the area.



2: To improve employability outcomes and/or labour market conditions locally.

Theme 1: Economic Inactivity (Access to Work)

Theme 2: Unemployment (Place to Work)

Theme 3: Disability (Opportunity to Work)

Theme 4: Skilled Labour Supply (Skills for Work)



3: To promote and support delivery of existing employability or skills provision available either regionally or locally.



# Outputs for 2022-23

| Strategic Priority | Theme               | Activity   | Output  |
|--------------------|---------------------|--|---|
| 2                  | Access to Work      | Work Start, Self-Employment Programme, Upskilling for Growth                       | <b>122</b> people into employment or job progression  |
| 2                  | Skills for Work     | Range of employability academies (Transport, Childcare, Construction, Hospitality) | <b>39</b> people into employment  |
| 2                  | NMD A Place to Work | Employment pathway events and employer engagement events                           | <b>1632</b> participants and <b>91</b> employers  |
| 3                  | Employability NI    | Promoting apprenticeships, traineeships and placements                             | <b>770</b> participants and <b>56</b> employers<br>( <b>3013</b> participants, <b>185</b> employers in 2023-24) |



# Looking ahead....

- More engagement with employers
- Commitment to improving careers information and advice
- Build on “NMD A Place to Work” campaign
- Showcasing local job opportunities
- Raising profile of local businesses
- Supporting employers to facilitate disabled workers

