



Universities

Higher Education and business have a long tradition of successful partnership in the West Midlands Region. Educational establishments consistently help through consultancy, research, technology transfer, training, short courses and student placements.

The West Midlands has 13 higher education establishments which provide higher education courses to a student population of over 170,000. This provides a diverse pool of available talent that is constantly evolving and growing.

Some of the new educational initiatives include:

- * A major £100 million scheme to develop a University Quarter at the heart of Stoke-on-Trent. Campuses belonging to Staffordshire University, City of Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form College and Stoke-on-Trent College are at the forefront of plans to create a modern city neighbourhood designed to make learning accessible to the local community
- * A £13.6 million landmark campus is being developed for Solihull College, providing a modern purpose-built environment for vocational learning along with training facilities, IT rooms, nursery and an iconic three-storey glass atrium
- * An £11 million IT Futures Centre in the University of Wolverhampton supports innovation in information and communications technologies