



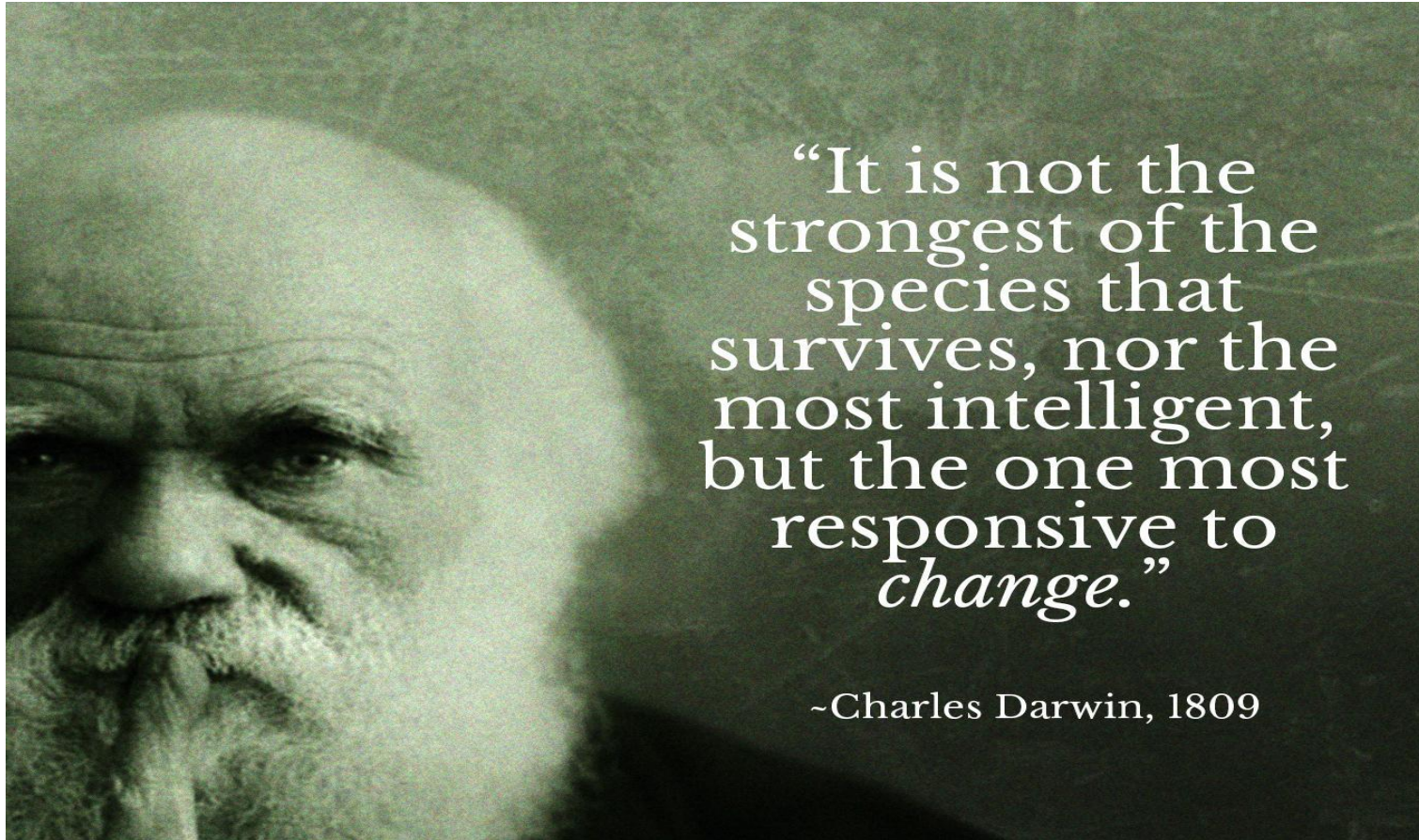
# Further Education SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT

24 March  
University of Leeds

## Workshop 1: Developing STEM and English skills through a sustainability focus

*Cerain Ayres, Head of Quality, CPD &  
Teacher Education, Petroc*





## Developing English and STEM skills through a Sustainability Focus

“*Education at all levels can shape the world of tomorrow...*” UNESCO

Cerian Ayres- South West STEM Adviser, Head of Quality, Teacher Education , CPD:Petroc

March 2015

# PETROC™

## A Commitment to Developing Excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

# PETROC™



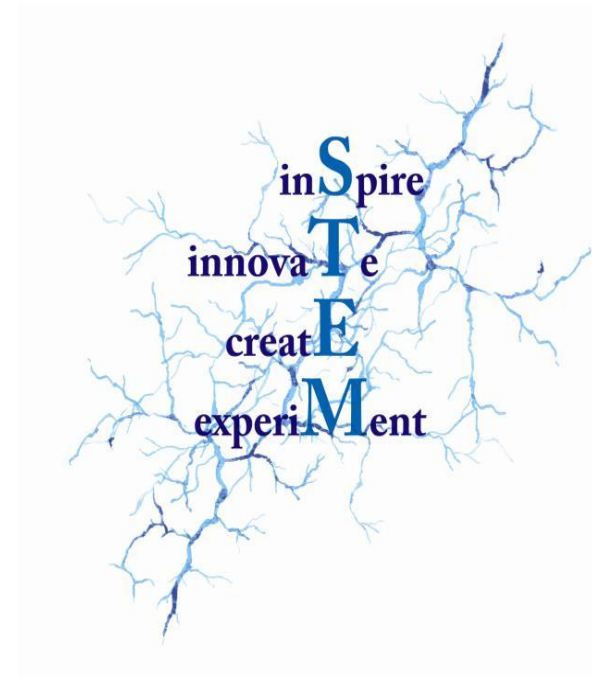
# What is STEM?

**S**cience

**T**echnology

**E**ngineering

**M**athematics



# Education for sustainability

Education is a prime ingredient in sustainability, both in challenging the present situation to enable it to become more eco-sensitive and in establishing new ways of thinking and behaviour which will stem from that.

Central to EFS are the principles of:

**Engagement-** realisation!

**Empowerment-** we can make a difference!

**Ownership-** this is all of our responsibility!

# Sustainable development

‘Development that meets the needs of the current generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs’

(Brundtland Report, 1987)

Sustainable development is the process by which we achieve sustainability.





# A 'Sustainability Literate' Person...

would be expected to:

- understand the need for change to a sustainable way of doing things, individually and collectively
  - have sufficient knowledge and skills to decide and act in a way that favours sustainable development
  - be able to recognise and reward other people's decisions and actions that favour sustainable development
- Higher Education Partnership for Sustainability [www.heps.org.uk](http://www.heps.org.uk)  
Forum for the Future

## National Framework for Sustainable Schools/Colleges-2020



*Supporting the delivery of the STEM Cohesion Programme  
on behalf of DCSF and BIS*

## **National Framework for Sustainable Schools/Colleges- Present-2020**

Three interlocking parts:-

### **A Commitment to Care**

A caring learning environment that extends this commitment into new areas:-  
Energy and Water , Waste it Produces, Food it Serves, Traffic it Attracts,  
Difficulties faced by people living in its community and in other parts of the world

### **An Integrated Approach**

A sustainable learning place would take an integrated approach to its improvement:-

It explores Sustainable Development through:-

**Teaching and Learning-**

Values and Ways of Working-

Engagement with local people and partners-

**Curriculum**

**Campus**

**Community**

### **A Selection of 'Doorways' or Sustainability Themes**

The Doorways are entry points where an organisation can establish or develop its sustainability practices

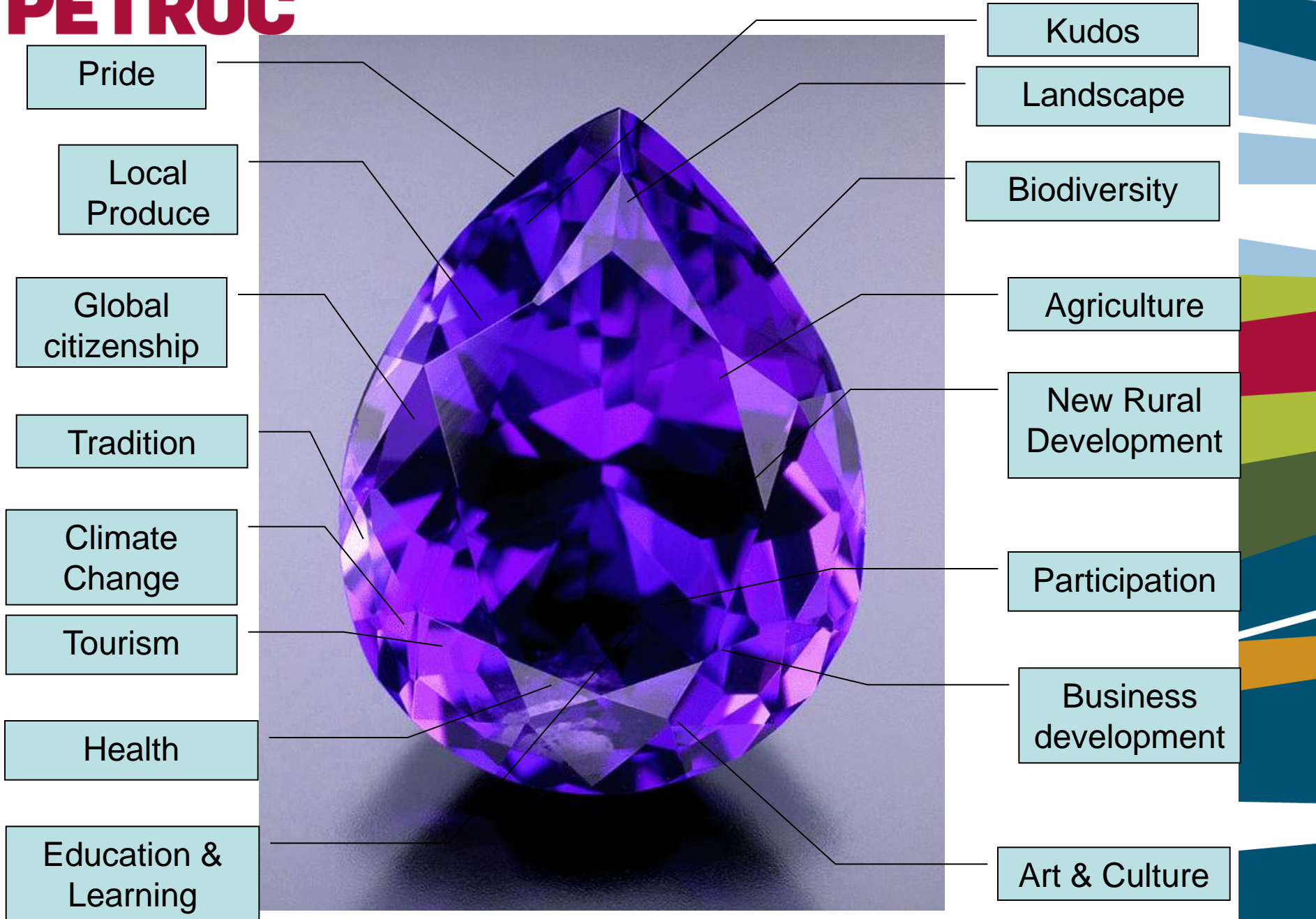
Each Doorway draws its inspiration from a range of national priorities around sustainable development.

What does this mean for us and what can we do?

- **Curriculum: What we learn**
- **Campus: Where we learn**
- **Community: Who we learn with**
- **Culture: How we learn**

## 8 Doorways to Sustainability

- Food and Drinks
- Buildings and Grounds
- Energy and Water
- Inclusion and Participation
- Travel and Traffic
- Local well being
- Purchasing and Waste
- Global Dimension

