

The Northern Grid for Learning

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Northern Grid for Learning is the Regional Broadband Consortium (RBC) for the North East of England. It was the first RBC, established by Government in 2000 to deliver broadband connectivity to schools.

Northern Grid is owned by seven Local Authorities:

- Darlington
- Hartlepool
- Middlesbrough
- North Tyneside
- Redcar and Cleveland
- Stockton
- South Tyneside

Northern Grid's aims are to support schools and local authorities in their use of broadband technologies in order to improve the quality of education and to raise standards of achievement. Northern Grid has successfully delivered a 21st century high capacity, fast robust and reliable regional network. Excellent regional broadband services enable and empower learners to personalise their learning.

Northern Grid is a founder member of **The National Education Network (NEN)**. (www.nen.gov.uk). This national collaboration with the other English RBCs, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales delivers the world's largest dedicated learning network.

Northern Grid delivers best value, promotes best practice and establishes the region as a national centre of excellence. This is achieved through programmes which maximise the benefits of collaboration and aggregation. Key partners include: the ICT industry, the twelve members of the National Education Network and the wider education sector.