

NW 2025: Shaping our Digital Futures Conference

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NW 2025: Shaping Our Digital Futures Conference

ATU is very pleased to be hosting the inaugural NW 2025: Shaping Our Digital Futures Conference on behalf of our tertiary partners in the North West Tertiary Education Cluster (NWTEC).

The conference will showcase national and international expertise examining the opportunities and challenges associated with the increasing pace of digital transformation. The one-day event will attempt to identify the key digital trends of relevance to the North West cross-border region for the medium and longer term.

NWTEC is a well-established strategic alliance of all four publicly funded tertiary education providers in the North West City Region: Atlantic Technological University (ATU), Ulster University (UU), North West Regional College (NWRC) and Donegal Education and Training Board.

The conference is a commitment under the North West Digital Employment Pathways Training Hub (NW DEPTH) project - supported by the PEACEPLUS Programme that is managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).

This conference will build on the success of previous conferences and will set the standard for a series of conferences annually over the next four years for the NW DEPTH initiative.

Target Audience

The audience is the innovative digital employers from across this region together with key national and regional stakeholders from the development agencies and the tertiary education sector.

Conference Schedule

The conferences is a mix of keynote addresses from national and international experts and expert panel discussions. Broadcaster Sean O' Rourke, formerly of RTE, will introduce the event and guide the conference proceedings throughout the day.

In addition, James Lawless TD, Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science will address the conference on the Irish Government's digital transformation priorities.

Introductions and Keynote Speakers

Conference Opening



Sean O'Rourke

Broadcaster, formerly RTE

Sean O'Rourke is one of Ireland's best known print and broadcast journalists, having worked in journalism for over 50 years. For over three decades Sean worked with RTE, as a programme editor and then as Presenter of the News at One on Radio 1. He also presented The Week in Politics on RTE One television for ten years. He is a three time winner of the News Broadcaster of the year, and was conferred with an honorary Doctorate of Laws by the University of Galway in recognition of his contribution to journalism.

Welcome and Introduction



Dr Orla Flynn

President ATU

Dr Orla Flynn was appointed inaugural President of Atlantic Technological University in April 2022, having served two years as President of Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology. Dr Flynn commenced her academic career as a Lecturer in Computer Science, holding undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications in Mathematical Physics and Computer Science from University College Cork, an MA in Management in Education from Waterford Institute of Technology, and a PhD from the Kemmy Business School at the University of Limerick.

Morning Keynote Address



Matt Cooper

CEO of VOLTA
Nova Scotia, Canada

Matt Cooper is the CEO of Volta, an AI-first startup incubator based in Halifax, Canada. Volta offers a performance coaching program, which helps founders build skills through rapid execution, targeted instruction, and disciplined experimentation. Volta also leads the development of a hyper-connected AI community across Atlantic Canada, spanning four geographically separated provinces. Matt has spent more than 25 years in the startup context, repeatedly turning ideas into companies generating over \$1M in revenue. With leadership roles in two venture-backed startups and deep experience in product and marketing, he now applies his expertise to help founders adopt AI responsibly and build highly valuable businesses positioned for long-term growth.

Mid morning Keynote Address



Minister James Lawless TD

Minister for Further and Higher
Education, Research, Innovation
and Science

James was elected to Dáil Éireann to represent Kildare North in 2016 and again in 2020. Before entering national politics, he served on Kildare County Council and was elected Mayor of Naas, the county town, in 2015. He holds a degree in Mathematics and Computer Science from Trinity College Dublin and studied Law at the King's Inns, qualifying as a Barrister. Before his appointment as Minister, James established himself as a leading voice on Technology and Digital Policy in the Irish Parliament. He introduced pioneering legislation on Social Media Regulation and Cyber Harms.

Afternoon Keynote Addresses



Una Fitzpatrick

Director
Technology Ireland

Una Fitzpatrick is a Dublin City University STEM graduate with a master's in management from Smurfit Business School. She has spent the last 20 years working in the knowledge economy, specifically the last ten years being spent with Technology Ireland. Una was appointed Director of Technology Ireland in June 2018. Technology Ireland, a trade association within Ibec, is the largest and most influential tech sector representative group in Ireland. Una served as an executive board member of Digital Europe from 2020-2024, she is currently vice chair of the Digital Europe Cloud working group and is on the Board of Directors of FIT Ltd (Fastrack into Technology). Una sits on the advisory board of the UCD Centre for Digital Policy and is a member of several Government working groups and forums



Professor Kevin Curran

Ulster University

Kevin is a Professor of Cyber Security at Ulster University. He sits on the Advisory Group of the UK Cyber Security Council, UK Border Advisory Group and the Northern Ireland Civil Service Cyber Leadership Board. He is also a senior member of the IEEE and is a regular technology contributor to TV, radio, trade and consumer IT magazines. He is one of the most interviewed technology experts in the UK with over 2000+ interviews in recent years.