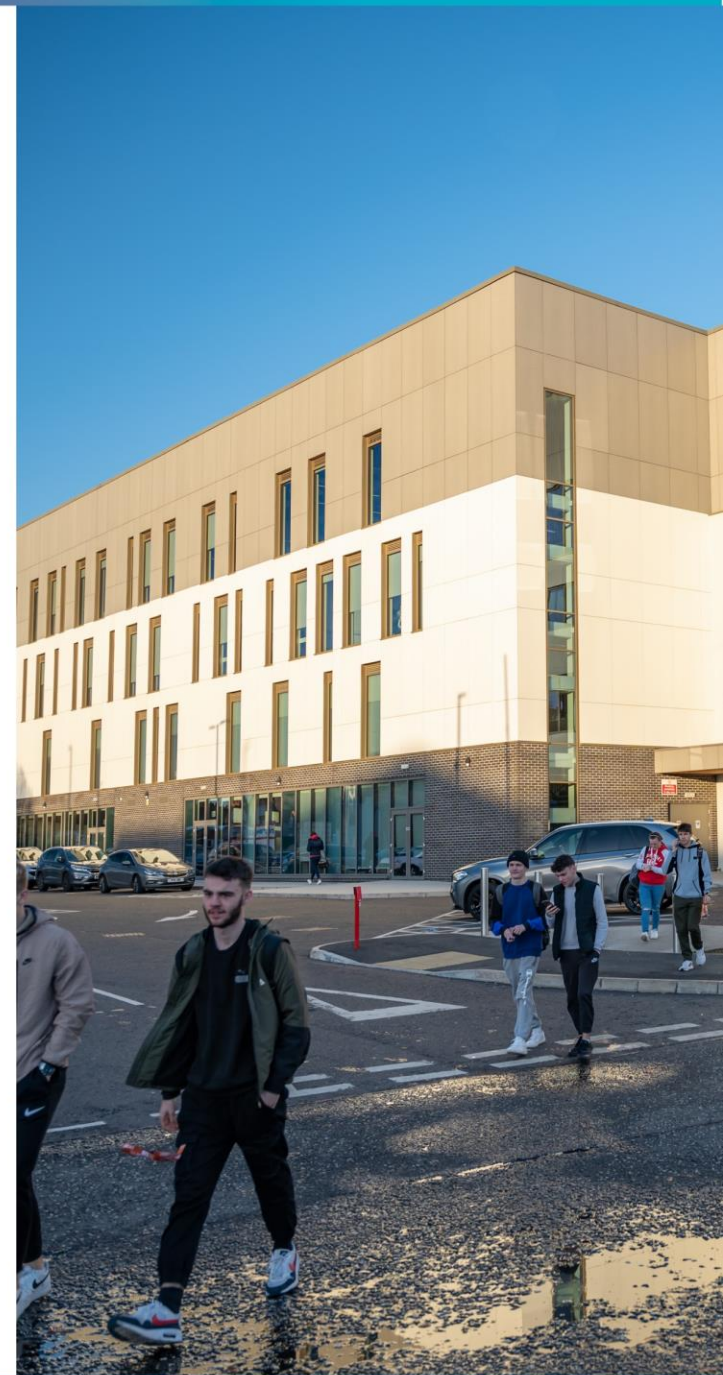


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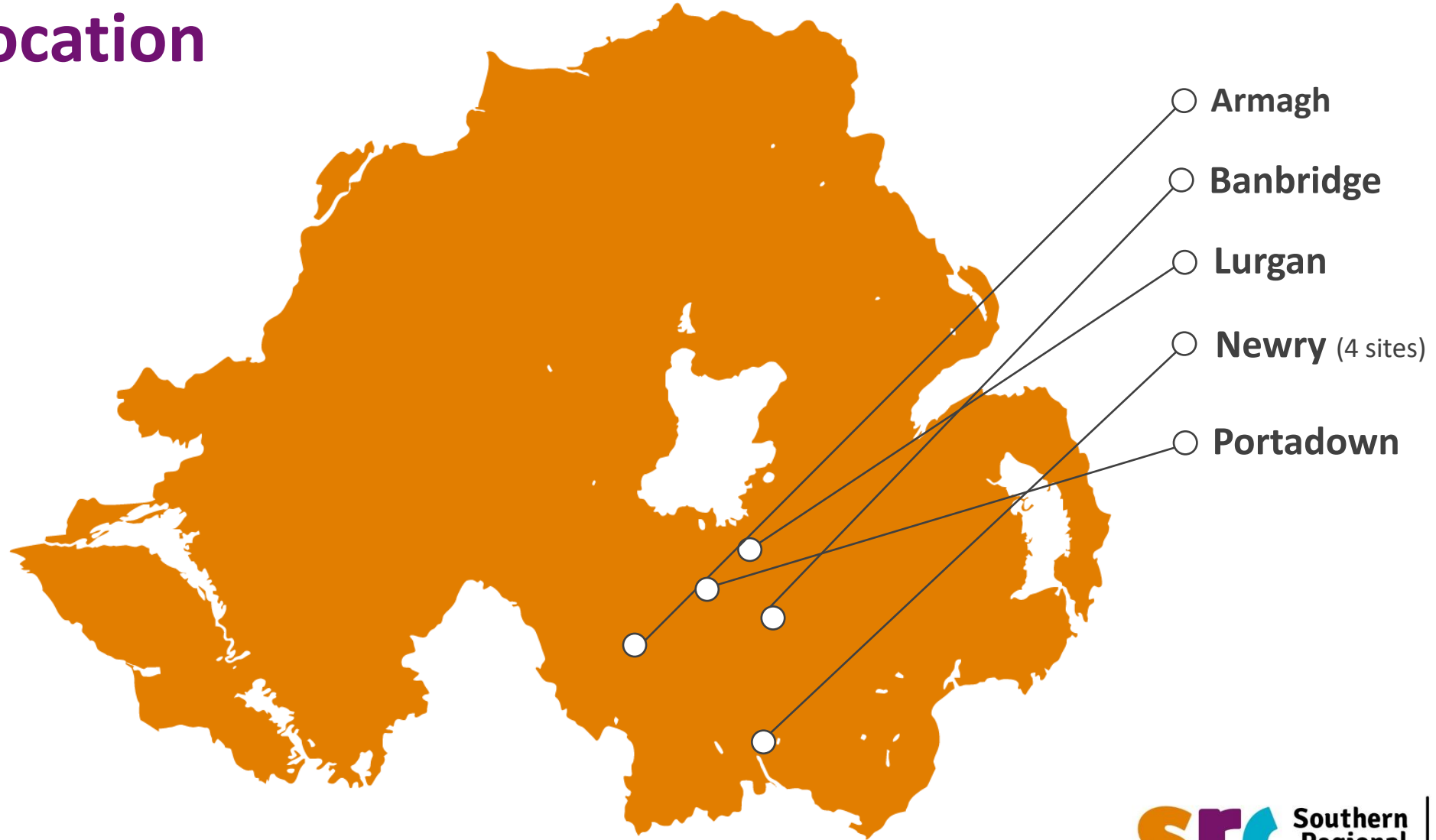


## About Us – Key Facts

- One of the largest education providers in N.Ireland.
- Over 4,000 full-time learners annually.
- Over 7,800 part-time learners annually.
- 930 staff, both full time and part time.
- We deliver Occupational Studies to **25 secondary schools** across the region.
- We work with over **90 community and voluntary groups**, covering over 1,500 square miles within the SRC catchment area.
- We work with over **1000 businesses** annually providing upskilling, technical mentoring, R&D projects and support to recruit Apprentices.
- We have invested over £50 million in new state-of-the-art campuses at Armagh & Banbridge with further planned expansion of our College estates over the next 5 years.