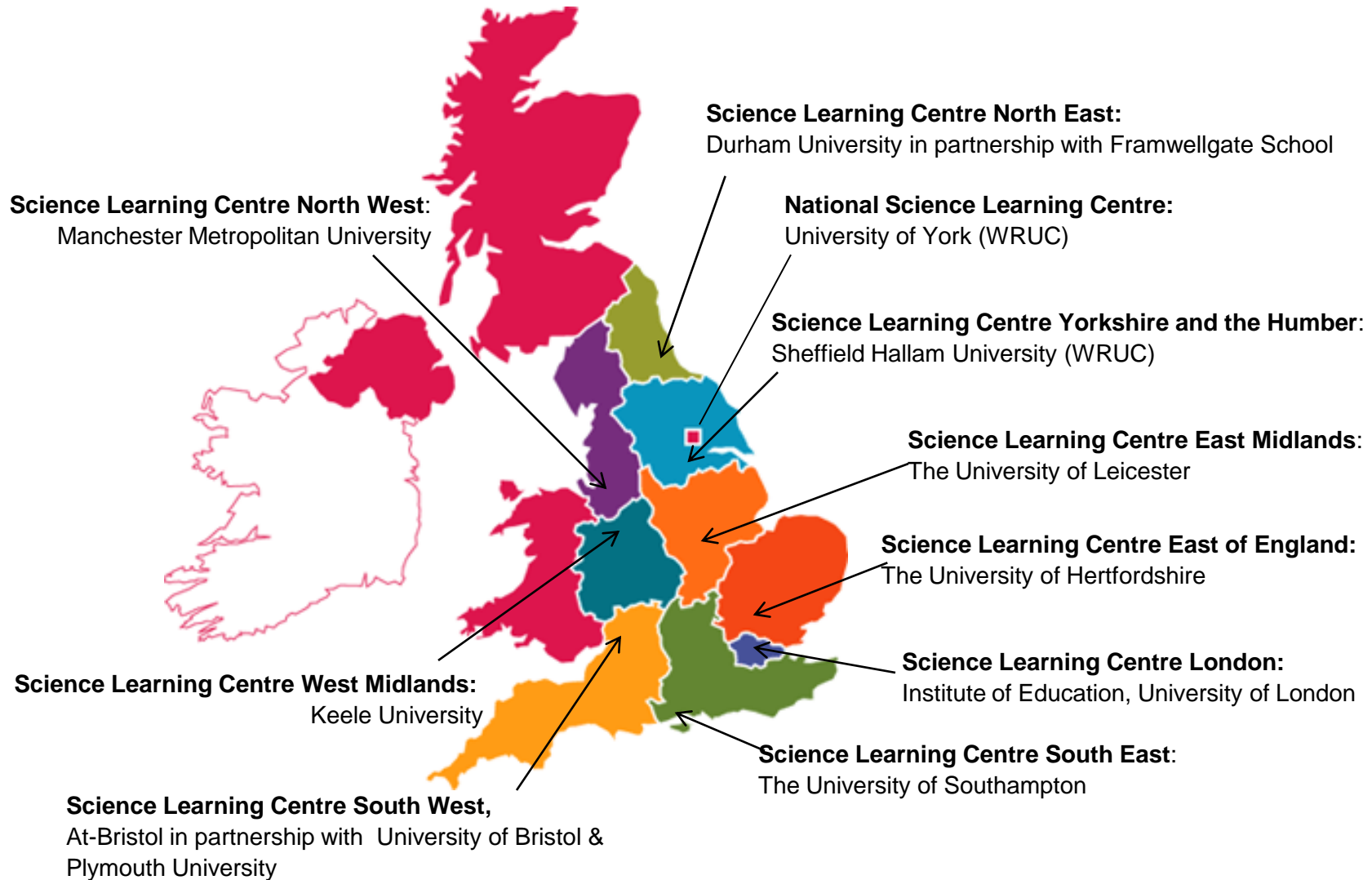


# **Petroc Vision and Mission Statements**

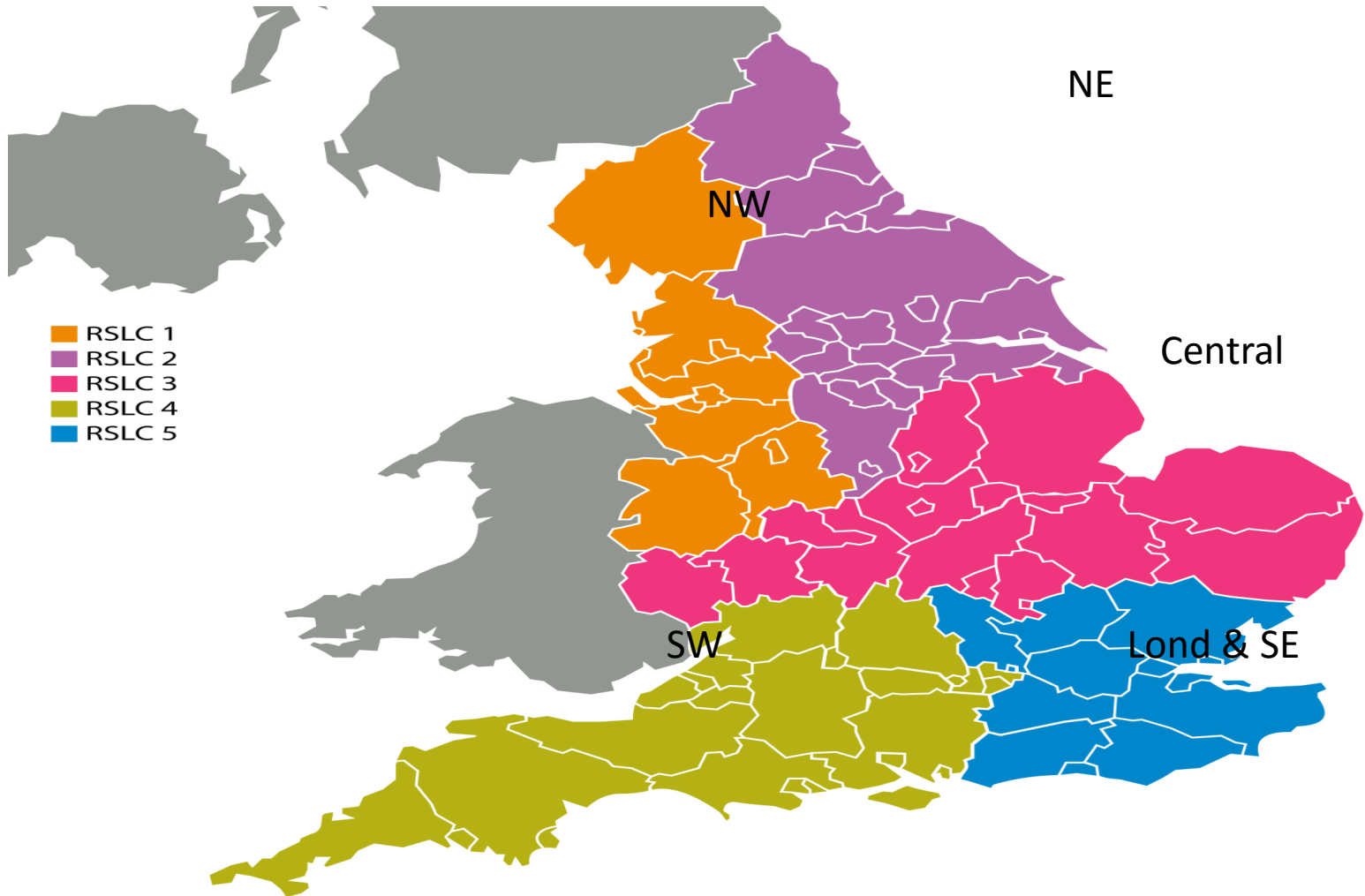
**To be an outstanding College at the heart of an outstanding learning community; economically, culturally and socially'**

**To raise aspirations, knowledge and skills of individuals, communities and businesses through prioritisation of the STEM agenda and STEM workforce development contributing towards a sustainable local and regional economy.**

## Regional STEM Networks until July 2013



## Current FE STEM Landscape





**One of the Leading Colleges in  
the South West**

**Recognised Centre of  
Excellence in STEM**

**Large sized General Further  
Education College**

**STEM provision facilitated  
over 5 main college sites**

**Annual budget of £39 million**

**Employs 900 Full Time Staff  
serving over 20,000 learners  
annually to include 3,000  
employers across the  
spectrum of STEM industry**

## Investment in STEM Learning Spaces

**10.8 Million at Petroc Barnstaple Campus**  
**3.5 Million at Petroc Mid Devon Campus**



## High Quality Learning Spaces



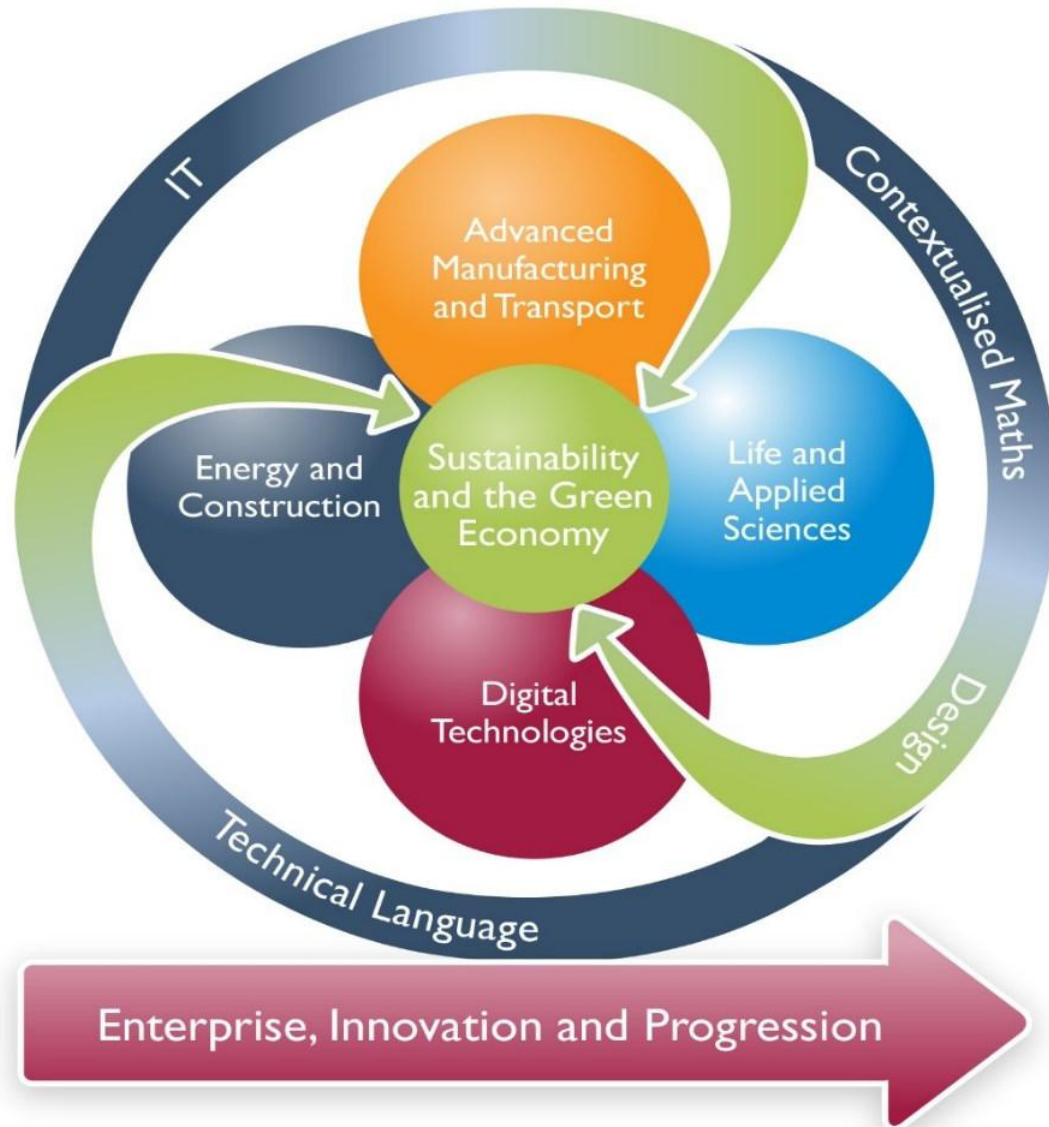
## Recent Investment in Specialist STEM Learning Spaces







# STEM Strategy Overview



## Linking the Green Economy to the recommended curriculum clusters

The Green Economy			
Life and Applied Sciences	Advanced Manufacturing and Transport	Energy and Construction	Digital Technologies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Animal care and management</li><li>▪ Sport and wellness</li><li>▪ Horticulture and agriculture</li><li>▪ Ecology and conservation studies</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Electric vehicles and biofuels</li><li>▪ Offshore, marine and wind energy</li><li>▪ Low carbon and alternative materials</li><li>▪ Wholefood manufacturing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Carbon capture and storage</li><li>▪ Smart glass</li><li>▪ BREEAM</li><li>▪ Renewables (retrofitting and new build)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Cloud computing</li><li>▪ E-commerce</li><li>▪ Business improvement techniques</li><li>▪ Resource management software</li></ul>

## Potential Areas of Competitive Advantage

### Sustainable Technology

Motor vehicle  
Construction trades  
Mechanical engineering  
Marine engineering  
Electrical engineering  
Sustainable resources management  
Manufacturing

CAD/ 3D CAD modelling specialist course  
Rapid prototyping  
Electric vehicles  
Energy efficiency and new energy  
Distance learning  
Logistics  
Aesthetic design  
Power electronics  
Sustainable design and construction  
Retrofit  
Civil engineering  
Product design  
Smart Materials

### Applied and Life Sciences

Sports and fitness  
Anatomy, physiology and pathology  
Forensics  
Animal Care  
Animal management  
GCSE Sciences  
A Level Sciences  
Catering

HE pathway for healthcare  
Promotion of local health issues  
Nutrition  
Science apprenticeships  
L2-3 pathways into A level science  
Emerging technology courses for A-level  
Foundation degree in Applied science  
Agriculture  
Horticulture  
Digital fitness  
Rapid food testing  
Veterinary nursing  
Materials science  
Food science

### Digital Design and Technology

CAD  
Graphic design  
Sound engineer  
Theatre technician  
Apprentice in technical theatre  
Multi-media production  
Applied computing for business  
A Level ICT

Aesthetic and ergonomic design  
Gaming and app design  
CAD specialist programmes  
IT vendor qualifications  
Honours degree programmes  
Web development for SME  
Social media and e-marketing  
E-commerce  
Sustainable design  
Product design  
Smart materials

## Cross-cutting themes

Green Economy

IT, Literacy and Maths/ STEM Enhanced Curriculum

Enterprise, Innovation and Progression

# UNESCO World Biosphere Reserves

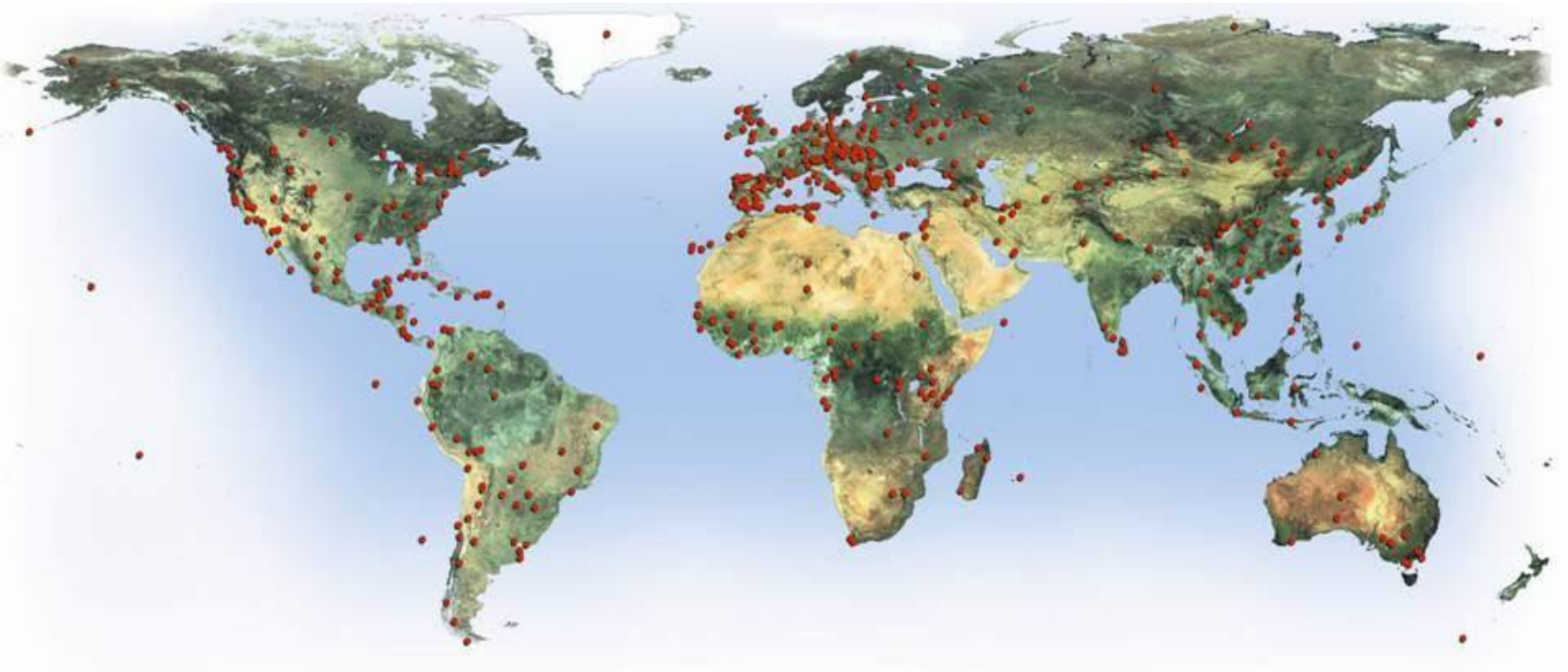


United Nations  
Educational, Scientific and  
Cultural Organization



**Special Places for People and  
Nature  
Living Laboratories for Sustainable  
Development**

# **A Network of over 500 sites worldwide**



**CONSERVATION**  
of biodiversity (ecosystems,  
species, genes)

**DEVELOPMENT**  
for a  
sustainable  
future

**RESEARCH and  
MONITORING**  
in a  
world network



# Living, working & learning in The Biosphere Reserve of North Devon

**‘Sustainability’**

Thinking Globally



Acting Locally



# North Devon's UNESCO Biosphere Reserve



**A fit-for-purpose designation**  
**Modern and forward looking**

- 1st for UK and one of a rapidly growing global network
- World class by nature
- Appropriate “ecosystem” scale
  - Core and Buffer Areas
  - Transition Area
- 3850 sq km (30.6% marine)
- Links designations into wider environment (SSSI, AONB etc)
- Living laboratory for sustainable development - innovation
- Framework for action (Designation - not institution)
- A unique opportunity for North Devon to lead