Panel Discussion 1: Future Digital Skills Challenges



Anne Mc Hugh

Chief Executive, Donegal ETB

Anne McHugh is Chief Executive of Donegal Education and Training Board (ETB). Anne has spent her entire career in education initially as a teacher of Geography and Gaelge before becoming Deputy Principal in Crana College, Buncrana, followed by her Principalship of Errigal College, Letterkenny. Both jobs were with the former Co Donegal VEC and in 2012 she joined as Education Officer and proceeded to her current role as Chief Executive in 2016.



Professor Paul Moore

Ulster University

Professor Moore joined the University of Ulster in 1999 and has since been active in the development of the creative arts/industries policy in the university. He is now Director of Future Screens NI, the AHRC funded creative industries cluster for NI, and is a Co-Director of Ulster's Creative Industries Institute (CII) and the Co-Star ScreenLab. He was awarded a personal chair in 2009 becoming Professor of Creative Technologies, and was awarded a Higher Education Academy National Teaching Fellowship in 2014. He is a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts. In 2024 he was awarded the Ulster University Senior Distinguished Research Fellow award.



Dr Ross Woods

Senior Manager
Teaching and Learning, HEA

Dr Ross Woods is Senior Manager at the Higher Education Authority (HEA) with responsibility for the HEA's work on the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning, Healthy Campus, Mental Health and Wellbeing in Irish higher education. From 2019-2023, he led the HEA's Centre of Excellence for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion's work on gender equality and other areas of equality, diversity and inclusion. Most recently he has led the HEA's Review of the National Student Success Framework and the development of a HEA National Teaching and Learning Strategy for Higher Education.



Hilary McPartland

Regional Skills Manager
North West Regional Skills Forum

Hilary McPartland is the Manager of the North West Regional Skills Forum, an initiative of the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science. Covering Donegal, Sligo and Leitrim, the Forum provides a single contact point to help employers access education and training supports, address critical skills needs and collaborate on solutions to meet industry demand.

With a strong background in marketing and regional development, Hilary previously held roles in IT Sligo (now ATU), Leitrim Local Enterprise Office and Sligo Chamber of Commerce. She holds an MSc in Marketing from IT Sligo and brings extensive experience in business engagement, programme development and stakeholder collaboration.



Louise Watson

Director of Further Education
Department For Economy

Louise took up the position of Director of Further Education in December 2022 and joins the Department of the Economy from the Department of Justice where she held a range of posts over the past seven years. Prior to this, Louise worked in the Probation Board for Northern Ireland and started her career as a statistician in the NI Civil Service. Louise has responsibility for the six further education colleges across NI who are a key delivery arm of the Department in the skills agenda and a key driver in our economy.

Panel Discussion 2: Impact of AI



Professor Graham Heaslip
Dean of Faculty of Engineering and
Computing, ATU

Graham is Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Computing at ATU and a Professor of Logistics Engineering. Graham is a visiting professor at both the Humanitarian Logistics (HUMLOG) Institute at Hanken School of Economics in Finland, and at UNSW in Australia. Graham's work in the field of logistics, supply chain management and disaster management has gained international recognition and has been recognised by Emerald Literati Network Awards for Excellence. Graham was awarded the James Cooper Memorial Cup for best PhD in Logistics and Supply Chain Management by the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport. Prior to entering academia Graham spent fourteen years working in the Irish Defence Forces both at home and abroad in a variety of logistical appointments, as well as spending time seconded to Humanitarian agencies in a logistical capacity.



Joe Dunleavy
Regional CTO for Europe, Endava

Joe is an AI, Innovation, Software Delivery, Design, Product and Business lead experienced c-suite executive with 20+ years professional experience. He is European CTO and Global SVP, Head of Dava.X AI group at Endava (NYSE: DAVA). During his 16 years at Pramerica (now TCS), he held several leadership roles including Regional CTO, Global SVP, Global Innovation Head, Interim Global Product Acceleration Head, US based Interim CIO, Software Development Lead and Technical Project Manager. Joe holds an MA and Post Grad in UX & Applied Innovation, an MBS in Innovation & Leadership and a BSc in Computer Science. He is a certified Amazon Cloud Practitioner and Microsoft Azure Fundamentals professional.



