

**The Manchester College** has a wealth of experience in delivering training to a wide range of employers of all sizes – from blue-chip companies to self-start enterprises – hundreds of courses ranging from NVQs to foundation degrees make the college one of the region's market leaders in the corporate training sector.

The Manchester College is the result of the merger of City College Manchester and MANCAT - two of the UK's leading colleges - and now boasts some of the very best facilities and resources available to learners anywhere in the country. The college has centres at more than 20 locations across the city offering training of relevance to all industry sectors.

The Manchester College's success is largely due to its responsiveness to the changing training requirements of the region's workforce and new government priorities. For example, the college delivers level 2 and 3 courses through the 'Train to Gain' initiative, enabling organisations to access free and subsidised training.

It has also worked with employers and higher education institutions to develop foundation degrees. These courses combine academic study with workplace learning.

For businesses, the benefits of working with The Manchester College are improved staff confidence and motivation, higher retention rates and increased productivity.

The benefit for learners and trainees is access to the best training centres in the region, which are run to the highest standards set by the college. The college also employs specialist advisors who are available to offer information on courses, eligibility criteria for funding opportunities and wage compensations.

## Practical policing

"Police officers in Greater Manchester will soon have less paperwork to deal with and more time for policing, thanks to a unique partnership with The Manchester College."

Greater Manchester Police (GMP) and the college have joined forces to deliver the NVQ in Policing. This partnership has enabled the force to provide new officers with dedicated assessors who will assess them at work rather than spending time deskbound, completing their own assessment paperwork.

Andrew Marston, Assistant Chief Officer (Human Resources), GMP, said: "GMP have developed an approach specifically designed to develop police officers with practical policing skills. Working with the college, we have been able to do this because it is based on the training requirements for GMP rather than building a qualification around a traditional academic framework."

GMP and The Manchester College have been working closely on a number of other initiatives, which include the development of a Foundation Degree in Policing. The Foundation Degree will be based around the current GMP training programme.

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