



EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM & AN OVERVIEW OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON

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Overview of Presentation

- The UK Countries/Regions
- National Education Systems and Training Structures
- National Focal Points in the Network of Research and Education
- National Strategies and Vision of Government
- Overview of the University of Wolverhampton



The United Kingdom Map





National System Overviews

- UK Educational systems cover: **England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland**
- The official language in England by custom and practice is **English**

National Educational System Overviews

- **Administrative Structure - National Level**
 - Department for Education (DFE)
 - Department for Business Innovation and Skills (DFBIS).
Managers of the: Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE)
- **Administrative Structure – Local Level**
 - 150 Local Authorities for Publicly funded schools
- **Administrative Structure – Institutional Level**
 - Governing Body

National Educational System Training Structures

- **Pre-Primary Education:** Age 2-4
- **Compulsory Education**
 - Primary Education: Age 5-11
 - Secondary Education: 11-16
- The curriculum for compulsory education is divided into four key stages: key stage 1 (ages 5 to 7), key stage 2 (7 to 11), key stage 3 (11 to 14) and key stage 4 (14 to 16).
- **Post-compulsory education/upper secondary and post-secondary level:** Secondary Education (16-18+); Further Education (Sixth form & College – 16-18+)
- **Higher Education** – Universities, Higher Education Colleges and small nos. of University Colleges

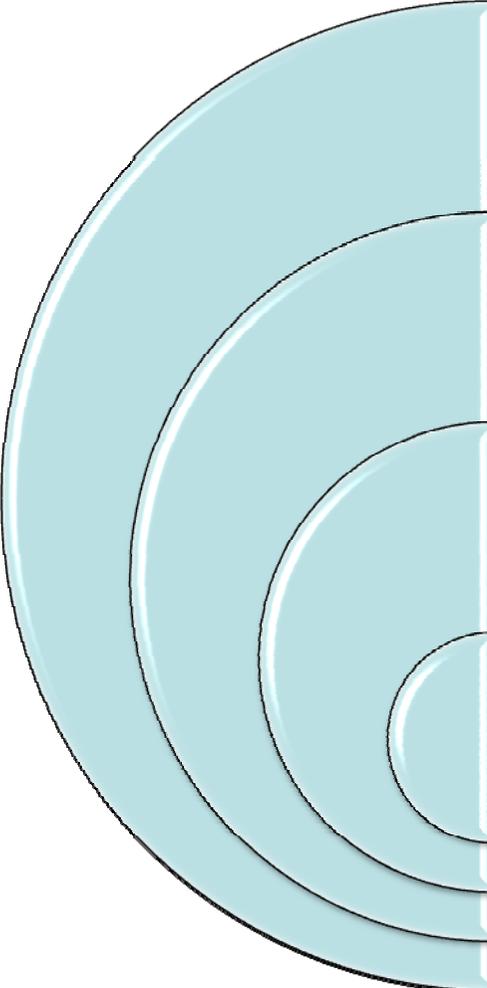
National Focal Points in the Network of Research and Education

- **Research Councils** – Each year UK Research Councils invest around £3 billion in research covering the full spectrum of academic disciplines:
 - [Arts and Humanities Research Council](#) (AHRC)
 - [Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council](#) (BBSRC)
 - [Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council](#) (EPSRC)
 - [Economic and Social Research Council](#) (ESRC)
 - [Medical Research Council](#) (MRC)
 - [Natural Environment Research Council](#) (NERC)
 - [Science and Technology Facilities Council](#) (STFC)

National Focal Points in the Network of Research and Education

- **Professional Bodies** – Joint Board of Moderators - JBM (for HE and Some FE Programmes)
- Other Councils/Organisations
 - **Council for Industry and Higher Education (CIHE)**
 - **The British Council** (International Linkages)
 - **Skills Funding Agency (SFA)** and **Young People's Learning Agency (YPLA)** - (Both from the former Learning and Skills Council – LSC)

