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Some 1,200 jobs in Dublin project will be permanent positions

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Almost 5,700 jobs will be created through the relocation of the Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT) and associated facilities to Grangegorman, according to a new report from the Grangegorman Development Agency.

The majority of these are construction jobs, with 4,500 builders needed to redevelop the site of the former St Brendan's hospital in Dublin's northwest inner city to accommodate 20,000 students and build new healthcare and school facilities.

However, an estimated 1,184 permanent new positions will be created on campus, with further spin-off jobs likely in the areas surrounding the 73-acre site, according to the report.

The majority of these permanent jobs will be in a new on-campus science and technology park the DIT plans to build as a "business and research space" for industry. The estimated number of jobs created will be 1,000. On-site shops are expected to provide 80 jobs, with some 4,000sq m of retail space allocated.

Eve Holdings, which employs people with intellectual disabilities, already provides 30 jobs on-site, and will provide an additional 30 in new photocopying, binding and printing facilities. A new primary school will provide 23 jobs, while a childcare facility will provide the equivalent of 14.5 full-time positions.

The development agency has agreed a local employment charter with construction companies under which they are currently employing 16 per cent local labour and have agreed to meet a target of at least 20 per cent local employment.

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