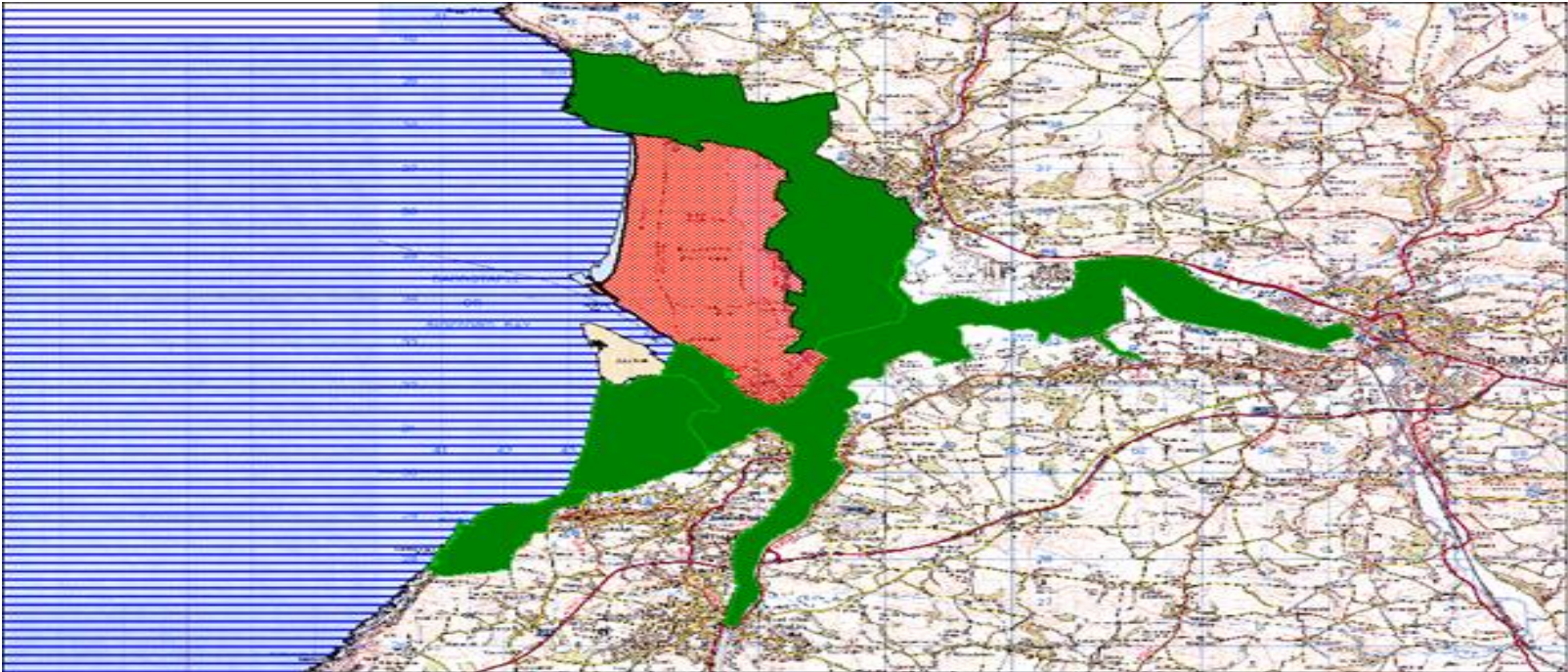
## Our Biosphere Reserve

- **The Core Area -**  
Braunton Burrows



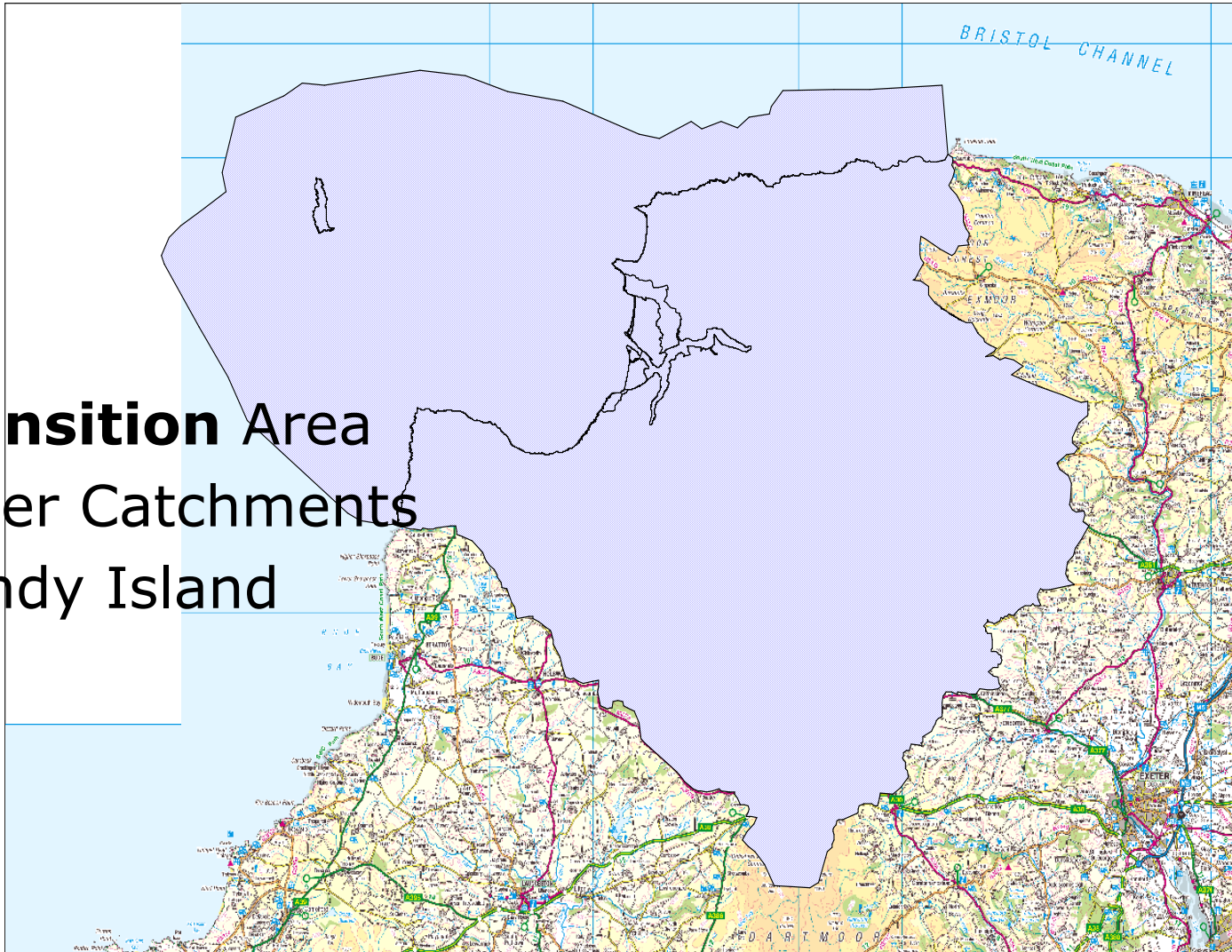
- the **Buffer Area**

- The Taw/ Torridge Estuary - Northam Burrows, Braunton Great Field, Braunton Marsh, Saunton Down, Croyde.
- Also has some statutory protection (SSSI / AONB).



## The **Transition** Area

- River Catchments
- Lundy Island



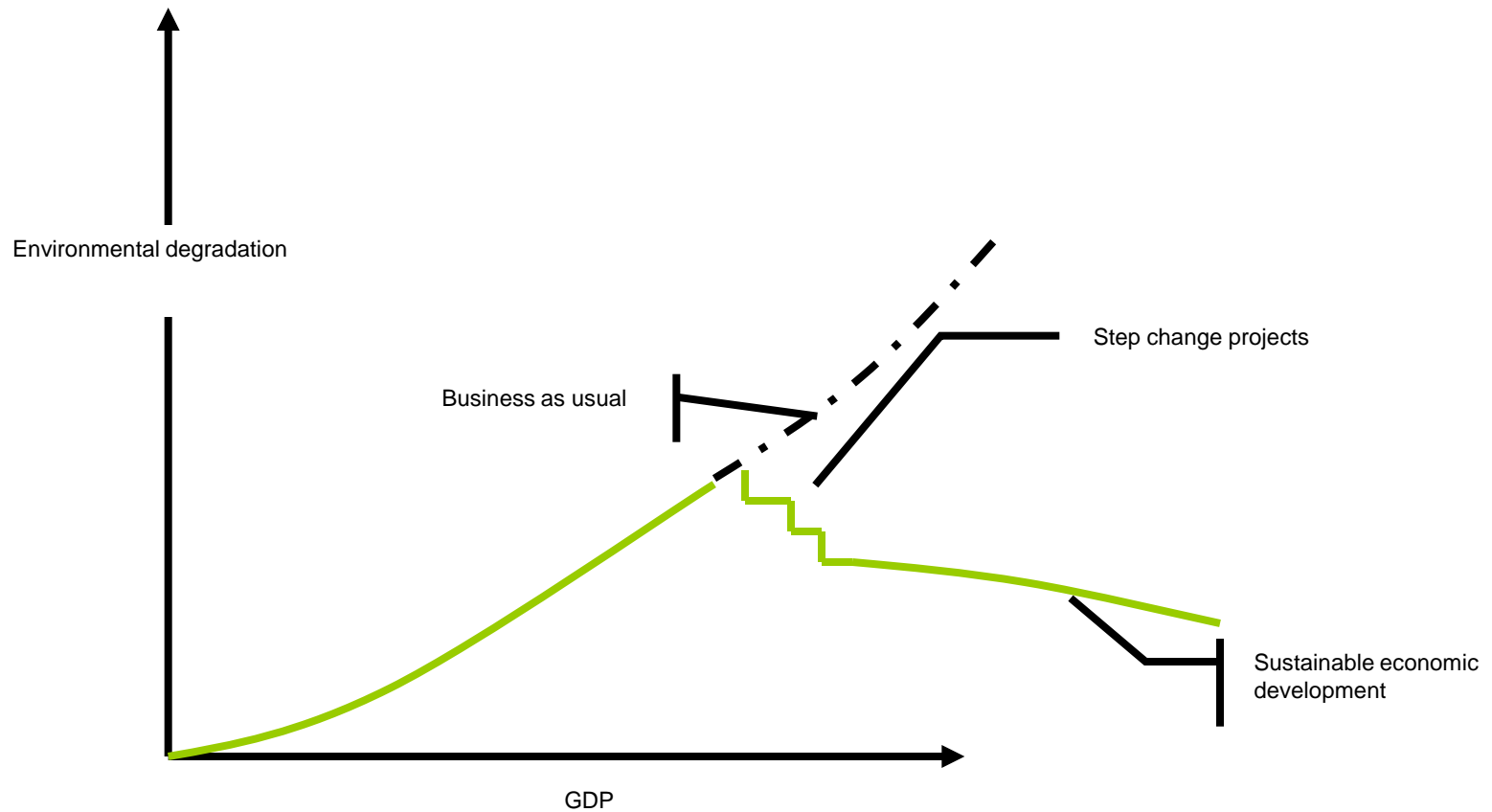
## **Biosphere Reserve Strategy and Action Plan**

- **To reverse the decline in biodiversity:**
- **To conserve our best landscapes and enhance the other areas where it is compatible with sustainable development:**
- **To use our natural resources wisely:**
- **To tackle on a local, national and international basis the issues relating to climate change:**
- **To develop and strengthen a robust economy for the entire Biosphere Reserve that enhances the environment:**
- **To have a safe, strong, proud and healthy community in North Devon:**
- **To be a community of learning for the wider world:**
- **To ensure organisation arrangements for the Biosphere Reserve remain fit for purpose and integrates fully with the MAB Programme**

## UNESCO Biosphere Reserve



# North Devon Sustainable Economic Strategy



## However, ...

- ... sustainability and development are contradictory concepts and 'sustainable development' is just economic growth dressed up in the language of deliberate obfuscation, used knowingly or not by those who care nothing for the Earth in order to fool us into thinking that they are taking her concerns seriously.  
(Harding, 2006: 232)
- Selby (2007: 249) is also concerned about the concept of ESD and argues that "the heating is happening" and calls for "education for sustainable contraction" in which we accept the climate change threat, move away from the current denial or "business as usual" mindset (Selby, 2007: 265) and respond to the need for transformation.

# **Developing a Charter and accreditation for the Biosphere Reserve**



Become a Biosphere Reserve Business Partner and Let a Natural Asset Boost Your Business Potential and Success.

Our special global accolade can be a business opportunity and we want to develop the solutions with you.

We are offering you a unique marketing opportunity that could provide you with an untapped business niche.

Engage with new customers and clients who are increasingly committed to operating sustainably in an environmentally and socially responsible manner through accreditation.



Business Accreditation linked to the values of the Biosphere Reserve and Benefit from the Exclusive use of Licensed Logos demonstrating your commitment towards Sustainable Development.

