

# IMD A chumasú

Daoine, Áit agus Rath

## Empowering NMD

People, Place and Prosperity



Comhairle Ceantair  
**an Iúir, Mhúrn agus an Dúin**  
**Newry, Mourne and Down**  
District Council

**EMPOWERING  
NMD** A DECADE OF  
OPPORTUNITY

# OPEN FOR BUSINESS



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Newry, Mourne and Down, an unequalled  
offer of location, landscape, people,  
connectivity and projects

## STRATEGIC LOCATION

Equidistant between  
Belfast & Dublin

## STUNNING LANDSCAPE

33% of NI's Areas  
of Outstanding  
Natural Beauty

## 182,000 PEOPLE

High educational  
standards & strong  
entrepreneurial spirit

## HIGHLY CONNECTED

Nationally & internationally  
connected and highly  
collaborative

## INNOVATIVE PROJECTS

A dynamic range of  
highly innovative and  
investable projects








# OUR STRATEGIC LOCATION

Seamless access to 3 airports, 6 ports, 2 capital cities and major road/rail links

## BELFAST

A1

-  Belfast International Airport
-  George Best Belfast City Airport
-  Belfast Harbour
-  Larne Port
-  Belfast Grand Central

## NEWRY



-  Warrenpoint Harbour
-  2nd largest port in Northern Ireland
-  Greenore Port
-  Newry

M1

## DUBLIN

-  Dundalk
-  Drogheda Port
-  Drogheda
-  Dublin International Airport
-  Dublin Port
-  Dublin Connolly

## BELFAST

-  55 mins
-  50 mins

## NEWRY

-  65 mins
-  90 mins

## DUBLIN



# OUR STUNNING LANDSCAPE

A unique combination of mountains,  
forests, coast and waterways



100

Miles of Coastline and  
3 Blue Flag Beaches



4

Green Flag Country  
and Forest Parks

1 Green Flag Municipal Park



3

Areas of Outstanding  
Natural Beauty



1

UNESCO  
Global Geopark



# OUR PEOPLE

A young and economically active population

**182,000**

Residents

**74%**

Employed

**76%**

Economically active



Above NI average

**53%**

Under 39 years of age



Above NI average



# OUR HIGHLY EDUCATED PEOPLE

A district of high achievers

**81.3%**

of students achieve 5 or  
more A\* – C grades at GCSE

**58.4%**

of students achieve  
2 or more A Levels

**71.5%**

of school leavers go on to  
higher or further education



# OUR HIGHLY EDUCATED PEOPLE



2nd largest in Ireland  
with **over 90%**  
of graduates in  
**employment** within 6  
months of graduation



Member of the **Russell  
Group** and one of the  
**top 200 in the world**



**7**  
**CAMPUSES  
RUN BY 2  
COLLEGES:**

**10,000**  
students and  
one of the largest  
colleges in NI

OVER  
**13,000**  
students and the  
highest student  
success rate in NI

**7**  
Universities along Dublin  
to Belfast Economic  
Corridor, only 1 hour drive

**2**  
Exceptional NI  
Universities



# OUR ENTREPRENEURIAL PEOPLE

A strong and self-motivated workforce

**11%**

of NI self  
employed

**12%**

of NI businesses  
& NI start-ups

**76%**

Private sector



Above NI average

**KEY PERFORMING  
SECTORS:**

Advanced  
Engineering,  
Manufacturing  
& Construction

**HIGH GROWTH  
SECTORS:**

Digital &  
Creative  
Industries

**3rd**

largest  
business  
base in NI

**26%**  
Agriculture

**18%**  
Construction

**7%**  
Production

**49%**  
Services



# OUR INTERNATIONAL BUSINESSES

Connected with world business leaders



FDTechnologies plc





# OUR PHYSICAL CONNECTIVITY

Connecting our people with opportunity



£165M Project Stratum will connect broadband to 76,000 rural premises



Full Fibre Northern Ireland



Major investment in the Southern Relief Road will improve Belfast – Dublin links



# OUR COLLABORATIVE CONNECTIVITY

Partnerships that empower communities

A key part of the East Border Region

Local cooperation

Cross-border cooperation

**dublin  
belfast**  
economic  
corridor



**Downpatrick  
Regeneration  
Working Group**

**South Armagh  
Business  
Improvement  
Group**

**Chambers  
of Commerce:**

- Newcastle
- Newry
- Kilkeel
- Warrenpoint
- Burren & Rostrevor

**FFNI Partnership:**  
Collaborative  
partnership of 11  
Councils delivering  
transformative  
investment in digital  
technologies



