

Northern Ireland



Our modern Industrial Strategy sets out our long-term plan to boost productivity by backing business to create high quality, well-paid jobs throughout the United Kingdom with investment in skills, industries and infrastructure.

In Northern Ireland, a partnership of political, business and academic leaders – alongside other local partners – are working with government to build on existing strengths, help business to flourish, and grow opportunities for workers across the nation.

Industrial Strategy highlights include:

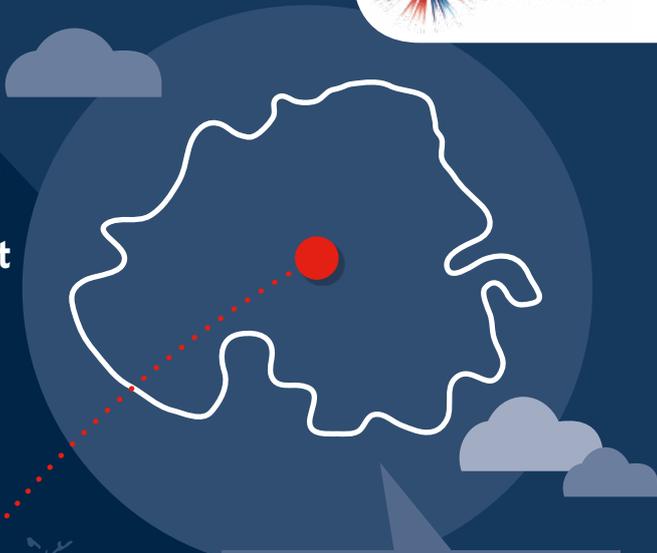
 Invested across Northern Ireland via the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund, including NeuroCONCISE – enabling victims of severe brain injury to communicate.

 **£13.9m** to provide residents in Belfast, Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon with the digital connectivity they need through improvements in the availability of full fibre broadband.

 Supporting Queen's University Belfast and Ballymena's WrightBus to deliver the next generation of low-carbon public transport.

 Pledged **£350m** towards a City Deal for the Belfast City Region, and have taken the next step in negotiating with Derry/Londonderry and Strabane.

 The Digital Catapult's Centre in Northern Ireland builds on the nation's strengths in cyber security and AI to solve business challenges with digital solutions.



Population: 1,870,800
Businesses: 73,120

Case study: Future Screens NI

Future Screens NI is an Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund cross-sector creative venture involving collaboration between Ulster University, Queen's University Belfast and local industry partners. Established to accelerate growth through new product development and provision of high-value skills for the creative industries, it has been funded under the Creative Industries Sector Deal. Areas of focus include storytelling in digital content, applications of VR/AR in health, development of a games nexus, TV and animation production.

For more examples go to bit.ly/IS-map

We have committed more than £45bn to Industrial Strategy programmes supporting research, local infrastructure, training and business growth throughout the United Kingdom. This money is already starting to be spent on the ground.