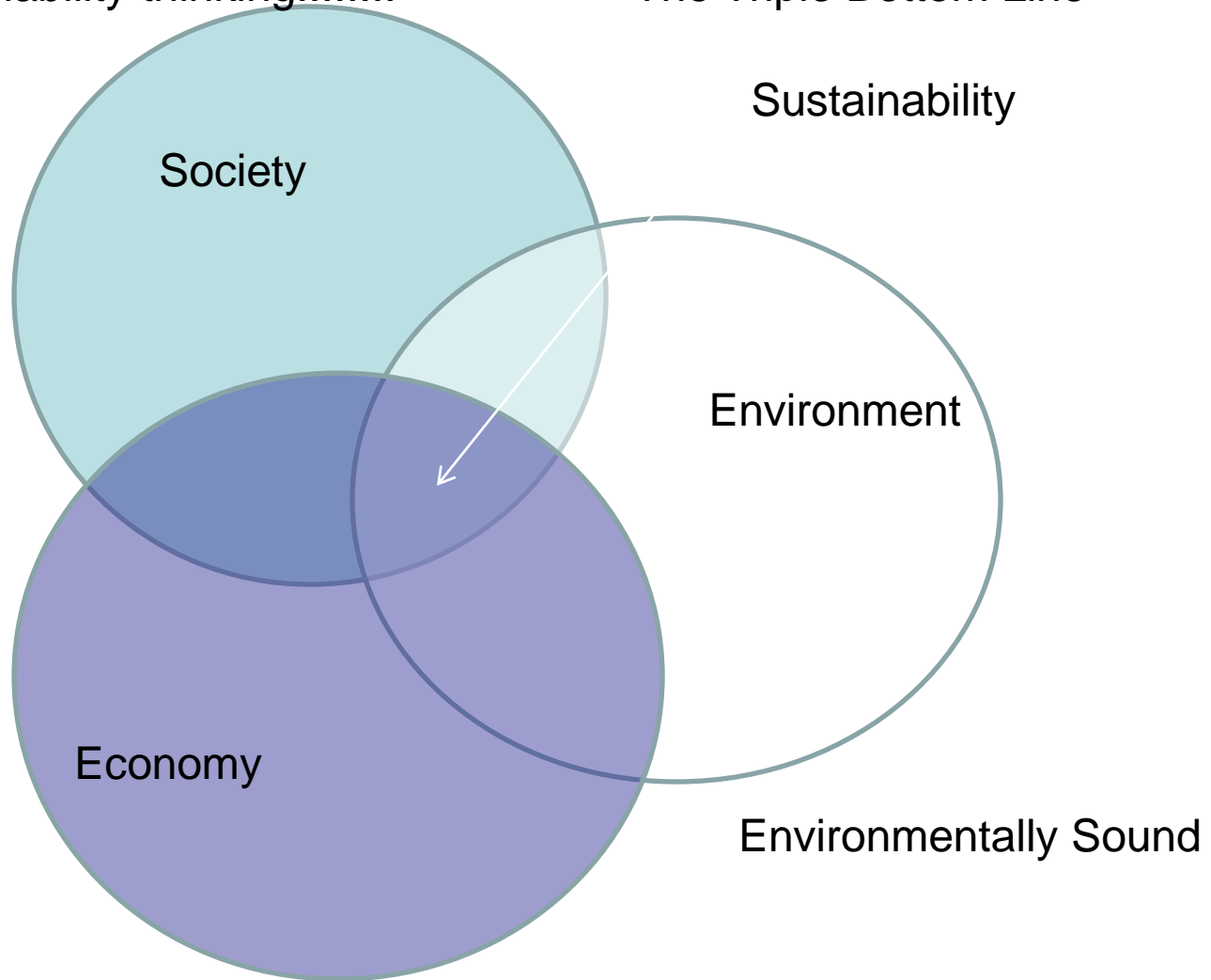
No other Businesses in the UK can OWN this Accreditation as ONLY your Business is situated within the North Devon Biosphere Region; the only UNESCO designated Reserve in the UK and one of only 534 in the World.

Current sustainability thinking.....

The Triple Bottom Line

Socially  
Acceptable

Economically  
Viable



## Soloist vs.

## Whole Systems

Can identify one part of a system

OR  
sees no connection between the parts of the system

OR  
lives life through a “zoom lens” without benefit of a “wide angle” lens

Makes choices and decisions and takes actions that maximize the health of the whole system upon which the specific parts depend.

Able to work well in diverse groups which enable them to recognize interdependencies in systems

# **STEM**

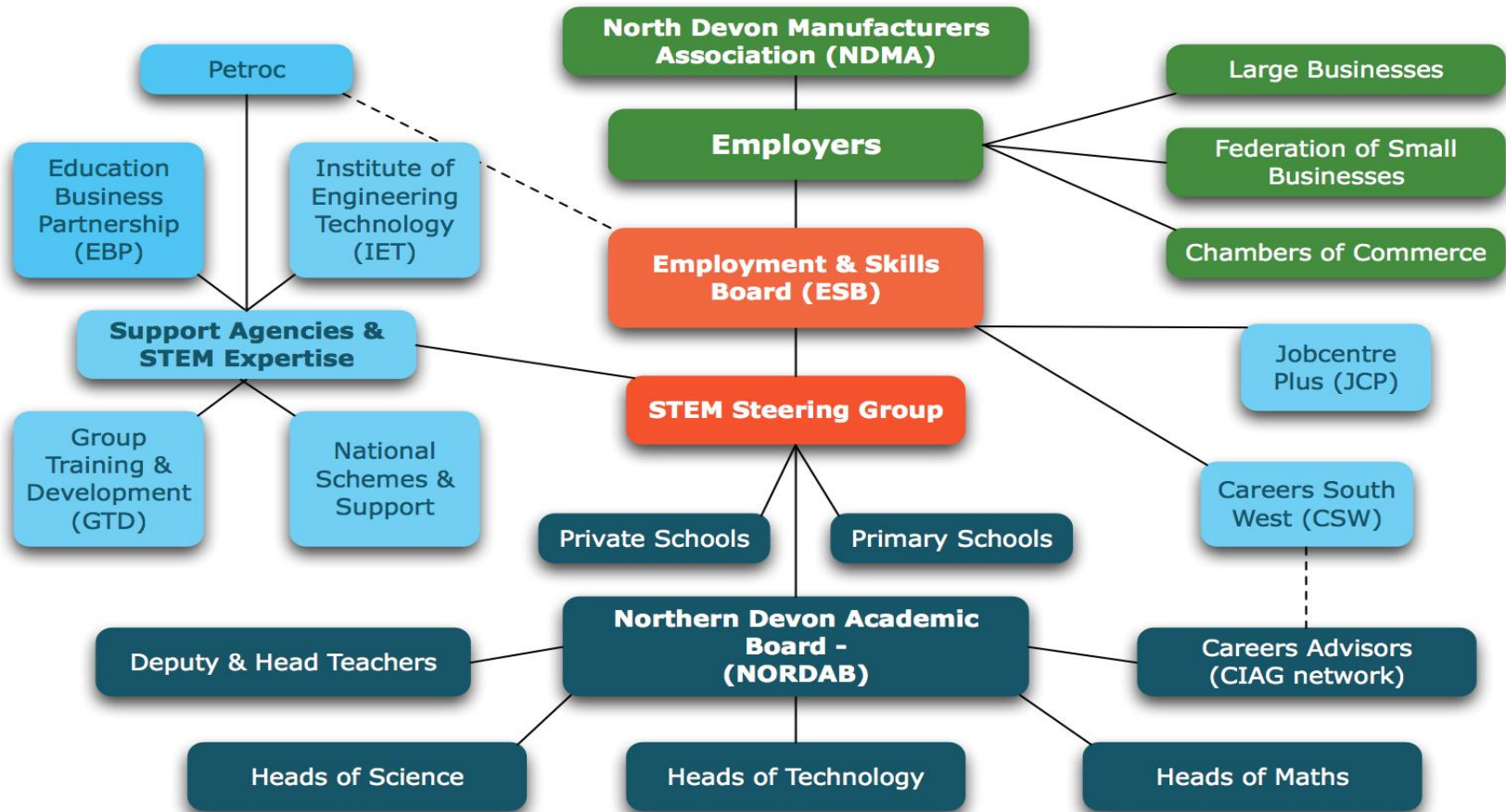
## **Partnership Working**



## **The LEP Business plan identifies THREE main objectives, one of which addresses skills needs**

- **Opportunity 1: Develop a high quality workforce to meet business needs**
- **Opportunity 2: Increase the availability and take up of apprenticeships**
- **Opportunity 3: Instil a culture of enterprise, life-long learning and career progression across all business sectors**

## ESB STEM Network in North Devon

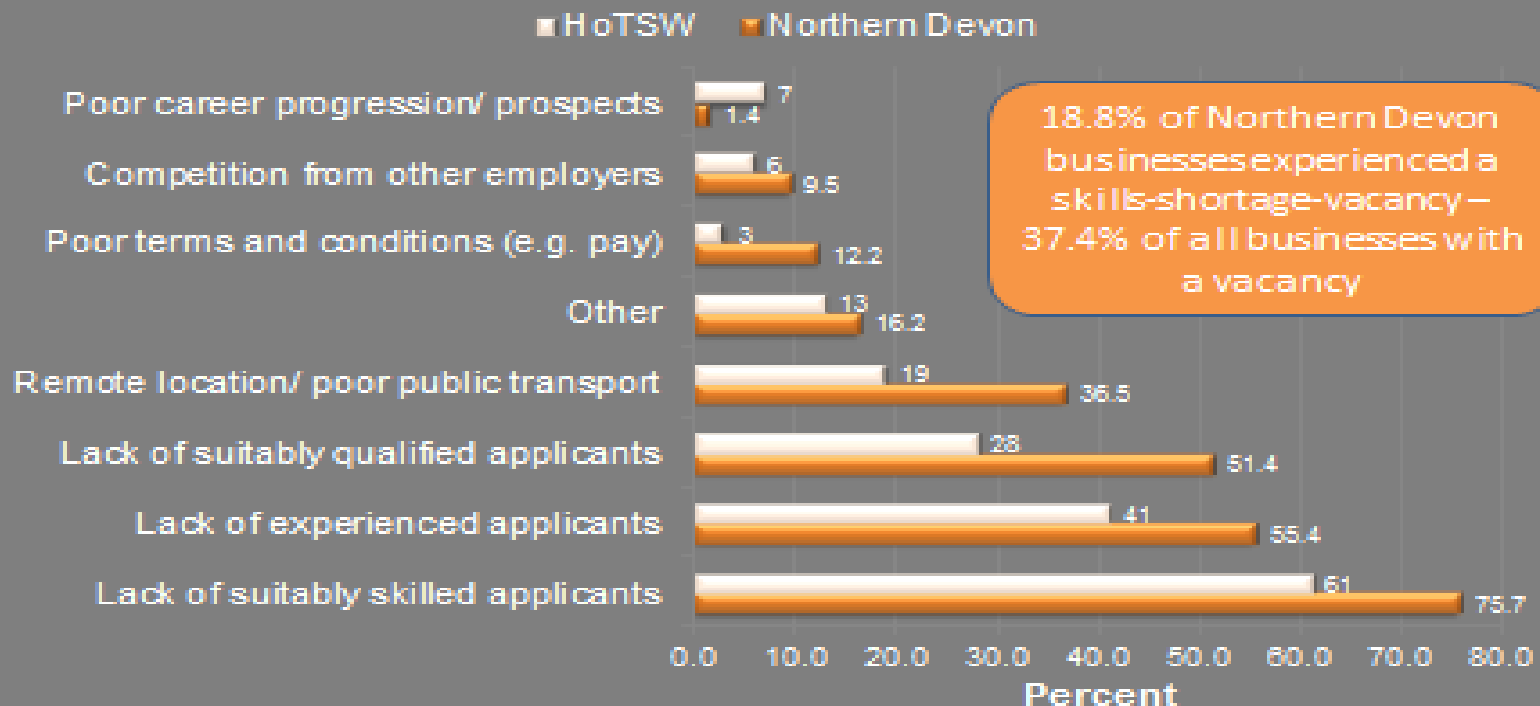


# SKILLS RESEARCH BREAKFAST PRESENTATION

For local employers, training providers & agencies with an interest in skills.  
For more information - visit: [www.ndemploymentandskills.co.uk](http://www.ndemploymentandskills.co.uk)