Tadhg Hickey
Head of AI and Digital Ethics Policy
at AI Collaboration Centre

Tadhg is the Head of AI & Digital Ethics Policy at the AI Collaboration Centre, leading the charge in navigating the ethical complexities of AI. His role focuses on developing responsible AI guidelines and policies that promote transparency, fairness, privacy, and accountability. By integrating ethical considerations into every stage of AI development, Tadhg works to build public and business trust in AI, ensuring that AI-driven innovations in Northern Ireland are not only technically advanced but also ethically sound. With a background in Law from the University of Manchester, Tadhg was part of the UK's first Legal Technology and Access to Justice course which sparked his passion for the intersection of law and digital innovation.



Prof John Nelson
Senior Lecturer
University of Limerick

John Nelson is a Professor at the Department of Electronic and Computer Engineering at the University of Limerick. He was responsible in 2017 for setting up with the first national on-line Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence working with Skillnet, ICHEC, IDA, and a wide range of industry partners to address the then emerging AI skills shortage. The initiative has been the catalyst at UL for an extensive suite of current Bachelor and Master level modules and programmes in AI, Machine Learning, Computer Vision, etc and it led to the establishment of PhD centred Centre for Research Training (CRT) in Foundations of Data Science. He is a member of the D²ICE research centre with broad research interests including AI in Frailty and in Mental Health.



Dr Muslim Jameel Syed
Lecturer, ATU

Dr. Muslim Jameel Syed is a Lecturer at ATU Galway and Associate Director of the JANUS Research Centre. A Responsible AI enthusiast, he specializes in Responsible AI, Technology & Law, and digital innovation, with a focus on enabling SMEs to adopt ethical and compliant AI. He supervises postdocs, PhDs, and Master's students, has worked on behalf the Ministry of Finance in Cyprus for AI-driven businesses evaluation, and served as an expert witness in U.S. patent cases. With involvement in over €25M in EU- and Irish-funded projects, he collaborates internationally with leading institutions, including the University of Oxford (UK) and the University of Milan (Italy), advancing research in Responsible AI governance and adoption.

Panel Discussion 3: Digital Innovation



Gavin Killeen MBE DL

MD, Nuprint Technologies
Chair of the Smart Industry Board

Nuprint is the Lead Company for the NW based Advanced Manufacturing Cluster, GEMX. As Managing Director of Nuprint Technologies, Gavin has led the company through a period of significant change and investment which has resulted in growth, improvements in business efficiency and profitability.

Gavin was awarded the honour of Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in the New Year Honours List 2023 by His Majesty The King for services to Further Education in Northern Ireland. He was also awarded an Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science (DSc honoris causa) by Ulster University in June 2025 in recognition of outstanding contribution to the business and commerce sectors.



Steve Orr

CEO of Catalyst

Steve Orr is Chief Executive Officer of Catalyst and serves on the Board of Directors. Catalyst is Northern Ireland's science and technology hub providing a home to over 150 innovative companies and helping over 1000 entrepreneurs per annum to create and scale companies. He has worked in Buckinghamshire, UK, San Diego and San Francisco. He earned a BSc in Business Information Technology from University of Northumbria. Steve is a Fellow of the Irish Academy of Engineering and was awarded an OBE in 2022 for services to innovation.



Emma Pollock

Chief Technology Officer at FinTrU

As Chief Technology Officer at FinTrU, Emma leads the company's Product Business, overseeing Commercial Strategy, Sales, Customer Success, Product Development, and R&D.

With over 20 years of experience building and scaling technology products, Emma has held leadership roles at high-growth start-ups and global firms including NYSE and Citi. She is a passionate advocate for the transformative power of a human-led, technology-enabled approach to problem-solving. A strong champion of diversity and inclusion, Emma has actively supported Women in Tech and STEM careers through FinTrU's corporate partnership with Women in Business Northern Ireland.



**Professor Declan Keeney PhD,
FRSA, SFHEA**

Co-Founder & CEO of Studio Ulster
Ltd, Ulster University

Professor Declan Keeney, PhD, FRSA, SFHEA, is Co-Founder & CEO of Studio Ulster Ltd, a £72m next generation virtual production studio and creative tech company based at Belfast Harbour Studios, a pillar innovation project of the Belfast Region City Deal.

