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FE Support Programmes

Delivering a range of industry support initiatives

- Skills Focus
- InnovateUs
- Innovation Vouchers
- Connected
- Skills Intervention Programme

Skills Focus

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Skills Focus offers **100% Funding** until March 2022 to enable SMEs to develop skills in the workforce that lead to the achievement of qualifications at Level 2 and above.

- Company or Social Enterprise must have **under 250 Employees**
- Courses must be in priority sectors:
 - ✓ Financial, Business & Professional Services
 - ✓ Hospitality & Tourism
 - ✓ Digital & Creative Industries
 - ✓ Advanced Manufacturing, Construction & Engineering



Skills Focus



Food and Drinks Handling Roles:

- Food Safety and Hygiene
- Allergen Awareness
- Professional Cookery
- Barista Skills
- Bartending



Management and Support Roles:

- Leadership and Management
- Human Resource Practice
- Business and Administration
- Accounting Technician
- Digital and Professional Marketing



Customer Facing Roles:

- Customer Service
- Complaints Handling
- Tour Guiding



IT and Office Based Roles:

- Spreadsheets, Word, Email
- Networking
- Software Development
- Cyber Security

InnovateUs

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InnovateUs offers **fully funded training** to a small business to support the development of innovative new products, processes and services

- Company or Social Enterprise must have **under 50 Employees**
- Skills transferred should support the development of innovation within the business
- 10 – 60 hours of one-one training support available
- Maximum of 3 projects



IT and Software Development:

- Programming languages
- Adobe Creative Software
- Learning Management Systems
- Podcasting
- VR/AR Technology

Food Development:

- Food Product Development
- Recipe Reformulation
- Ingredients Profiling
- Process Development and Upscaling

Product Design:

- 2D/3D CAD
- 3D Printing
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Electronics

Fashion & Textile Prototyping:

- Pattern Design and Development
- Sewing Manufacturing Techniques
- Textiles Support
- Digital Pattern Development

Innovation Vouchers



Innovation Vouchers

Innovation Vouchers provide £5,000 of support for a company to work with a College or University to help the business innovate, develop and grow.

- Open to SMEs across Northern Ireland
- 4 Calls through the year - next call opens **12th April**
- Limit of 3 vouchers per business, one after another

Wide Ranging Project Areas. Some Examples Include:

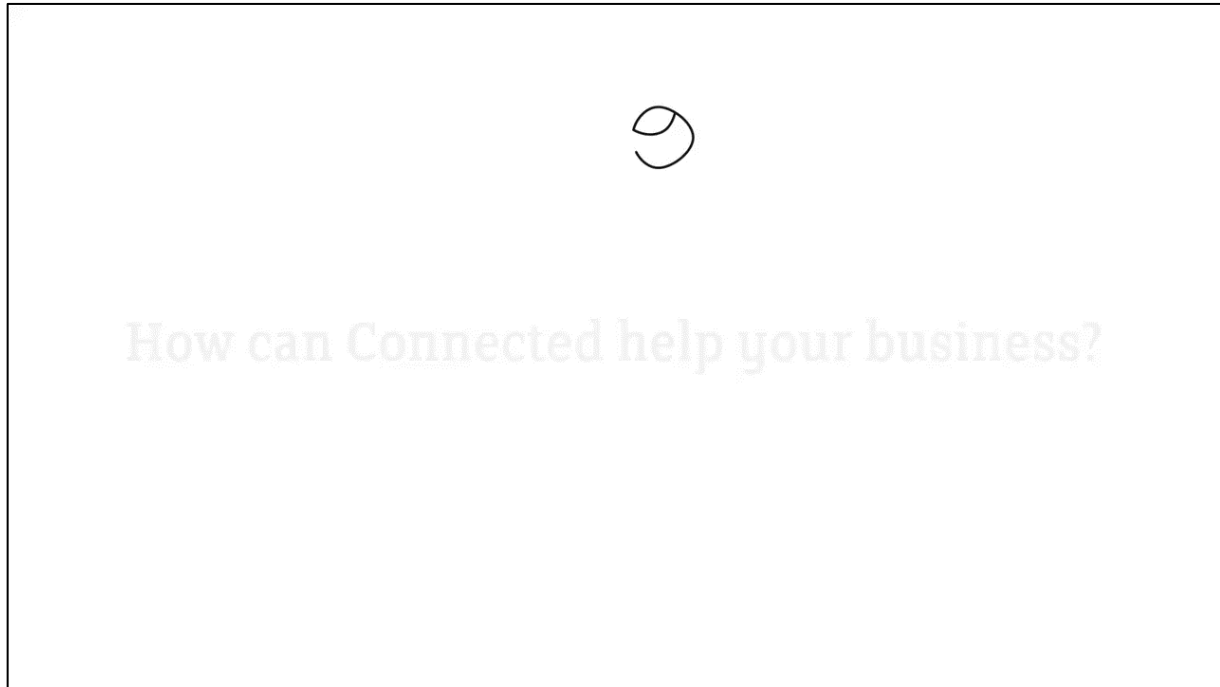
- Food Development and Reformulation
- Sugar/Salt/Fat Reduction
- Food Labelling
- Nutritional Analysis
- Software Development
- System Wireframing and Prototyping
- Virtual Assistant Programming
- Virtual/Augmented Reality



Connected

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The Connected programme's aim is to encourage and increase engagement between Colleges, Universities and Industry to develop and stimulate innovation.



Follow on Twitter @ConnectedNI

A screenshot of a Twitter thread. The top tweet is from @ConnectedNI, dated Mar 3, with the text: 'Still time to register for this @e3_belfastmet Connected funded webinar. #businessgrowth #innovate Check it out NOW!'. The bottom tweet is from David Phelan (@DavidPMet), dated Mar 2, with the text: 'Join @e3_belfastmet this Friday for a free #webinar as we explore how SMEs can benefit from using progressive web apps! Funded by @ConnectedNI Full info and sign up below eventbrite.co.uk/e/explore-how-...'. Below the tweets is a promotional banner for a 'Supporting Innovation Webinar Series' on 5th March, 11am-12pm, about Progressive Web Apps. The banner includes several icons representing different business and technology concepts.



Skills Intervention Programme

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Free short-term courses to improve skills for those impacted by Covid-19

The Department for the Economy is supporting over 3,000 free places on short courses, delivered by the local further and higher education providers.

Opportunities are available from entry to postgraduate levels, focussing on skills identified by industry, linked to priority economic sectors, including:



- ✓ digital skills
- ✓ green technologies
- ✓ healthcare and life sciences
- ✓ leadership and management

Eligibility for these courses include your business or role being impacted by Covid-19, this includes:

- ✓ Been furloughed
- ✓ Reduced working hours
- ✓ At risk of/ been made redundant
- ✓ Other impacts on your employment

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/free-short-term-courses-improve-skills>

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