

What we can offer

- Innovative new products in the National Qualifications Framework (NQF).
- Excellent value for money.
- Opportunities to expand your current provision.
- A comprehensive programme of training to support delivery.
- Prompt, efficient and friendly services.
- Expertise in credit developments.



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Our Services



About us

OCN Northern Ireland offers high quality, flexible, credit-based qualifications. We originate from the Open College Network (OCN) movement first established in 1975 to formally recognise the achievements of adult learners. We work with national and local organisations to develop and widen access to high quality and flexible education, training and learning.

Our vision is to be at the forefront of a comprehensive national Credit Accumulation and Transfer system, and recognised for promoting social inclusion, wider participation and community transformation.

We are a not for profit organisation and plough all of our resources back into the development of existing products and services and new qualifications.

Our Mission

“The Open College Network supports learning and widens opportunity by recognising achievement through credit based courses and qualifications”

Services provided

- Award National Qualifications and Credit Certificates for learning achievement.
- Offer professional training and support in the delivery of credit based courses.
- Offer progression pathways to level 2 and above.
- Support accreditation for employability and workforce development.
- Enhance collaboration between the FE sector and the Voluntary and Community sector to encourage progression.
- Recognise learning wherever it takes place:
 - FE Colleges
 - The work place
 - Community and Voluntary organisations
 - Private and Public sector
- Assist organisations in ensuring they have the appropriate quality assurance mechanisms in place.