Declan is a global leader in real-time screen technologies and holds a Chair in Screen Technologies & Innovation at Ulster University. He is Director of the CoSTAR Screen Lab, overseeing £12m in R&D investment. A board member of the British Film Institute, he has secured over £91.5m in R&D&I investment funding, co-leads several major UKRI-funded national initiatives in virtual production, and founded the Ulster Screen Academy - home to the UK and Ireland's first university-based VP studio.



Dr Michael McCann

Senior Lecturer
Research Development, ATU

Dr Michael McCann, Senior Lecturer for Research Development and Academic Director of the JANUS Research Centre for AI, HPC and Emerging Technologies at ATU, and Co-I at Insight Centre for Data Analytics has secured over €8 million in research and innovation funding, including critical HPC infrastructure for AI. He leads ATU's role in flagship PEACEPLUS projects (ONEHEALTH, PEACETIME and iMPROVE), is the ATU lead PI for the Data2Sustain EDIH, and leads the THRIVE Postgraduate Research Training Programme. Through these initiatives he is driving advances in AI, HPC and healthcare technologies, strengthening ATU's leadership in cross-border research and delivering lasting regional innovation impact.

Panel Discussion 4: Digital Skills and Regional Development



Paul Hannigan

VP for Cross Border Engagement &
Head of College ATU Donegal

Having graduated from UCD with a Bachelor of Commerce and Masters of Business Studies, Paul worked in Dundalk IT from 1987. In 1992 Paul became Head of Department of Business Studies at Dundalk, until his appointment as President of Letterkenny IT in 1998. He subsequently completed an MSc in Management Practice at Trinity College Dublin (TCD) and in January 2008 was appointed as President of LYIT for a further ten years. Paul commenced a further five-year contract as LYIT President in January 2018 and after the designation of the Atlantic Technological University (ATU) on 1 April 2022, he now holds the role of VP for Cross-border Engagement/Head of College at ATU Donegal.



Margaret Hearty

Chief Executive of InterTradelreland

Margaret is the Chief Executive of InterTradelreland. InterTradelreland is the all island economic development body established to grow trade and economic co-operation across the island. InterTradelreland was established under Strand 2 of the Good Friday Agreement and celebrated its 25th Anniversary on the 2nd December 2024. InterTradelreland fulfils a unique role identifying and facilitating cross border and all island opportunities for businesses, policymakers and multiple stakeholders, to accelerate economic growth. Margaret is an experienced Business Leader and is a business and marketing graduate, she also holds an MBA.



Dr Matt Kennedy

Head of Client Transformation, IDA

Matt Kennedy (PhD) is Head of Client Transformation in IDA Ireland where he leads transformation initiatives with international business. Matt is a Fellow (FIEMA), chartered environmentalist and energy engineer. Matt was Lead Negotiator for the European Union at the UN Paris Agreement (COP21) negotiations and was previously Chair of the UNEP's Climate Technology Centre. Matt has worked with the United Nations on clean energy and transport projects across Africa, Asia and Middle East and was previously Arup's Sustainable Development Leader for Europe and led climate change services within infrastructure, buildings and cities. He holds a PhD in Engineering from Trinity College Dublin, and Masters degrees from NUI Galway and University College Dublin and is an experienced independent non-executive Director.



Méabh Conaghan

Regional Director
Northern and Western Region, EI

Méabh is Enterprise Ireland Regional Director for the Northern and Western Region. This role covers counties: Donegal, Leitrim, Sligo, Cavan, Louth, Monaghan, Galway, Mayo and Roscommon. Méabh is also the agency lead on the current Shared Island Enterprise Scheme that focusses on Sustainability, Women's Entrepreneurship and Clusters. Originally from Gort a'Choirce in Co Donegal, she is a graduate of University of Galway (1985) with an honours BA in Gaeilge agus Tír Eolas. She was awarded a first in her Masters in Marketing from the University of Ulster (2003) which was refreshed in 2020 with a Diploma in Marketing for the Digital Age. Méabh is a fluent Irish speaker and has strong connections to the Irish language, culture and the arts.



