

NEWRY - The Pivot Between North & South

A HIGHLY EDUCATED AND YOUTHFUL POPULATION

Newry has a concentration of high calibre educational establishments unrivalled in Ireland, North or South. Three of the town's grammar schools are ranked very highly in "The Times" list of top schools in England, Wales and N.Ireland. One of the town's two Girls Grammar Schools for example was ranked as the 28th best school out of 500 in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and one of its two Boys Grammar Schools was ranked as the best performing boys school at A-Level in Northern Ireland in 1997/98. Newry has the highest proportion of people educated to third level standard in Europe. It also has the youngest population of any District Council area in Northern Ireland with one third of its population aged under 15.



THE  TIMES

A HARD WORKING, FORWARD LOOKING COMMUNITY



Newry has regenerated itself into the most dynamic small and micro enterprise economy in Northern Ireland. It now records more small business export activity than any other LEDU area. Newry has led the way in self generated economic development establishing the first enterprise agency in Northern Ireland and some of the most renowned community economic development organisations in Ireland and Britain.

AN UNRIVALLED TRACK RECORD IN NORTH-SOUTH CO-OPERATION

For decades Newry has pioneered Northern Ireland's trade and commercial relationship with the Irish Republic. The town has long been the gateway between the two jurisdictions. The possibilities presented by a new mutually beneficial relationship between North and South are already manifest in the most comprehensive locally driven programme of cross border trade development activity in Ireland. These activities include the innovative PLATO Programme, the Product Transfer Programme, the Business Linkage Programme and the Newry & Mourne District Council/Louth County Council Steering Committee, all of which are supported by the local authority led East Border Region Committee.



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AN UNRIVALLED LOCATION ALMOST EQUIDISTANT BETWEEN BELFAST AND DUBLIN

Newry's location on the main transport axis between Belfast & Dublin means that almost three million of the island's population live less than one hour's drive away. Here, at the interface of the island's two jurisdictions, two distinct personalities converge; the North's flinty resolve and the ebullience of the South's Celtic dynamism. The result is a singular and youthful region encompassing all that is good about modern Ireland.



EASILY ACCESSIBLE FROM BELFAST, DUBLIN AND LONDON



Newry lies on the A1/N1 EU designated transnational route between Belfast and Dublin.

Newry is located on the main rail line between Belfast and Dublin. Newry train station offers 6 services daily to Belfast (45 minutes) and Dublin (70 minutes).

Newry is less than one hour's drive from Dublin International Airport, Belfast International Airport and Belfast City Airport.

Newry is easily accessed from the ports of Larne, Belfast, Dublin and Dun Laoghaire. In addition, the Newry region has its own port at Warrenpoint.

QUALITY OF LIFE SECOND TO NONE



Newry's hinterland includes two Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (The Mourne and The Ring of Gullion) as well as the historic Cooley Peninsula and Carlingford. Newry provides some of the best shopping in Ireland, high quality housing, superlative education and public amenities and comprehensive health facilities including maternity, A & E and specialist renal facilities. World class golf courses at Royal County Down and Warrenpoint are readily accessible from Newry.

CONFERRING & ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES OF THE HIGHEST CALIBRE

Newry offers the "Best New Hotel in Northern Ireland" (British Airways Award, November 1998) - the CANAL COURT HOTEL. The Canal Court offers full conference facilities, swimming pool, high quality restaurant and rooms of the highest standard. The MOURNE COUNTRY HOTEL is a well established venue for cross border visitors and conferences. Also located on the main Belfast/Dublin road is the famous CARRICKDALE HOTEL and the majestic BALLYMASCANLON HOTEL, just to the South of Newry. Newry's newest accommodation asset is the FRANCIS COURT HOTEL located in the historic Ballybot quarter.