National Educational Strategies/Government Vision



Making lifelong learning and mobility a reality
Improving the quality and efficiency of education and training
Promoting equity, social cohesion and active citizenship
Enhancing creativity and innovation, including entrepreneurship, at all levels of education and training



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OUR UNIVERSITY



The University of Wolverhampton



- 2 hours from London & 20 minutes from Birmingham
- Excellent transport links: air, rail and road
- Easy access to large cities and rural communities



About Us

- One of the largest universities in the UK
- 23,000 students, 2,000 staff
- Over 3,000 international students from 125 countries
- Over 150 undergraduate & 80 postgraduate courses
- 3 campuses connected by a free-shuttle bus service



8 Academic Schools





Quality Education at University of Wolverhampton

**Monitored by
the Quality
Assurance
Agency (QAA)**

**Award winning
staff and
students**

**Associated with
the British
Council**

**4* world leading
research**

**2nd highest
university for
Knowledge
Transfer
Partnerships**



University of Wolverhampton – Key Facts

High quality academic provision

Innovative teaching and assessment methods

One of the leading UK universities for technology-supported learning

Superb learning facilities



Our Partnerships and Networks

- The University has a reputation for developing **strong links** with business and support agencies in the key sectors regionally, nationally and internationally.
- These include **ICT, construction, engineering, creative industry** and the **public sector** through the **local authorities** and **NHS**.



Current Partnerships

- Wolverhampton Science Park
- Manufacturing club
- LEX 21
- Wolverhampton India Project
- ICT Cluster
- West Midlands Centre for Construction Excellence (WMCCE)
- Sustainable Housing Action Partnership (SHAP)
- Universities West Midlands
- Engineering and Manufacturing
- Light House
- Wolverhampton Business Solution Centre (WBSC)



Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTPs)

A KTP allows a Company to leverage the services of a high-calibre graduate, supported by an expert in the SME's business area, to assist them translate **ideas** into **reality**.

It's a three-way partnership between:

- The [Company](#)
- Highly qualified [Graduates](#)
- Our experts - the [Academics](#)

A KTP could help to boost the competitiveness, productivity and performance of businesses.

The Centre for International Development and Training (CIDT)

- **CIDT** work with various donor agencies including the **World Bank**, the **UN**, the **EU** and a wide variety of **Non-Government Organisations**.
- CIDT work primarily in **developing countries** to manage and provide technical support on development programmes and projects, examples include:
Strengthening Forest Governance Capacity in African countries; Supporting the Education Department of the island of St Helena to improve its education service and a Livelihoods programme in Nepal.



Research Institutes and Centres

- [Brain Tumour UK Neuro-oncology Research Centre](#)
- [Central Institute for the Study of Public Protection](#)
- [Centre for Art, Design, Research and Experimentation](#)
- [Centre for Developmental and Applied Research in Education](#)
- [Centre for Discourse and Cultural Studies](#)
- [Centre for Health and Social Care Improvement](#)
- [Centre for Historical Research](#)
- [Centre for Research in Law](#)
- [Centre for Transnational and Transcultural Research](#)
- [Institute for Learning Enhancement](#)
- [Management Research Centre](#)
- [Research at the School of Technology](#)
- [Research Centre for Sport, Exercise and Performance](#)
- [Research Centre in Applied Sciences](#)
- [Research Institute in Healthcare Science](#)
- [Research Institute in Information and Language Processing](#)



Research by Subject Areas

- [Architecture and Product Design](#)
- [Art and Design](#)
- [Biomedical Sciences](#)
- [Biosciences](#)
- [Business](#)
- [Computing and IT](#)
- [Construction and Infrastructure](#)
- [Engineering and Technology](#)
- [Environmental Sciences](#)
- [Health and Nursing](#)
- [Humanities, Language and Culture](#)
- [Law and Legal Studies](#)
- [Performing Arts and Music](#)
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