Annmarie O'Kane

Centre for Cross Border
Cooperation

Annmarie joined the Centre for Cross Border Cooperation over 16 years ago. As Information Manager she manages the Centre's flagship project, the Border People project – www.borderpeople.info which provides cross-border information and support for people living and working in Ireland and Northern Ireland. Through the project she fosters cross-border cooperation, capacity building, and knowledge sharing between advice sectors and strategic stakeholders both jurisdictions. Prior to working with the Centre, Annmarie enjoyed roles in business support organisations in both jurisdictions. She holds a BA HONS in Business Enterprise Development from Ulster University, a Higher Diploma in Accounting, and accreditations in community development and welfare rights.

Panel Discussion 5: Cybersecurity - Opportunities and Challenges



Professor Liam Maguire

PVC Research
Ulster University

Liam obtained MEng and PhD degrees in Electrical and Electronic Engineering from the Queen's University, Belfast. He joined Ulster University as a lecturer in 1994 and became a Professor of Computational Intelligence in 2007. Liam was Executive Dean of the Faculty of Computing, Engineering and the Built Environment from 2016, until his appointment as PVC Research in 2021. He chairs the Board of Innovation Ulster Ltd (IUL) which is the wholly owned knowledge and technology venturing company of Ulster University. He established the Cognitive Analytics Research Laboratory (CARL) at Ulster and played a critical role in the development of the AI Collaboration Centre in Northern Ireland.



Professor Maire O'Neill

Research Director, Centre for Secure
Information Technologies (CSIT), QUB

Professor Máire O'Neill is Director of the Centre for Secure Information Technologies (CSIT) at Queens University Belfast. She is also Director of the UK Research Institute in Secure Hardware and Embedded Systems (RISE). She is internationally recognised for her research in the areas of hardware security and applied cryptography, and she has secured ~£55M in research funding to support her research to date. She has received numerous awards which include a 2024 Royal Irish Academy Gold Medal, a Blavatnik Engineering and Physical Sciences medal, 2019, and a Royal Academy of Engineering Silver Medal, 2014. She is a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering, a member of the Royal Irish Academy and Fellow of the Irish Academy of Engineering.



Paul Coulter

Chief Information Security Officer
Kainos

Paul has been the Chief Information Security Officer at Kainos, Belfast, since 2021 and is a member of the NICyber Cluster Steering Committee. He was awarded a BSc (Hons) ICT from Ulster University and an Associate Bachelors Degree in Computer Science from the University of Ulster Jordanstown in 2008. Paul is a certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), he is also an Offensive Security Certified Professional (OffSec) and holds a Certificate of Cloud Security Knowledge (CCSK).



Paul Brady

VP of Information Security
Optum

Paul Brady is Vice President of Information Security at Optum in Letterkenny. He leads enterprise-wide cybersecurity strategy and operations and has extensive experience in risk management and digital resilience. Paul is committed to securing complex environments and enabling safe innovation. He is an active member of Cyber Ireland, Ireland's national cybersecurity cluster, supporting collaboration across industry, academia, and government to grow the country's cyber capabilities and talent pipeline.



Thomas Moore

Principal Lecturer - Digital Learning
NWRC

Thomas Moore is the Principal Lecturer in Digital Learning at North West Regional College (NWRC), where he has served in various IT related roles for over 25 years. With a background in Computing, Thomas specialised in Computer Networks, Network Security, and IP Telephony, and has been instrumental in shaping the college's digital education landscape. A pioneer in Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL), Thomas has spent the past decade mentoring staff in innovative teaching practices and served as Computing Curriculum Manager for seven years. He played the key role in establishing NWRC as one of the first Further Education colleges in Northern Ireland to implement the Cisco Networking Academy, and was ahead of the curve in delivering Blended Learning - starting 24 years ago, long before online education became mainstream. Today, Thomas leads the strategic vision for Digital Learning at NWRC, driving innovation and excellence in teaching and learning through technology.