# Location



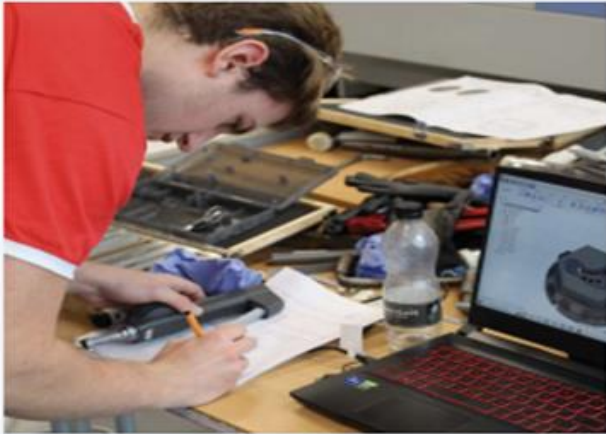
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## Award Winning College

- Ranked 1st overall in the UK College's WorldSkills Medals Table (UK wide) for second year running – 2022 and 2023.
- Highest number of WorldSkills UK participants from any NI College in 2022 (25).
- Highest number of WorldSkills UK medals from any NI College in 2022 (17).
- First College in NI to achieve the Matrix Quality Award for Information, Advice and Guidance across all services to students.
- First College in NI to achieve Autism Accreditation from National Autistic Society (Dec 2021).
- Only FE College in NI to achieve formal accreditation from The Royal Society of Chemistry for excellence in delivery of the Higher Level Apprenticeship (HLA) in Applied Industrial Science. (Jan 2023).
- Gained Cyber Essentials certification from the UK's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC). (Feb 2023).
- Certified as a level 2 Disability Confident Employer.





Approximately 50 skill areas across:

- Construction and Infrastructure
- Digital Business and Creative
- Engineering and Technology
- Health Hospitality and Lifestyle



WSUK #1 Training Organisation for the second year in a row

### Top organisations for medal points (not including Foundation Skills)

| Total Medal Points | Organisation                   | Organisation Type      | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Highly Commended |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|------|--------|--------|------------------|
| 28                 | Southern Regional College      | GFEC                   | 4    | 2      | 3      |                  |
| 26                 | New College Lanarkshire        | GFEC                   | 4    | 1      | 2      | 3                |
| 18                 | City of Glasgow College        | GFEC                   | 3    | 2      |        |                  |
| 11                 | Coleg Gwent                    | GFEC                   | 1    | 2      |        | 1                |
| 11                 | Grwp Llandrillo Menai          | GFEC                   | 2    |        | 1      | 1                |
| 11                 | Pembrokeshire College          | GFEC                   |      | 2      | 2      | 1                |
| 10                 | CAFRE                          | Specialist FE Provider | 1    | 2      |        |                  |
| 10                 | Gower College Swansea          | GFEC                   | 1    | 2      |        |                  |
| 10                 | Trafford College Group         | GFEC                   | 1    | 2      |        |                  |
| 8                  | Coleg Cambria                  | GFEC                   |      | 2      |        | 2                |
| 8                  | Coleg Sir Gar/Coleg Ceredigion | GFEC                   |      | 1      | 2      | 1                |

# Business Support & Innovation

**Supporting Businesses to  
Innovate, Compete & Grow**

**src** Southern  
Regional  
College | Business Support  
& Innovation



# Support Delivered Across NI



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# Working Together.....



Higher Level Apprenticeships



# Working Together with Employers.....

**98%**

*Growth in Apprentices since 2019*

**979**

*Jobs created through HLAs since 2014 starting with 7 jobs in 2014, and 220 new jobs in 2023*

