

# NSN MANIFESTO PRIORITIES FOR 2025



**The NSN remains committed to championing the skills agenda across the North of England.** Our 2025 Manifesto outlines the key priorities shaping our collective ambition to meet current and future workforce demands, protect vital education infrastructure, and amplify the voice of the North.

## **Manifesto Priorities for 2025**

### **1. Future Skills Landscape: Challenges and Opportunities**

We will work to understand and address the rapid evolution of skills needs—driven by technology, industry shifts, and the green transition. Our aim is to ensure responsive and future-proofed provision that empowers learners and supports employers.

### **2. Protecting the FE Infrastructure: Providers, Provision, Workforce**

Further Education is central to regional growth. We call for sustained investment in providers, a stable and supported workforce, and high-quality provision that meets the needs of learners and communities.

### **3. Demand for Skills Across the North: People, Places, Provision**

We are focused on ensuring skills provision is responsive to the diverse economic needs of places across the North—linking people to opportunities, and aligning local provision with strategic demand.

### **4. Uniting & Influence: Powering Collaboration for the North**

NSN is a platform for shared influence. In 2025, we will grow our reach, build cross-sector alliances, and lead with insight and evidence to shape national policy in the interests of the North.

**FocusNorth**, launched as a key initiative under this priority, is a strategic driver for place-based change. Through data, insight, and collaboration, it empowers local decision-makers to better understand and shape their regional skills landscape.



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