NW 2025: Shaping Our Digital Futures

Thursday, 23 October 2025, An Dánlann, Atlantic Technological University, Letterkenny Campus
Time: 9:00am – 3:00 pm

Session 1		
Opening and Welcome		
Indicative Times		
9.00 am – 9.20 am	Conference Opening	Sean O'Rourke, Broadcaster, formerly RTE Dr Orla Flynn, President ATU
Morning Keynote Address		
9.20 am – 9.50 am	Exploiting AI to build new Innovative Enterprises	Matt Cooper CEO of VOLTA, Nova Scotia, Canada Volta is the premier AI startup incubator in Halifax, dedicated to transforming innovative ideas into market-ready products.
Panel Discussion: Future Digital Skills Challenges		
9.50 am – 10.25 am	Chair Anne Mc Hugh, Chief Executive, Donegal ETB	Member 1: Professor Paul Moore, UU Member 2: Dr Ross Woods, Senior Manager, Teaching and Learning, HEA Member 3: Hilary Mc Partland, Regional Skills Manager, North West Regional Skills Forum Member 4: Louise Watson, Director of Further Education, Department of the Economy
Panel Discussion: Impact of AI		
10.25am – 11.00 am	Chair Professor Graham Heaslip, Dean of Faculty of Engineering and Computing, ATU	Member 1: Joe Dunleavy, Regional CTO for Europe, Endava Member 2: Tadhg Hickey, Head of AI and Digital Ethics Policy at AI Collaboration Centre Member 3: Prof John Nelson, University of Limerick Member 4: Dr Muslim Jameel Syed Associate Director, JANUS Research Centre, ATU
Coffee Break 11.00 am – 11.15 am		

Session 2		
Keynote Addresses: Political Context		
11.15am – 11.40 am	Ireland's Digital Education Strategy	Mr James Lawless, Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science
Panel Discussion: Digital Innovation		
11.40 am – 12.20 pm	Chair Gavin Killeen MBE DL, MD/CEO Nuprint Technology	Member 1: Steve Orr, CEO of Catalyst Member 2: Emma Pollock, CTO at FinTrU Member 3: Prof Declan Keeney, Studio Ulster, UU Member 4: Dr Michael McCann, Senior Lecturer Research Development, ATU
Panel Discussion: Digital Skills and Regional Development		
12.20 pm 1.00 pm	Chair Paul Hannigan, VP for Cross Border Engagement & Head of College ATU Donegal	Member 1: Margaret Hearty, Chief Executive of InterTradeIreland Member 2: Dr Matt Kennedy, Head of Client Transformation, IDA Member 3: Méabh Conaghan, Regional Director Northern and Western Region, EI Member 4: Annmarie O' Kane, Centre for Cross Border Cooperation
Lunch Break: 1.00pm – 1.40 pm		
Session 3		
Panel Discussion: Cybersecurity – Opportunities and Challenges		
1.40 pm – 2.20 pm	Chair Professor Liam Maguire, PVC Research.	Member 1: Professor Maire O'Neill Research Director, Centre for Secure Information Technologies (CSIT), QUB Member 2: Paul Coulter, Chief Information Security Officer, Kainos Member 3: Paul Brady, VP of Information Security at Optum Member 4: Thomas Moore, Principal Lecturer – Digital Learning, NWRC
Afternoon Keynote Addresses		
2.2 p.m. – 2.3 p.m.	AI Opportunities and Challenges	Una Fitzpatrick, Director of Technology Ireland
2.35 p.m. – 2.50 p.m.	North West Cybersecurity	Professor Kevin Curran, Ulster University
Conference Closing		
2.50 pm – 3.00 pm	Dr Brendan Jennings, Chief Officer Research, Innovation & Engagement, ATU	

NW DEPTH

The overall objective of the North West Digital Pathways Training Hub (NW DEPTH) is to develop a learner-centred Digital Skills framework that encourages individuals to progress along flexible but structured learning pathways. This framework of upskilling and reskilling courses will support participants in advancing up the relevant qualification framework, helping them to re-enter, remain or progress in their roles within the North West digital workforce.

An important element of NW DEPTH will be the development of a NW Digital Strategy to complement other major investment plans, such as, the Derry~Londonderry & Strabane City Region City Deal and Inclusive Future Fund. NW DEPTH will help realise the North West City Region's potential as a digital ecosystem of international significance.

Digital Skills are that passport to the future that unlock access to stimulating and well-paid employment. NW DEPTH will provide a framework of digital skills courses free of charge, addressing high-demand and cutting-edge digital skills, including:

- Information & Communications Technology
- Artificial Intelligence
- Cybersecurity
- Data Analytics
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Digital Media

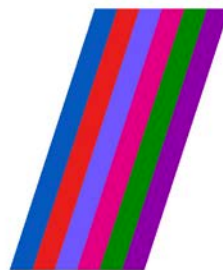
The digital skills framework will offer courses from introductory digital skills to advanced programmes at postgraduate level.

For further information please email info@mynwtec.com and additional information will be available via the NWTEC website www.mynwtec.com



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