# Working with Employers

## Because of a lack of suitably skilled, experienced or qualified applicants



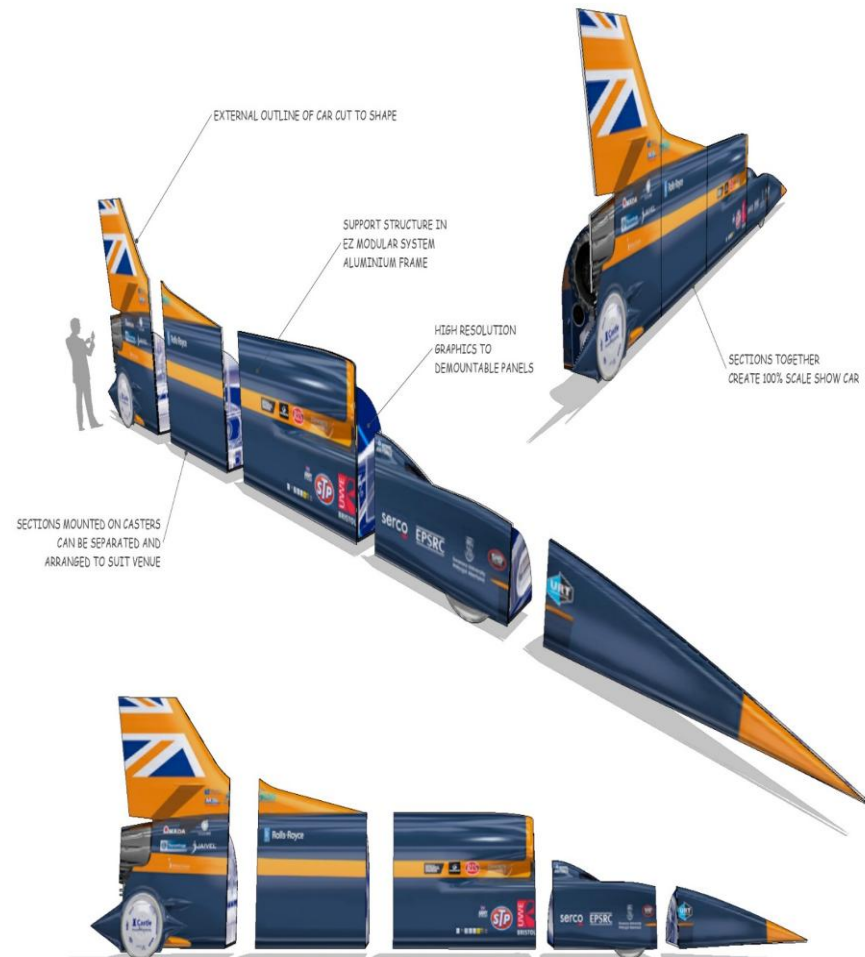
# Partnership Working



**GREATER TOGETHER**

SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS

## BLOODHOUND SSC - Education Footprint for DFE delivery in 2014/15 as of January 2014

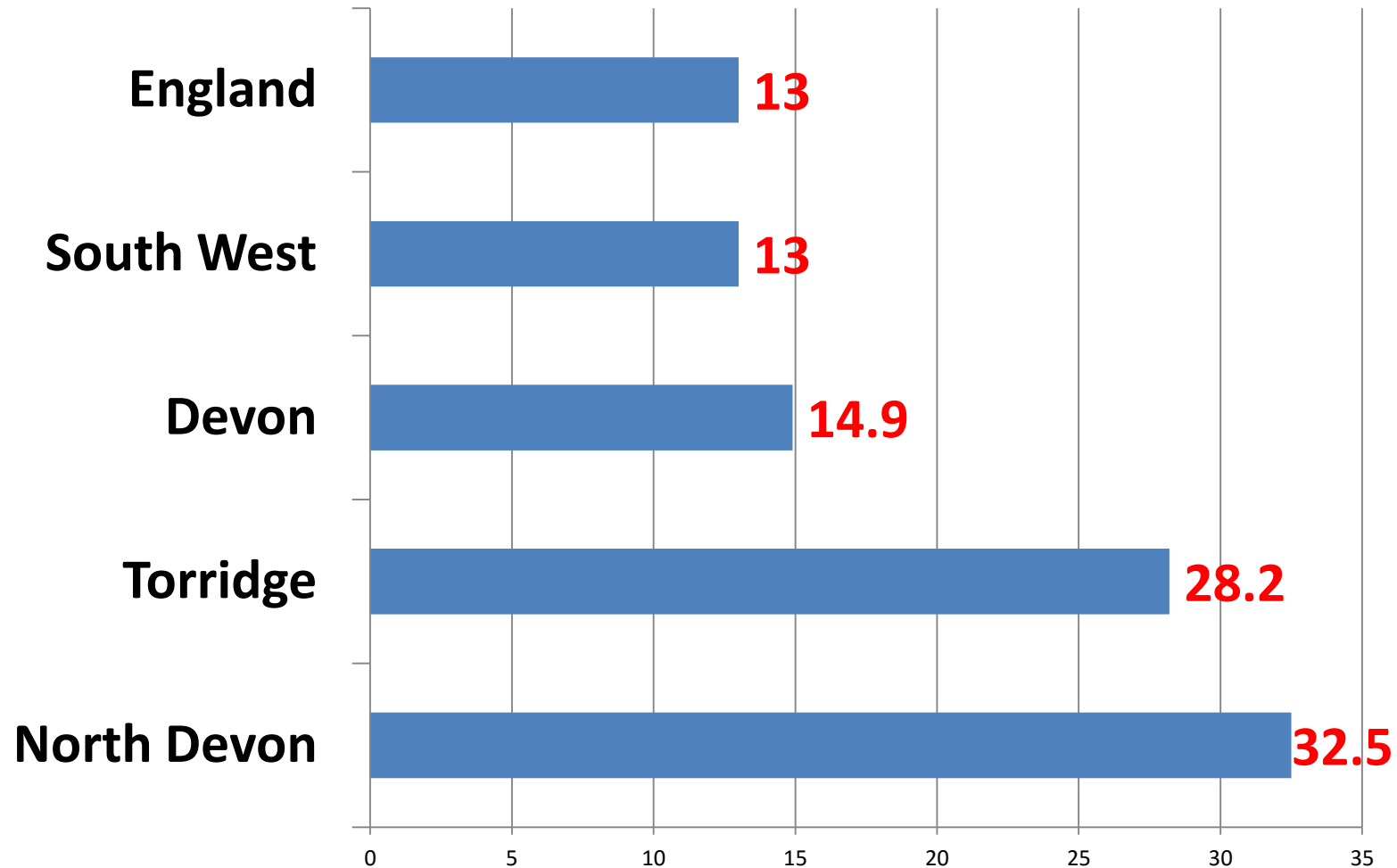


## **Northern Devon Employment and Skills Board (ESB)**



# Apprenticeships

## Percentage growth in apprenticeship starts - 2011/12



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**101**



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**1395**

636 = Torridge

759 = North Devon



1. Promotion and improvement of basic education;

2. Reorienting existing education at all levels to address sustainable development;



## Action Areas

3. Developing public understanding and awareness of sustainability;

4. Training the workforce with knowledge and skills to perform their work in a sustainable manner.

# Global Action Programme

It is intended to make a substantial contribution to the post-2015 agenda.

The overall goal of the GAP is to generate and scale up action in all levels and areas of education and learning to accelerate progress towards sustainable development.

The GAP focuses on five priority action areas:

**Advancing policy;**

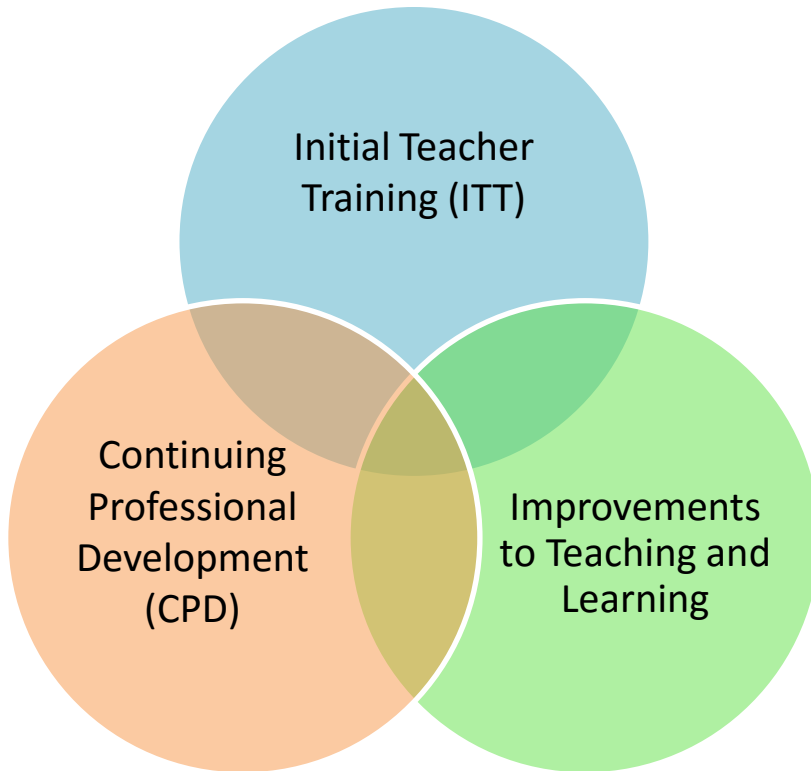
**Integrating sustainability practices into education and training environments**  
(whole-institution approaches);

**Increasing the capacity of educators and trainers;**

**Empowering and mobilizing youth;**

**Encouraging local communities and municipal authorities to develop community-based ESD programmes**

## FE workforce strategy



- Incentivise recruitment via the FE Initial Teacher Training (ITT) route
- Fund new continuing professional development courses (CPD) and the re-training of teachers from vocational backgrounds
- Develop and disseminate improved teaching and learning practice

## FE workforce strategy

- £9m in 2013-14 and £6m in 2014-15 to support the introduction of a new English and maths FE ITT Bursary Scheme.
- £1m in grants to support existing FE teachers to undertake CPD to develop their specialist skills and knowledge to support learners with SEN.
- NCETM maths enhancement programme for existing teachers of numeracy/functional skills – only £100 per person thanks to ETF subsidies.
- English CPD programme in development and planned for autumn 2014 roll-out.
- Identify innovative and best practice in teaching English and maths to post-16 students.

## What's the problem?

- Some students were being denied broad academic knowledge and skills which are fundamental to employment and education prospects.
- Vocational qualifications were of poor quality, lacked robust assessment or did not provide progression to further education, training or employment.
- Skills shortages holding back competitiveness and growth - **39% of employers struggle to recruit workers with the advanced, technical and STEM skills** - and acute concerns in manufacturing, construction and engineering (CBI, 2013).
- **Employers say school and college leavers lack basic literacy and numeracy (32% and 31% respectively) and the right work experience (55%)** (CBI, 2013).
- Many vocational qualifications do not prepare a young person for a specific job: **only 7% of students take vocational qualifications at level 3 which prepare them for a specific job**, most take more 'general' vocational qualifications (DfE analysis, 2012).



**The company has real problems in getting people with the right maths skills - Grade C in maths. They feel that teachers need a new approach to teaching maths in young people.**

- **They would like to see chemical engineering promoted at school level and subsequently FE.**
- **AstraZeneca is happy to use colleges to deliver specialist training e.g. ex-apprentice working towards degree qualifications.**
- **The company supports the UTC concept for 14 -19 year olds – with its strong focus on bringing various aspects of provision together on one site.**

## **CAVTL Report:**

### **Four Characteristics of Excellent Adult Vocational Teaching and Learning**

- A clear line of sight of work on all programmes
- Dual Professionals, teachers/trainers who combine occupational and pedagogical expertise who are trusted and given the time to develop partnerships
- Access to industry-standard facilities and resources reflecting the ways in which technology is transforming work
- Clear escalators to higher level vocational learning, developing and combining deep knowledge and skills

# Foundation Delivery Plan

## PRIORITIES

- Professional Standards for Teaching
- STEM support for teaching and trainers
- Quality improvement in English, Maths, SEN Teaching
- Higher Level teaching and Learning
- Support for LLDD
- ITE/ITT Improvement
- HE in FE

# Approach

- Commissioned
- Informed by employers and stakeholders
- Evaluated
- Customer driven with intervention

**IMPACT** – on learner and learner outcomes

## STEM Enhanced ITE

**Petroc Barnstaple Campus**  
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01271 345291  
quality@petroc.ac.uk  
www.petroc.ac.uk

**Petroc Tiverton Campus**  
Boham Road  
Tiverton  
Devon  
EX16 6SH  
01884 235200  
quality@petroc.ac.uk

**"Effective tutorial provision develops learners' personal, academic and employability skills"**  
March 2012 Ofsted Report

**"Technology is used effectively"**  
March 2012 Ofsted Report

**"Laboratories and classrooms are well equipped"**  
March 2012 Ofsted Report

**"Lessons combine enjoyment and structured learning very effectively"**  
March 2012 Ofsted Report

**"The college works productively with a wide range of employers, schools, community and voluntary groups, public sector organisations and individuals within the learning community to raise aspirations and promote economic regeneration in the region. The college is an outstanding partner"**  
March 2012 Ofsted Report

**"Science Teaching and Learning at Petroc is excellent"**  
March 2012 Ofsted Report

**"Additional learning support in classes effectively aids learners success"**  
March 2012 Ofsted Report

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In collaborative partnership with:

EDUCATION & TECHNOLOGY  
PLUMSTEAD UNIVERSITY

STEM  
L1111

LEARNING  
L1111

SWCETT  
SPECIALIST WORKING COLLEGE

TECHNICAL  
EDUCATION

## IGNITE AND INSPIRE PETROC™

**EDUCATION & TRAINING  
PROGRAMMES  
2013/2014**

**"Mentoring is outstanding"**  
March 2012 Ofsted Report



Helping  
teachers and  
trainers to meet  
their training  
needs

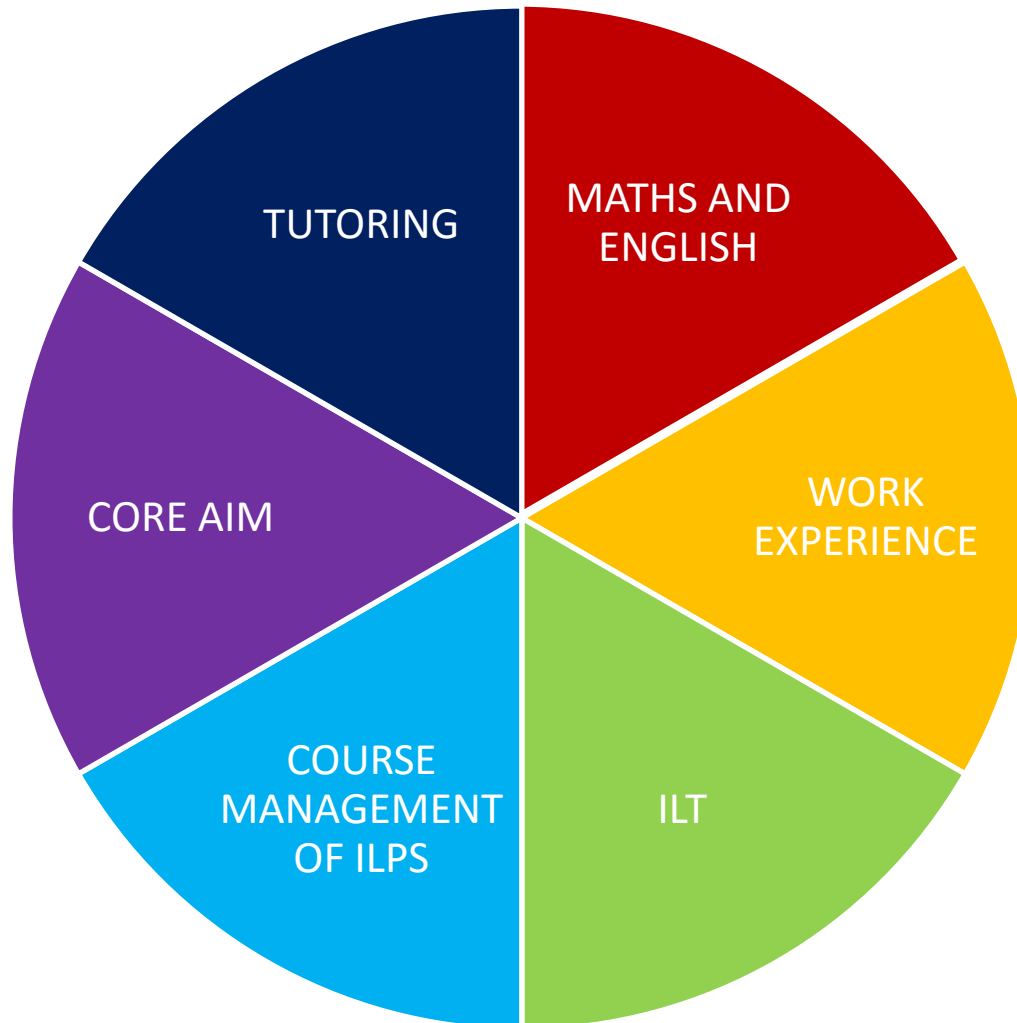
# National Priorities

- Improve teaching and learning in the STEM subjects
- Communicate the STEM agenda and it's priorities
- Support providers to address priority areas covered by the STEM agenda
- Contribute to a coherent regional STEM teaching and learning support offer
- Manage the process of STEM self improvement activity, supplying funding to the sector

# Leading Learning in STEM



## The Lecturer as a Facilitator of Learning



## Critical Success Factors

- Promoting a positive agenda for STEM
- Developing an effective curriculum model for STEM
- Ensuring quality of delivery of STEM
- Promoting a positive learner experience of STEM

## Promoting a Positive STEM Agenda

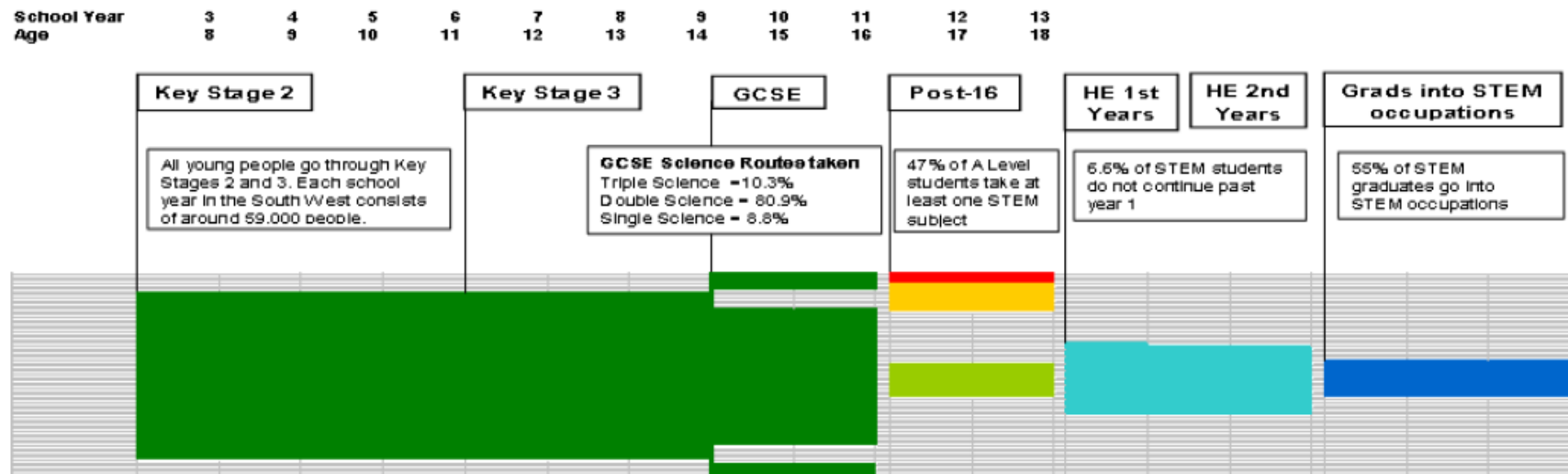
'There are two areas of improvement required in the STEM initiative: one is attainment, we want those taking the STEM subjects to do better in them and the other is engagement, we want more young people to take STEM subjects particularly Post-16 and beyond'