Comhairle Contae Lú  
**Louth County Council**

Perfectly positioned within the  
Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor

A strategic alliance with  
Louth County Council



# OUR COLLABORATIVE CONNECTIVITY

Partnerships that empower communities



**BELFAST REGION  
CITY DEAL**



Northern Ireland  
Executive  
www.northernireland.gov.uk



UK Government



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# £1 BILLION

**BOOST TO THE ECONOMY THROUGH  
BELFAST REGION CITY DEAL**

INCLUDES  
ALMOST £200M  
OF INVESTMENT IN  
NEWRY, MOURNE  
AND DOWN  
OVER THE NEXT  
DECADE

Investing in:

High Growth  
Sectors

Innovation  
& Digital

Tourism &  
Regeneration

Infrastructure

Connecting People  
to Opportunity



# EMPOWERING POTENTIAL NEWRY

Revitalising our city





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Revitalising our city



Delivered as part of a  
£43M investment in Newry City  
through the Belfast Region City  
Deal, including £5M Public Realm  
and a £3M Grade A Office Grant

## THEATRE AND CONFERENCE CENTRE CIVIC AND REGIONAL HUB

[NEWRYMOURNEDOWN.ORG/](http://NEWRYMOURNEDOWN.ORG/)  
NEWRY-REGENERATION





# EMPOWERING POTENTIAL NEWRY

Revitalising our city



£18.6M

Investment including  
£16.2m from The NI Executive's  
Complementary fund through the  
Department for Communities

## NEWRY CITY PARK

[NEWRYMOURNEDOWN.ORG/  
NEWRY-REGENERATION](http://NEWRYMOURNEDOWN.ORG/NEWRY-REGENERATION)

FÍS  
CHATHAIR  
AN IUIR

NEWRY  
CITY  
VISION





# EMPOWERING POTENTIAL DOWNPATRICK

Reimagining our historic heart



£2.9M

Partnership working between  
Department for Communities  
and Newry, Mourne and Down  
District Council

PROPOSED  
HOTEL,  
RESIDENTIAL,  
RETAIL AND  
GREEN SPACE

ÁR dTODHCHAÍ  
i nDÚN PÁDRAIG  
Á MHÚNLÚ

SHAPING OUR  
DOWNPATRICK  
FUTURE





# EMPOWERING POTENTIAL CAMLOUGH LAKE

Exciting outdoor facilities



£3.2M

Investment from UK Government  
and Newry, Mourne and Down  
District Council

**NEW AMENITIES  
HUB FOR  
VISITORS AND  
WATER-BASED  
ENTHUSIASTS**





# EMPOWERING POTENTIAL NARNIA TRAIL

An immersive visitor attraction



Engagement in Rostrevor  
and Kilbroney Park

Improvement of wayfinding  
and the quality of visitor  
interpretation

INTERACTIVITY,  
STORYTELLING  
& ENGAGEMENT  
OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR EVERYONE





# EMPOWERING POTENTIAL CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK

Adventurous treetop experience



A sustainable visitor  
experience providing  
close-to-nature recreation

IMMERSIVE  
FOREST CANOPY  
EXPERIENCE  
BREATHTAKING  
VIEWS AND RICH  
BIODIVERSITY





# EMPOWERING POTENTIAL CASTLEWELLAN HISTORIC DEMESNE

Re-rooting our past in the future



£6M

Investment from National Lottery  
Heritage Fund and Newry, Mourne  
and Down District Council

INTERNATIONALLY  
RENOWNED  
ARBORETUM  
AND UPGRADED  
VISITOR FACILITIES





Here at Newry, Mourne and Down District Council we want to grow existing businesses, support start-ups and attract new businesses.

We recognise the benefits of co-operation and building effective international partnerships to advance economic growth.

Our prosperous region can support businesses and provide the opportunity to attract people to invest, live, and work in the district.

# Thank you



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