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Launch of Northern Ireland Apprenticeship Week (NIAW) 2020

The Department for Economy recently launched the first Northern Ireland Apprenticeship Week which will take place from 3 to 7 February 2020.

Northern Ireland Apprenticeship Week 2020 is a new initiative in Northern Ireland and offers an opportunity through a dedicated week of events and promotional activity to demonstrate how ap-

prenticeships work for individuals, businesses, communities and the wider economy.

Officially launching Northern Ireland Apprenticeship Week 2020, Deputy Secretary of DfE Heather Cousins said: "I

am delighted to launch the first ever Northern Ireland Apprenticeship Week which will run from 3 to 7 February 2020. Northern Ireland Apprenticeship Week provides the opportunity for everyone involved in

apprenticeships, or interested in finding out more about apprenticeships, to come together during a week-long programme of apprenticeship events and activity."

The introduction of Northern Ireland Apprenticeship Week 2020, led by the Department for the Economy, aims to bring all key partners from local councils, employers, FE colleges, universities, private training providers and many more apprenticeship partners within the development and delivery of apprenticeships together to raise the profile of the apprenticeship concept across Northern Ireland.

Heather Cousins added: "The Northern Ireland Apprenticeship Week 2020 Events Map is now available with over 25 apprenticeship events already confirmed to take place during the week and events be-



Pictured at the launch of the NI Apprenticeship Week in Belfast are (l-r) Chris Corken, Belfast Met; William Greer, South Eastern Regional College (SERC); Heather Cousins, DfE; Barry Neilson, Construction Industry Training Board (CITB); and Rhonda Lynn (Mid and East Antrim Borough Council).

ing added all the time. We would like all apprenticeship partners to get involved by hosting their own apprenticeship events or in col-

laboration with others. If you would like to get involved you can contact us by email at apprenticeshipweek@economy-ni.gov.uk

"Let's all discover the benefits apprenticeships can bring to businesses, individuals and our economy and consider attending the wide range

of apprenticeship events and activity taking place near you during apprenticeship week by visiting www.nidirect.gov.uk/apprenticeship-events."