John Holman

Recruitment, Retention and Achievement of STEM learners are key considerations for Senior Managers

# STEM Skills – leaky pipeline

STEM Skills Pipeline in the South West<sup>54</sup>



<b>Key Leaks</b>	No leaks as such, as all go through Key Stages 2 and 3	No individual taking single science GCSE, went on to do STEM A Levels.	Only 40% of those taking triple science go on to take any STEM A Levels	Over 9,000 STEM A level students going into HE do not apply for STEM subjects	Over 4,100 of 7,500 STEM graduates surveyed went into employment in STEM occupations
<b>Notes</b>	Achievement levels in maths and science are higher than the national average at Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3	The proportion of young people taking single science is increasing in some areas	Just over 12,300 STEM A level students, approx 10,000 FE students and 3,500 Apprentices in STEM subjects	Rates of non-continuation in STEM subjects are lower than for all subjects, but are highest in Computer Science, where 10% do not progress past year one	

# Where are the jobs?

## Services sector

### Top ten sectors

1. Business services
2. Health and care
3. Retail
4. Hospitality and Catering
5. Personal services
6. Construction
7. Computing
8. Education
9. Banking and Finance
10. Transport and Storage

## Hi-tech industry

### Top ten sectors

1. Aerospace
2. Electronics
3. Renewable energy
4. Nuclear energy
5. Plastics
6. Composites
7. Nano technology
8. Robotics & AI
9. Space
10. Biotechnology

## Transferable Professional Skills

Sector &  
Industry  
Understanding

Cross Sector  
Technologies  
& Innovation

Business &  
Professional  
Skills

**NEF T-Shaped  
Technologist**

## Transferable Personal Qualities

Critical  
Thinking

Personal  
Enterprise

Active  
Leadership

## Technical Knowledge and Experience

Scientific &  
Technical  
Knowledge

Practical  
Knowledge &  
Experience

Scientific &  
Technical  
Discourse

## Two-thirds of employers who express a preference prefer STEM degrees

<b>STEM</b>	<b>69%</b>
<b>Business</b>	<b>23%</b>
<b>Social sciences</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Humanities</b>	<b>2%</b>

# **CBI Education & Skills Survey**

## **350 employers**

66% of employers reported difficulties recruiting STEM skilled staff, particularly at graduate and post-graduate level

## Supply and demand in the processing industries by 2022

Employee group	Forecast demand	Forecast supply	
Manager and professionals	55,000	68,000	Over supply of 13,000
Technicians and skilled operators	72,000	31,600	Short fall of 40,400

## What do employers want?

Skills (team work, problem solving etc)	<b>78%</b>
Positive attitude	<b>72%</b>
Relevant work experience	<b>54%</b>
Specific degree subject	<b>41%</b>
High degree result	<b>28%</b>
University attended	<b>8%</b>
Foreign language capability	<b>2%</b>

# What do they agree on?

We need good achievement  
**and** good engagement:

more young people doing  
well in STEM subjects **and**  
more wanting to continue  
studying them

# Progression Through STEM

## Careers Review, Holman and Finegold (2010)

- Careers activities should occur naturally
- Academic routes to STEM qualifications well known - England weak in guidance on vocational routes
- Careers guidance - in flux and mixed reputation
- Urgent need for STEM careers training
- Impartiality is still an issue
- Employers and universities should be clear about what qualifications they value
- Accurate labour market information essential

# Progression Through STEM

## Careers Review, Holman and Finegold (2010)

KS 3 pupils get careers information from

Family	78%
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Careers teachers	50%
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Subject teachers	48%
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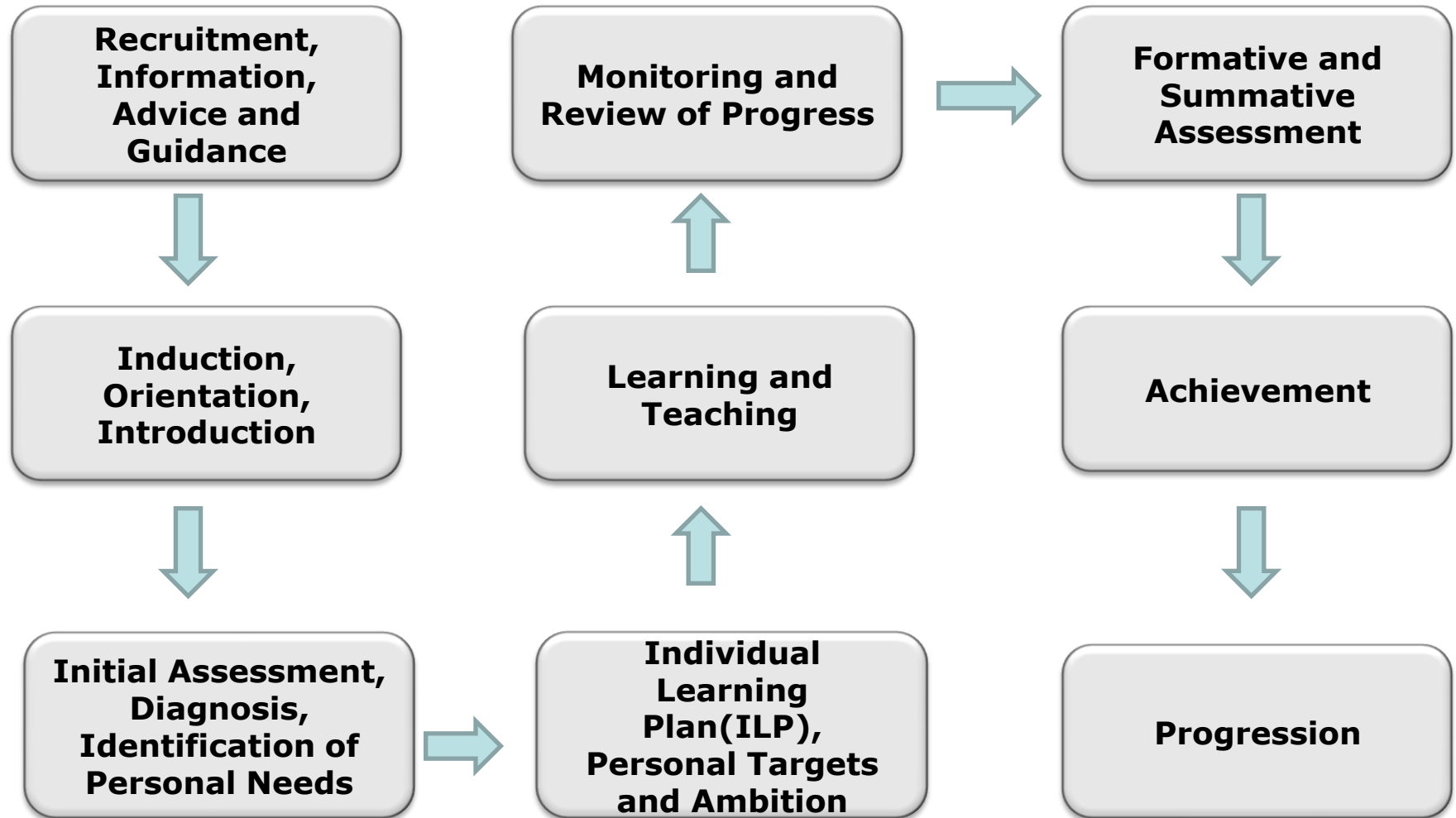
Form teachers	23%
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Careers advisers	20%
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Huge CPD implications for careers staff and STEM teachers in schools and FE

# Quality of the Learner Experience

Teaching ,Training and Assessment Supporting Learning and Development at Petroc College  
All Aspects of the STEM Learner Journey will be Prioritised



# Common Inspection Framework

Learners develop personal, social and employability skills

To make this judgement, we will consider:

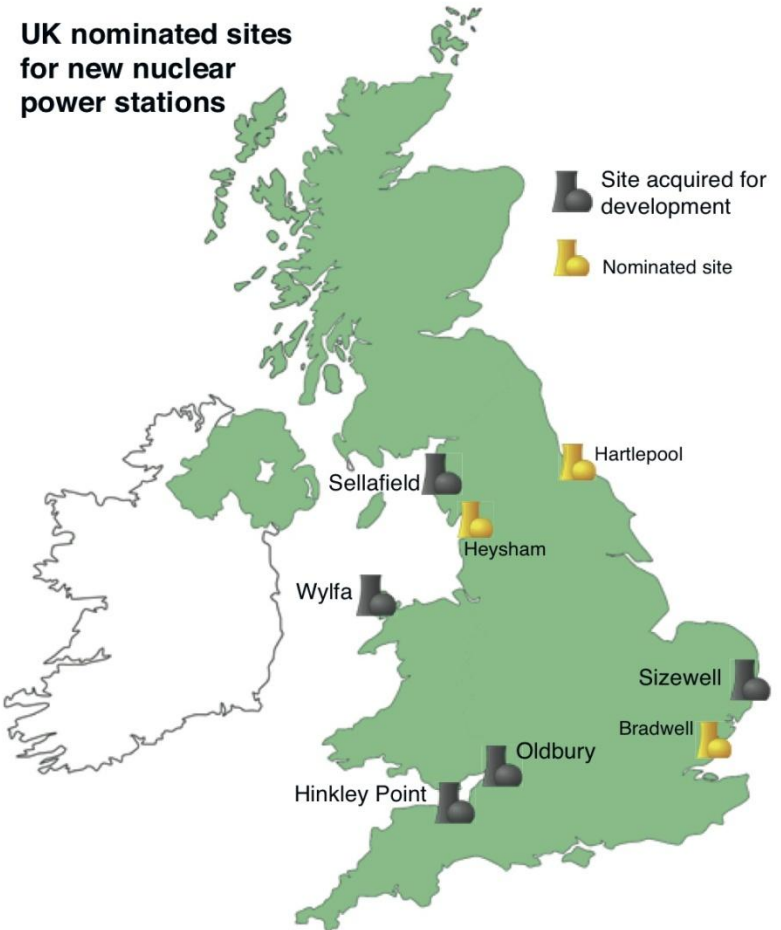
- The development of English, Mathematics and Functional Skills required to complete learners' programmes and progress
- The achievement of additional qualifications and/or experience gained in the workplace
- Broader skills relevant to learner's progression and career aims, such as communication, teamwork, leadership, taking responsibility, reflective thinking, problem solving, independent enquiry and employability.

# **Demonstrating Impact**

## **Working with Employers**



## Example 1



# Hinckley Point C Coalition

## Hinkley Point C: Number power

**7%**

Of UK's electricity,  
enough for...

over **5m**  
homes

**£100m**

contribution annually to the  
local economy during peak  
construction or £2bn during  
project lifetime

**9,000,000**

tonnes (approximately) of CO<sub>2</sub>  
avoided each year, equivalent  
to roughly 2 million cars

**1995**

Last time UK opened a  
new nuclear power station

**3.2**

Gigawatt power plant  
with two reactors

**25,000**

new employment  
opportunities created  
during construction



## Delivering Locally, Through Training, to Employment



Education

Skills

Employment

### ***Inspire Programme***

Over **60,000** students engaged to date.

WORK READY

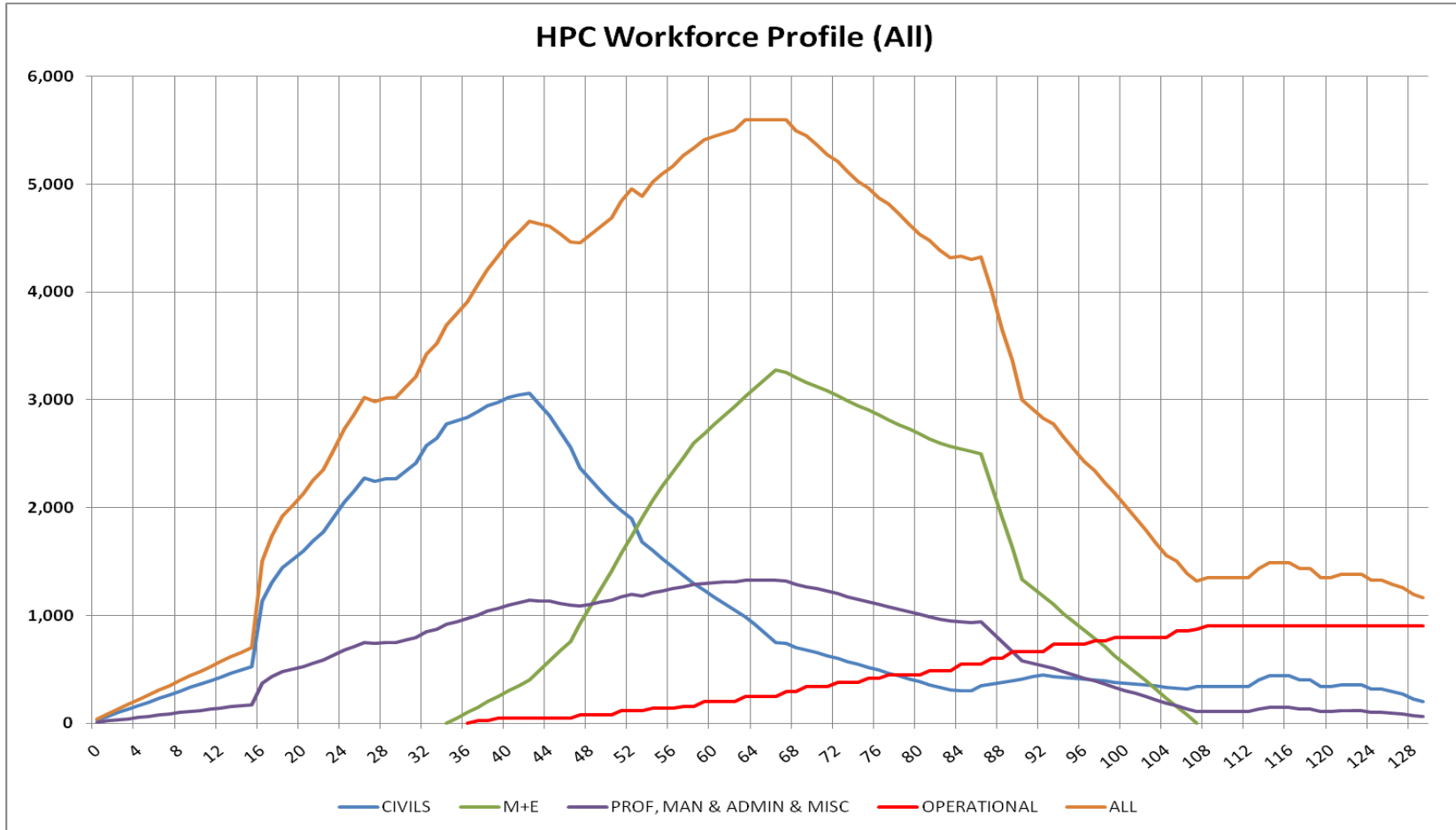
- HPTA and Coalition
- Talent Pool Development
- Aligned to ESPs
- Pre Training
- Apprenticeship and graduate programmes
- FE/NVQ Short Coursest

