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Creative Industries

The Belfast campus – home to the University's prestigious School of Art and Design – is undergoing a £30 million refurbishment programme. The new city centre landmark will act as a creative hub in the heart of Northern Ireland's capital and will contribute to the rejuvenation of the district around the city's cathedral. Work on the second phase of the capital development of the Belfast campus is due for completion in the middle of 2008. Phase three will see work begin on the Orpheus Building this time next year.

The Belfast campus is now at the heart of the city's designated cultural core – the Cathedral Quarter. Its regeneration is quickly transforming this area into an exciting and sought-after destination. From its heyday in the late eighteenth century with its then prosperous linen and shipbuilding industries, its current transformation

has been stimulated at least in part by its re-population by artists and design-related businesses.

The Belfast campus has been synonymous with art and design over its 150-year evolution, now in its most recent manifestation within the new Faculty of Art, Design and the Built Environment. There are over 1,200 students on the campus with approximately 80 staff. Its student population is due to increase by over 80% in the coming five years.

The University of Ulster is a major feeder to the creative industries in Ireland and beyond. Not only in the visual arts but across other related disciplines such as the performing arts – University of Ulster is the only establishment on the island of Ireland which offers a degree in dance, digital media, product design and fashion.

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