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New DIT campus will 'radically change the face of Dublin's north inner city'

Speaking today after visiting the site, junior minister Paschal Donohoe said the development would bring employment into the area and boost the local economy with the custom of 10,000 students.

MINISTER FOR EUROPEAN Affairs Paschal Donohoe, who today visited the site for the Grangegorman DIT campus earlier today, has said the development has the potential to radically transform the face of Dublin's north inner city.

Donohoe visited the site this morning with Minister Brenadan Howlin and said he was "thoroughly impressed" at the extent of the progress being made. The development will bring the existing 39 DIT



Image: Moore Ruble Yudell Architects

locations across Dublin together on one site and the junior minister said the site is on course to have 1,000 students in situ by September.

"This project, which was the flagship of the stimulus plan launched by the Government in July 2012, is set to radically change the face of Dublin's north inner city, during the construction phase and beyond," Donohoe said today.

With 3,500 jobs being created during the construction phase, and a local employment charter in place, the opportunities that present for out of work labourers and contractors in the area are significant.

It is estimated that 16 per cent of the jobs created on the site will go to people in the local community. Donohoe said this development will also ave a considerable knock-on effect for local show and business owners as the 10,000 students on the site after completion in 2017 will contribute to the local economy.

"The north inner city has been overlooked for capital investment for far too long," Donohoe said.

Read: New DIT campus at Grangegorman to be part of €2bn stimulus package>
(http://www.thejournal.ie/stimulus-dit-grangegorman-roads-infrastructure-523368Jul2012/)

Read: <u>Approval granted for DIT's Grangegorman development></u>
(http://www.thejournal.ie/approval-granted-for-dits-grangegorman-development-451095-May2012/)

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