

••• National Industrial Symbiosis Programme



The National Industrial Symbiosis Programme (NISP) is a business opportunity programme that identifies and develops mutually profitable links between companies across all industrial sectors so that underused resources such as energy, water and materials from one company can be recovered or reprocessed and re-used by others.



NISP is a nationally coordinated programme with a network of 12 regional offices. The Northern Ireland office has a team of four specially trained industrial symbiosis practitioners who provide free help, advice and support to companies of all sizes and from every sector.

NISP Northern Ireland is funded by Invest NI and does not charge companies to participate. Between April 2005 and December 2007 NISP members throughout the UK generated just over £119 million in new sales and made savings in excess of £81 million as a direct result of their involvement in NISP. At the same time, the synergies generated between NISP's member companies have reduced the UK's carbon emissions by 2.9 million tonnes and diverted more than 2.95 million tonnes of business waste from landfill.

In Northern Ireland, member companies come from a range of sectors including food and drink, construction, engineering, textiles and waste management. NISP Northern Ireland is supported by an industry-led advisory group comprising of Bombardier Aerospace, Moy Park, Michelin, Montupet, Seagate, Alpha Resource Management and Glenfarm Holdings. NISP is also working

with companies such as AMI, Canyon Europe, Diageo, Tyrone Crystal and United Feeds helping to identify opportunities by means of improving their overall management of resources.

"It's all about bringing companies together, both big and small" explains Trevor Knipe, Regional-Coordinator for NISP Northern Ireland.

"In some cases it's clear where the saving can be made, or where the opportunity is, in others it is less obvious and this is where the benefits of being part of a national programme with over 80 practitioners across the UK comes to the fore.

"NISP doesn't merely provide advice, it offers ongoing practical support that enables companies to turn opportunities into cash. As well as identifying ways to reuse previously discarded materials, we assist companies in securing resources to improve infrastructure and expand operations or help them obtain funding to carry out research and development."

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