Education and Industry collaborating in partnership to address skills needs. Up to 50 representatives gathered this morning (2nd March) in Coláiste Dhuláigh (CDCFE) to discuss Skills needs and allow an opportunity for networking between business representatives from North Dublin Chamber. Organised in partnership with Regional Skills Dublin the agenda focused on specific skills needs within the locality while showcasing programme provision a graduate profile, business labour market needs and support mechanisms in place under the new skills architecture through the Dublin Regional Skills Forum.

Speaking at the event as host, Mary Hickie, Principal Coláiste Dhuláigh states the importance of engagement with employers ensures that our students secure good
practical experience to apply the learning. In addition she acknowledged that programmes must meet the needs of employers but that can only happen with your input.

On behalf of North Dublin Chamber, Ellen also emphasised that with the fast pace environment we live in today, having staff who can interact with our clients and are knowledgeable is critical to our success. We must also remember that a level 8 qualification as an example may not always be the answer to business staffing needs. Today’s networking opportunity allows our members from the Chamber forge stronger relationship to meet business needs through informed education.

In addition Natasha Kinsella, Regional Skills Manager Dublin, acknowledged the importance of collaboration as the focus of the Skills Forum allowing all parties to input, network while identifying skills needs agenda for the sole purpose of business development and regional economic development.

The event was well received by all businesses in attendance and one such testimonial provided by Erika Seery from Convergys noted how beneficial events such as these are to companies in North Dublin. With the jobs market changing so rapidly in recent times it is vital to share experiences and opportunities, and the Breakfast Seminar provided excellent updates. As a Contact Centre specialising in Technical, Network and Customer Support Colaiste Dhulaigh will be an excellent institution to partner with.

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