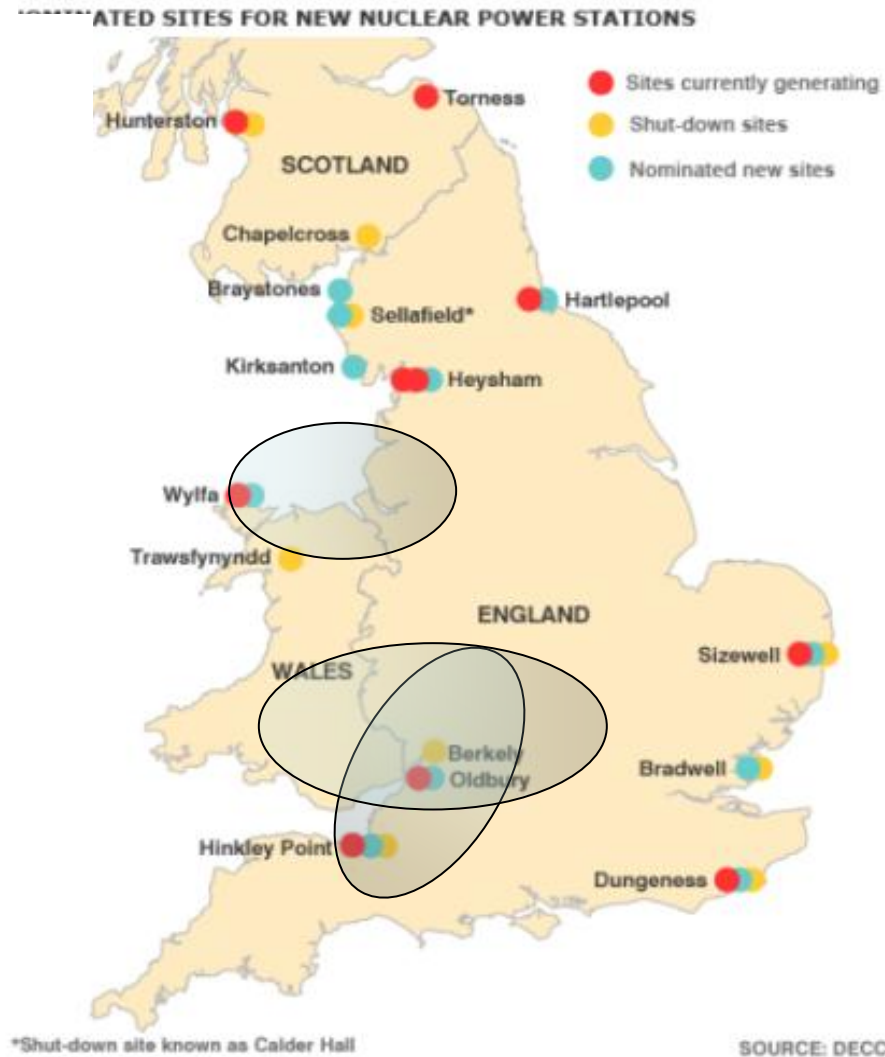
JOB READY

### ***Sustainable Employment Opportunities***

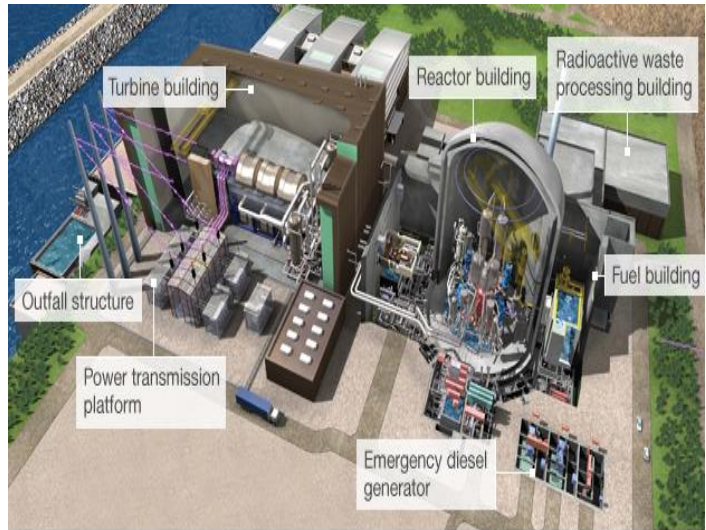
Over **2000** registered  
Over **180** People placed into sustainable jobs

# HPC workforce profile



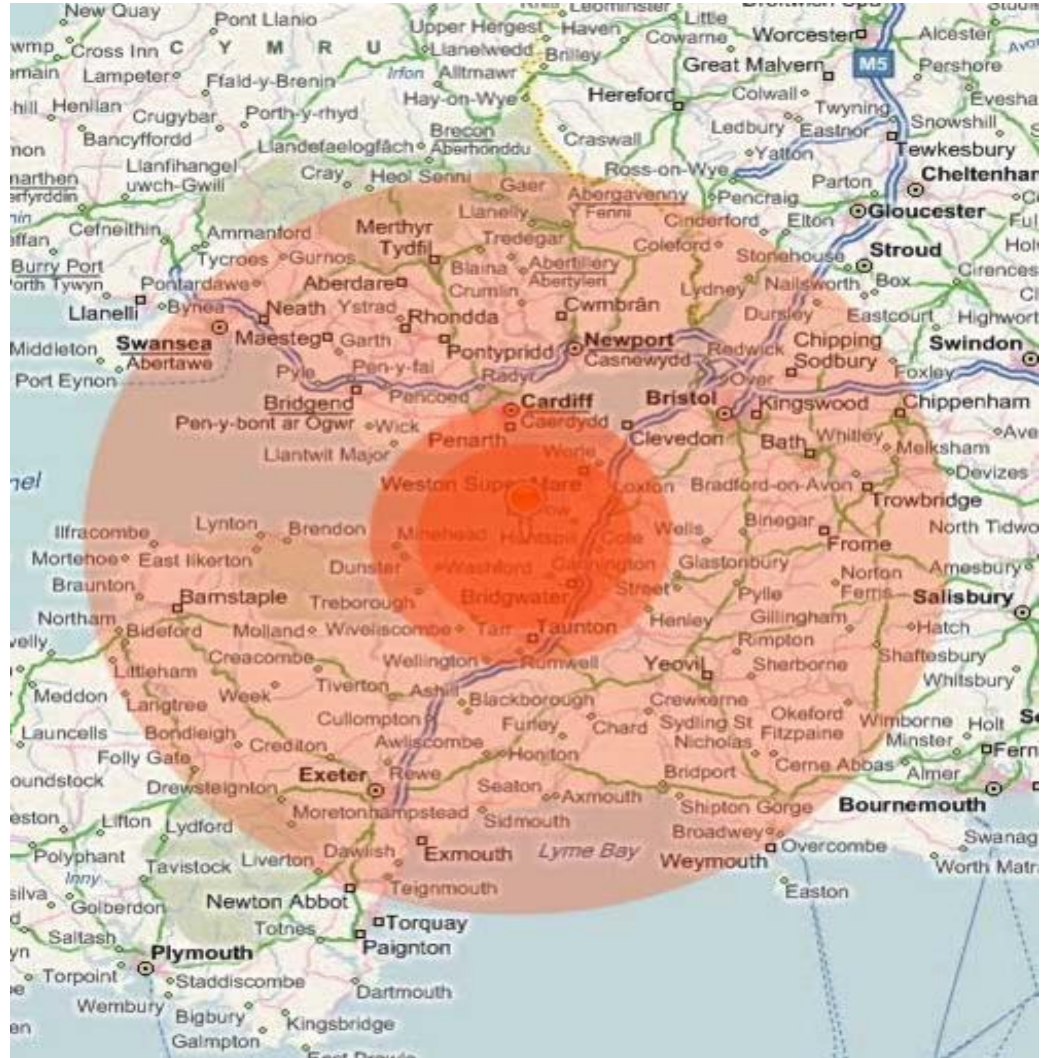


## Science for Public Understanding



Source: EDF Energy

Note: Image shows generic EPR reactor layout



## **BAM Nuttall**

- In common with most contractors, we recruit:
  - graduate engineers and quantity surveyors
  - Technical Apprentices (engineers, planners and QSs)
  - Craft Apprentices (carpenters, steel fixers)
  - Operatives

# John Byrne

- Staff roles (Grads/TA) require the following. We are the muddy boot side of the construction industry, so technical reports are uncommon.
  - Clear spoken communication to provide the workforce with clear instructions, HSE information, direction on working methods.
  - Written communication to formulate risk assessments that fulfil legal requirements
  - Written communication to Client on technical queries and requests for information
  - Written records that will be used to back up applications for payment and in dispute resolution
  - All are steered towards professional qualifications so need to formulate technical reports and presentations for formal review. Also documenting progress against a list of formal development objectives.
  - Even at this stage of HPC, documents may be subject to Regulatory review (Office for Nuclear Regulation) as HS and Quality now and throughout the programme are intrinsic to nuclear safety during the plant's operation. There is a concept of 'document hygiene' where getting SPaG and formatting wrong create the impression that the work being planned or recorded by a particular document will also be poor with a potential effect on nuclear safety.

# STEM

- STEM resources used elsewhere for English include:
  - Ethical discussions or report on the nuclear industry (environmental, safety and commercial impacts).
  - Accident investigations using real incidents to evaluate comprehension, identification of problems and solutions.
  - Compilation of method statements for real works to assess ability to describe work clearly and communicate constraints to the workforce.

# **What I'm not suggesting..**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c3y0CD2CoCs>





## Stem4Plymouth

### Example 2

#### Aim:

**To champion the provision and uptake of STEM-related education and skills across all educational settings in Plymouth to help young people and adults fulfil their potential and to meet the needs of local employers dependent on STEM skills.**

## Example 3



# National STEM Programme

- Support the development of STEM provision that is more flexible, accessible and responsive to the needs of employers
- Encouraging those currently within the workforce to develop enhanced knowledge and skills.

## The Partners

- Bath University
- Exeter University
- Petroc
- Plymouth University
- University of the West of England
- Weymouth College

<http://www.hestem-sw.org.uk/>

## Progression to higher level skills

- Collaboration between further and higher education
- Streamlining engagement for employers
- Provide pathways to higher level skills for students

# Why are higher level skills important?

- Improve productivity
- Improve competitiveness
- Economic growth
- Maximise innovation, creativity and enterprise

# Why employers invest in higher level skills?

- Increased innovation
- Raised productivity
- Improved quality of work / products
- Improved client satisfaction
- Worker Satisfaction
- Reduced absenteeism
- Better staff retention

## **Employer engagement**

- Continuing professional development
- Course design and delivery
- Small consultancy projects
- Student projects and work placements
- Research support
- Knowledge Transfer partnerships
- Bespoke Training



**Robin Jeffery – TDK Lambda**  
How universities should work with  
industry



## SHARE CELEBRATE SUCCEED PETROC

### LOCAL COMPANY DONATES EQUIPMENT TO PETROC

Ilfracombe-based electronics firm TDK-Lambda has generously donated over £5,000 worth of electronics equipment to help students in their studies at Petroc.

The company is one of the world's largest designers and manufacturers of electronic power supplies, used in important high end equipment such as body scanners, broadcast transmitters and motorway signs. Every year TDK Corporation, the Japanese based owner, award technology prizes in a monetary form and the local winners decided to purchase specialist equipment that would help students develop their skills.

"It was a wonderful gesture from our design team to donate this cash award to benefit Petroc and TDK-Lambda was happy to match the amount," said TDK-Lambda's EMEA Marketing Director, Martin Southam.

"There is a shortage of electronics engineers in North Devon and the UK and we are pleased to help develop local talent."

"We are very grateful for TDK Lambda's support," added Engineering Lecturer, Robert Coombes.

"This equipment will help all our students' progress and widen their knowledge. Having this link with industry gives our students great experience and a real advantage when entering the work place."



## Example 4

# STEMNET

- **STEMNET** creates opportunities to inspire young people in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)
- STEM Ambassador Recruitment and Training



# STEM Ambassadors Typical Activities

- Supporting schools with in class activities
- Develop a longer term link with a school or group of schools
- Assist with STEM competitions, events and awards
- Help to provide work based placements for teachers and students
- Offer mentoring support for students
- Offer careers guidance and role model examples deliver careers talks
- Provide resources to support the curriculum, directly linked to your work
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## Sterile Services

### **Skills I've learned**

1. I learnt how to sort out the instruments.
2. I have learnt how to find my way around the hospital.
3. I learnt how to replace the out of date instruments.



**Charlie**

### **Tasks I performed**

1. I packed the sterilised instruments.
2. I did the distribution run.
3. I did stock taking.

# STEM Subject Choice and Careers

## Strategy for Teaching

- Teaching and Learning
- Teacher awareness of STEM careers
- **Pupils' personal skills and capabilities**
- Enhancement and enrichment
- Equality and diversity
- Communication about STEM careers
- Leadership and management
- **Partnerships**



Enthusing Students

Equipping Professionals

Supporting Employers



## CPD Flyers



**PETROC™**



### IMPROVING SCIENCE IN FURTHER EDUCATION

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2014, 10am – 4pm

Petroc – Mid Devon Campus  
Bolham Road, Tiverton, Devon, EX16 6SH

Pre-course task – Consider your own organisation and Science department:

- What do you do well?
- What are the identified areas for improvement for your team emerging from lesson observations?
- What steps are already taken? What are the barriers to improvement?

Science in FE – the National Picture	Alex Falconer, HMI (National Lead on Post-16 STEM)			
How to Improve – In Theory	Activity, led by Alex Falconer, HMI			
Reality Check	Quality Improvement Activity			
Ofsted's Myths	Alex Falconer, HMI			
Collaborative Improvement: - Addressing regional priorities - Funding opportunities to facilitate quality improvement in teaching & learning	Ceria Ayres, South West Regional STEM Advisor			
Lunch, Networking & Resource Bank Building				
Hot Topic Workshops	Effective Use of Technology in Classroom Teaching & Learning	Developing Learners' Employability Skills: Addressing the Skills Gap	Embedding English & Maths Explicitly in Classroom Teaching & Learning	Developing an Inclusive Science Curriculum: Responding to Diverse Learning Needs
Lesson observations and effective practice	Quality Improvement Activity			
Supporting Improvement	Science Learning Partnerships, NSLC Accessing regional and national support – RSC, IOP FE STEM toolkit from the National STEM Centre Helen Roberts, FE STEM Support			
Planning for action: - 10 Top Tips for Improving Science in the FE & Skills Sector - Exploring resources to aid strategy development and create an effective STEM manifesto	Action planning for developing your organisational STEM strategy			

To register for this FREE event, please email [STEM@petroc.ac.uk](mailto:STEM@petroc.ac.uk)



LSIS STEM Support  
Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics  
Administrator for the FE and Skills Sector



### Practical Microbiology FREE CPD Event 27 June 2013

This accredited, one day course for post-16 teachers and their technicians will provide basic training in the techniques needed to carry out practical microbiology investigations safely in school or college. The course is suitable for both complete beginners and those wishing to 'brush up' their practical microbiology skills.