**4933**

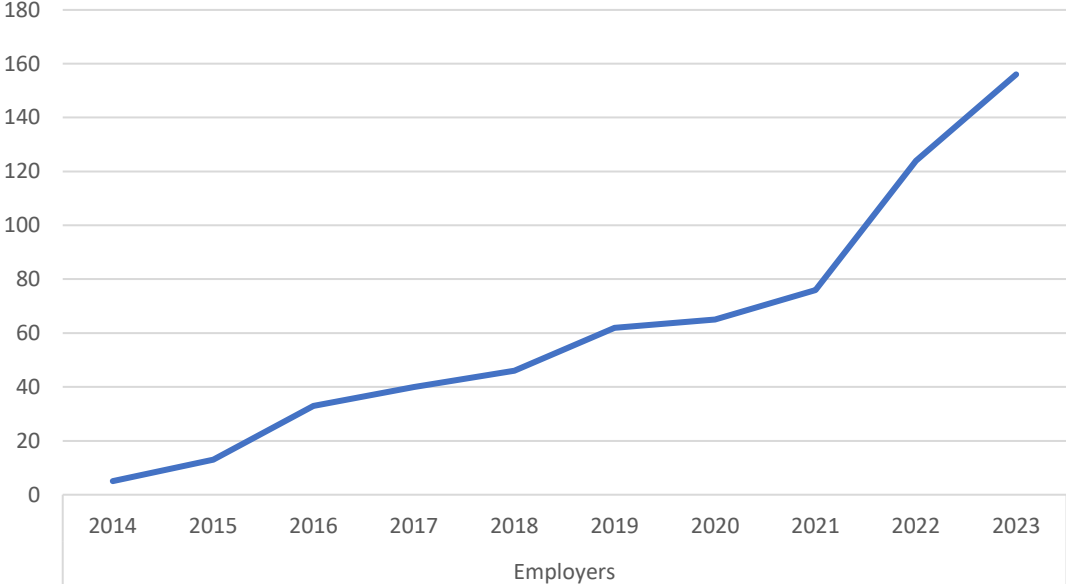
*Employees upskilled in the last 4 years*

**1000**

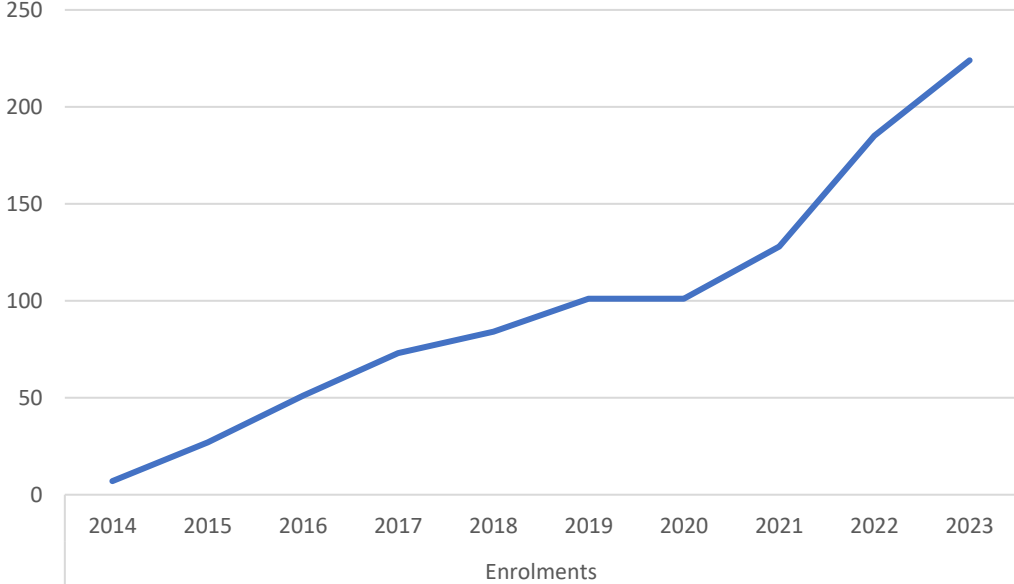
*Businesses that are supported by SRC annually*

# HLA Growth

### SRC HLA Employer Growth



### SRC HLA Enrolments



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# Lifelong Learning



- Skill UP – the Flexible Skills Fund 2021-2024. Free courses at Level 2 to level 7 in priority areas of digital skills, advanced engineering and manufacturing, life and health science, leadership and management, health and social care, green skills (900 enrolments annually)
- Women Returners programmes
- Employment academies
- Employ Me (partnership with Clanrye)
- All Age Apprenticeships

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## Collaboration – Cross Border Opportunities

- InterTradeIreland Innovation Boost programme (38 projects since 2020)
- SRC is collaborating on a number of PEACEPLUS Applications
- PEACEPLUS 2.4 Smart Towns and Villages – digital transformation proposal
- 3 PEACEPLUS Bids under Skills for 2.3,
  - Skills Corridor aligns to the part of Dublin to Belfast Economic Corridor
  - Green Skills Accelerator Programme, in collaboration with SWC & ICBAN
  - South East Cross Border Alliance with DkIT, Cavan and Monaghan Institute
- Process of developing a new Cross Border Apprenticeship in Robotics and Automation with LMETB
- Participating in the Euro Exchange Programme

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# Thank You



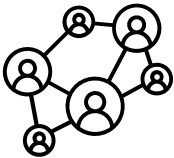
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