



Representatives of the Belfast Local Enterprise Agencies

## Capacity

- 400,000 sq ft of workspace and office space is rented out to local people to start their own business.
- Over 350 units/offices to rent.
- Almost 2000 people are employed across seven sites.
- 56 Voluntary Directors drawn from the local community who oversee local operations.
- 47 staff, who are in the main graduates and members of the Institute of Business Consulting. Their Chief Executives and Directors have significant involvement in the local community as well as at a strategic level with other economic development bodies. They draw on the expertise of specialist trainers and consultants to meet client needs.
- Operate to ISO9002 standard.

## Enterprise NI

Enterprise Northern Ireland (ENI) is the organisation representing the network of local enterprise agencies in Northern Ireland. By working together through Enterprise NI, Local Enterprise Agencies can offer a service of a consistent standard across Northern Ireland.

Enterprise Northern Ireland ensures that there is a minimum level of support available in every Local Enterprise Agency and coordinates a number of programmes designed to encourage enterprise, start up and business growth.

Enterprise Northern Ireland also ensures that every agency operates a quality service, and over the past 5 years has helped to improve IT infrastructure, customer service within agencies, training and professionalism of staff and public accountability.

## Services

### Workspace and offices

Each organization offers flexible and low cost accommodation for local businesses. While most of the accommodation was originally warehouses and workshops targeted at micro industry, the enterprise agencies are starting to offer professional and sometimes serviced offices for the growing service sector. Tenants can benefit from on site services that are offered, which may include discounted room hire, access to photocopying and administrative services and access to business advice, information and programmes. The workspace is ideal for new start up companies as the Enterprise agencies can give more flexible lease terms than those offered by the private sector. ►