- The day will cover a range of microbiological techniques and processes including:
- an introduction to microbiology, aseptic technique and safety
  - preparation: risk assessment and good microbiological laboratory practice
  - resources: media, equipment, apparatus, materials and sterilisation
  - basic practical techniques (preparing a streak plate; transferring culture from tube to tube by loop; transferring measured volume of sterile solution from bottle to bottle by pipette)
  - microbiology in action: testing sensitivity to antibacterial substances, staining bacteria and yeasts
  - become aware of safety in all aspects of microbiology practice
  - practice a range of microbiological techniques
  - gain an accreditation from the Society of General Microbiology

**Outcomes - Participants will be able to:**  
Carry out basic microbiological practical work with students in a safe and competent way.  
Meet other teachers in an atmosphere of mutual support to share good teaching practice.



LSIS STEM Support  
FREE CPD EVENT



"Discover the Cosmos" is a FREE Astronomy-themed training workshop supported by the National Schools' Observatory, the Faulkes Telescope Project and the European Space Education Resource Office (ESERO UK).



- After this workshop you will:
- be able to use selected software and online resources (e.g. Stellarium, Nebulae Astronomy applet, data archives, data) to complement various aspects of your physics and astronomy teaching (e.g. atomic structure and energy levels, gravity, orbits, rotation period of the Sun, blackbody curves etc.)
  - understand how to use inquiry-based resources specifically written by the "Discover the Cosmos" project
  - be able to use robotic telescopes such as the Liverpool Telescope and the Faulkes Telescopes, analyse data from them, and actively engage with a variety of astronomical research projects

Friday 7th June 2013 - 9.30am to 4.30pm - Petroc, Tiverton, EX16 6SH  
To book your place at this FREE event, please email [STEM@petroc.ac.uk](mailto:STEM@petroc.ac.uk)



CPD for supporting students with STEP and AEA Mathematics

A one day course focusing on the development of problem-solving skills at Key Stage 5.

# **STEM Enrichment and Enhancement**



# PETROC™ STEM Enrichment & Enhancement



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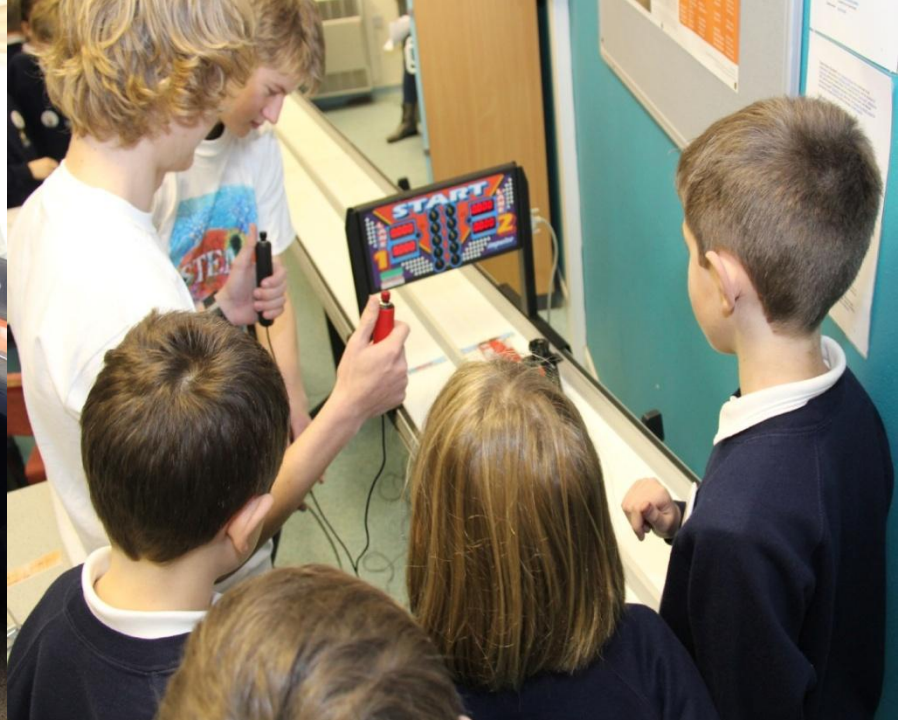


Georgia, Jack  
and Johnathan  
won Best  
Engineered Car,  
Fastest Car & 1<sup>st</sup>  
Place in South  
West Regionals  
and 4<sup>th</sup> place in  
UK National  
Finals!

Alex, Vashti and Sabrina won  
*First Place* in the Regional Finals of the  
Royal Society of Chemistry's Young Analyst  
Competition!

Well  
Done!!!







# Why?



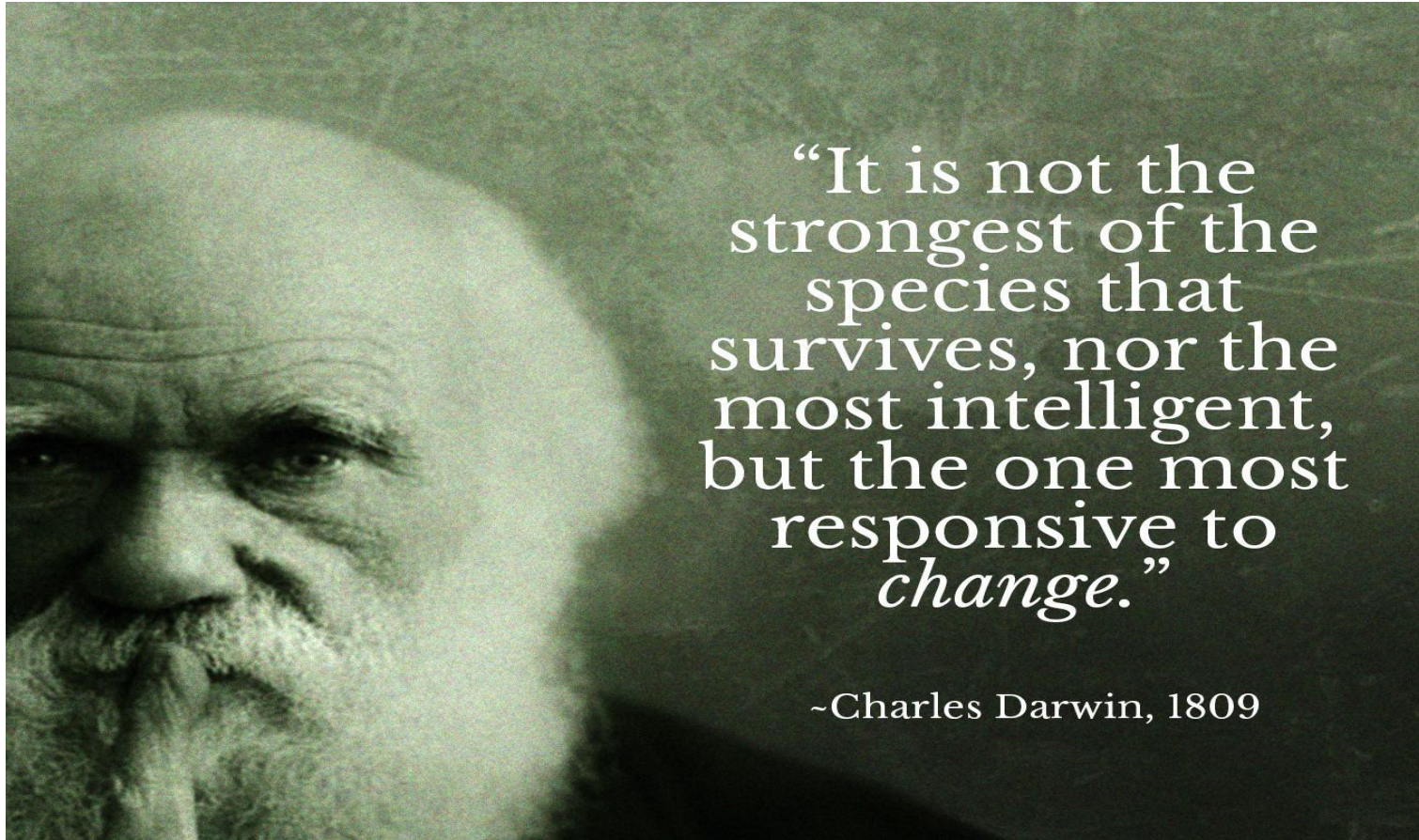
1% of the world's population, we produce nearly 10% of the world's scientific research and science lies at the bedrock of the economy.

But you can't have world class science teaching in schools to inspire and prepare the new generation of scientists and engineers and to ensure that **ALL citizens** have the basic science literacy need to make sense of the world in which science and technology shapes our lives without-

Tailoring STEM Professional Development to be responsive to the needs of STEM teachers/ practitioners.

Focusing on developments in the curriculum, in teaching technologies and in Science itself.

*(Professor Sir John Holman)*



## Developing English and STEM skills through a Sustainability Focus

“*Education at all levels can shape the world of tomorrow...*” UNESCO

Cerian Ayres- South West STEM Adviser, Head of Quality, Teacher Education , CPD:Petroc

March 2015

# Supporting STEM Learner Progression

Exploring the idea of Progression

Developing learners and teachers to enhance progression

Partnership approaches to support progression



## **Critical Success Factors in Supporting Learner Progression**

- Bringing learning to life
- Developing aspirations
- Information, advice and guidance
- Individual learning plans
- Pastoral support
- Effective teaching and learning
- Independent learning
- Curriculum planning

# The Learner Journey

Exploring the idea of progression

1.1 What does the term progression mean to you?

1.2 Why is progression important:

- . to individual learners?
- . to your organisation?
- . nationally?

1.3 What are the challenges to progression for your learners?

# The Learner Journey

## **Developing learners and teachers to enhance progression**

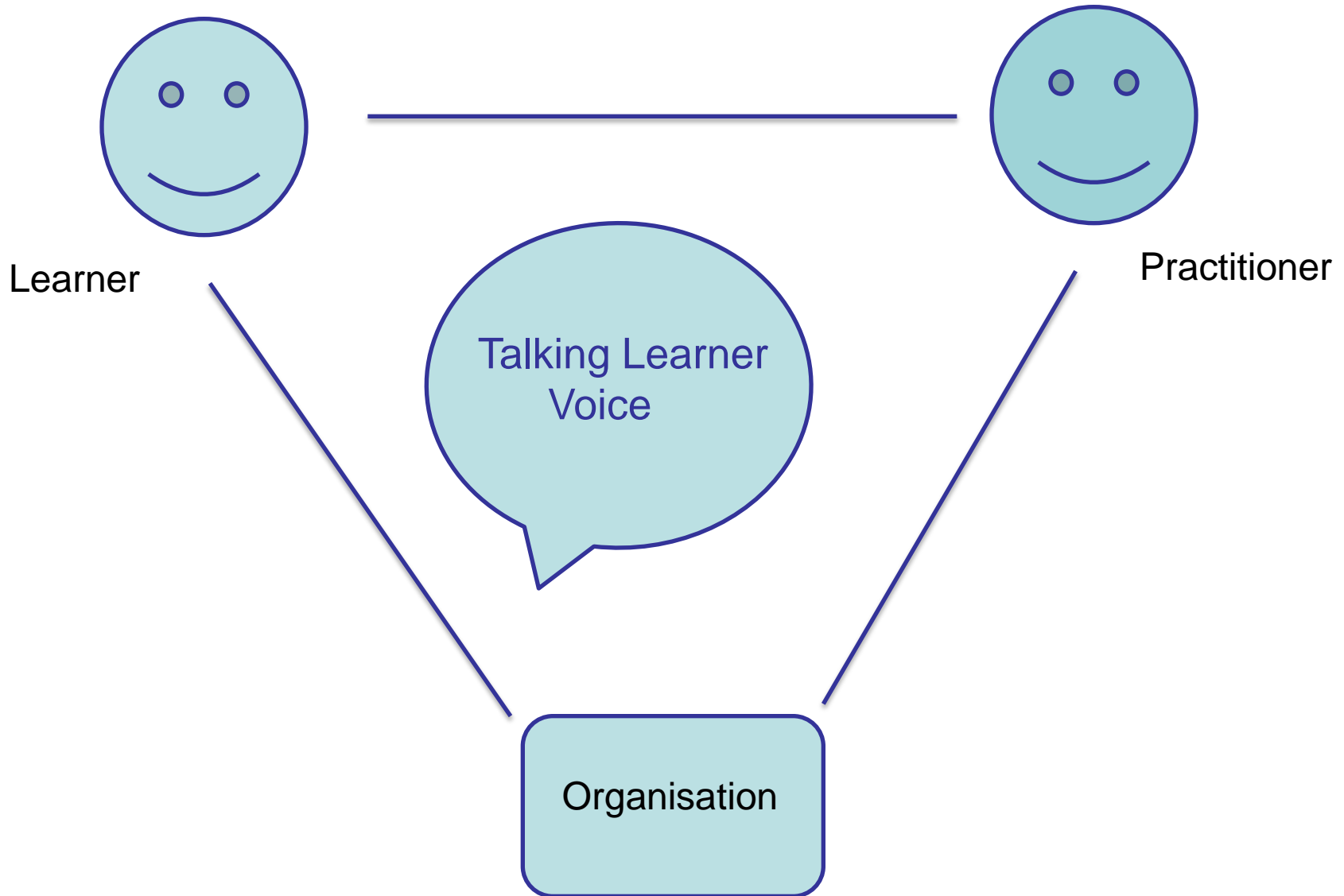
- 2.1 How can we use teaching and learning approaches to support learner progression?
- 2.2 How can we build learner motivation and persistence?
- 2.3 How can we support and develop interprofessional teams and individual teachers in order to enhance progression for all learners?

# The Learner Journey

## Partnership approaches to support progression

- 5.1 Who are our progression partners?
- 5.2 How can we establish a shared ethos and approach to progression?
- 5.3 What practical steps can we take with partners to enhance learners' progression opportunities and outcomes?

## Talking learner voice: three viewpoints ....



**Talking learner voice:  
strategic discussion  
activity Outstanding  
teachers, trainers and  
organisations.....**

## **EMPOWER**

Develop knowledge skills and abilities to control and develop own learning. Learners work together, set agenda for change and have responsibility for some management decisions.

## **COLLABORATE**

All aspects of decision making are done in partnership with learners. All parties sign up to a common goal and share a determination to reach it.

## **INVOLVE**

Staff and learners work closely together to make sure that all views are understood and taken into account.

## **CONSULT**

Seek the views of learners and provide feedback on any decisions taken

## **INFORM**

Keep learners informed about their rights and ways to participate in the organisation.

## **Ladder of engagement<sup>1\*</sup>**

- stepping stones
- continuum
- overlap/complementarity
- increasing maturity (individual and organisational)