



**Working together for business
and the community**

North West Universities Association (NWUA) is the representative body of the fourteen higher education institutions in the North West with a remit to foster collaboration between the member institutions and regional partners for the benefit of higher education and the North West.

The fourteen member institutions of NWUA are listed below:

- The University of Bolton
- University of Central Lancashire
- University of Chester
- University of Cumbria
- Edge Hill University
- Lancaster University
- The University of Liverpool
- Liverpool Hope University
- Liverpool John Moores University
- The University of Manchester
- Manchester Metropolitan University
- The Open University
- University of Salford
- Royal Northern College of Music

The Higher Education Institutions of the North West:

- Have over 250,000 students on certificate programmes
- Have over 27,000 students from overseas (70% from non-EU)
- Have more than 67,000 students graduating annually in the North West
- Combined annual income more than £2 billion
- Employ over 36,000 staff
- With over £300 million from research grant income

The impact of higher education institutions (HEIs) within their regions is substantial and unique. Higher education is a significant sector of the North West economy. The region has 13 universities, 1 higher education colleges and numerous further education colleges offering higher education in the local community. The combined turnover of the HEIs is over £2bn with an overall economic impact in excess of £3bn. The institutions employ more than 36,000 people and there are at least 250,000 HE students studying on degree and similar programmes in the region. Almost 10,000 jobs are created in the region as a result of the knock-on benefits of HE activity.

In the North West, there is already a considerable amount of activity that directly supports the regional economic strategy. Further detail of this activity is given in the NWUA Annual Report (available on www.nwua.ac.uk), structured against the five themes:

- Working with the region
- Developing a skilled workforce
- Supporting Business
- Contributing to the Quality of Life in the Region
- Supporting Excellence in HE

Activities range more widely than those related to economic health – for example, the sector:

- Has over 105,000 students studying on professional courses.
i.e. medicine, dentistry, law etc ...
- Deliver more than 750,000 learner days of CPD per year
- Attracts over 15,000 students to courses in the performing and creative arts
- Is the second highest region (after the North East) in terms of percentage of students from under represented groups.

For more information on the above, including specific examples from individual institutions, go to www.nwua.ac.uk or contact us at the address below.

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