



InnovateUs & Skills Focus

InnovateUs and **Skills Focus** are skills development programmes funded by the Department for the Economy and delivered across Northern Ireland by the six further education (FE) colleges.

InnovateUs

The focus of InnovateUs is to enable small businesses, with fewer than 50 employees, to acquire the skills necessary to engage in innovation activities. By gaining these skills, small businesses can then undertake additional forms of innovation, which will contribute to growth and development.

Skills Focus

The aim of Skills Focus is to provide tailored skills provision to small to medium sized enterprises with less than 250 employees to help meet business needs and increase the skills levels of the existing workforce to level 2 and above qualifications.

Benefits:

- A tailored training solution designed to meet the needs of your business
- Flexible training delivery, either in your workplace or at the college
- The opportunity to acquire accredited qualifications
- A more productive, skilled workforce
- Increased innovation and growth within your business.

How it works



A college representative will initially meet with your company to

- establish what innovation activity or training activity your business wishes to undertake,
- develop and deliver a bespoke training solution to address your identified skills deficit.

The InnovateUs and Skills Focus Programmes have been designed with the needs of the small to medium sized business in mind and as such offers a flexible training solution in terms of times, class size and also the location of delivery, which can take place within your workplace or at the college.

Who can apply?



InnovateUs – Employers and businesses with fewer than **50** employees.

Skills Focus – Employers and businesses with fewer than **250** employees.

How do I apply?



Contact your local further education college for more details (see overleaf).

Belfast Metropolitan College

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Southern Regional College

Business Support Centre
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SRC Greenbank Campus
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