



1,000s of school leavers go elsewhere to access higher education.



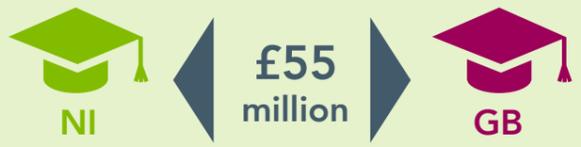
Our young people are Northern Ireland's **best resource**.



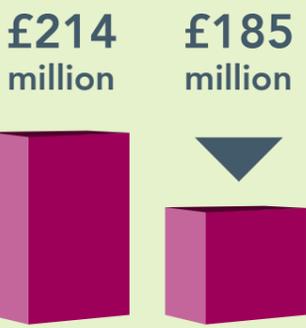
The **2015-16** budget has forced our universities to cut **2,000** places for local school leavers.



Implement a **sustainable funding model** that will support our universities in transforming Northern Ireland into a Knowledge Based Economy.



Annual **£55 million funding gap** between Northern Ireland's universities and institutions in Great Britain.



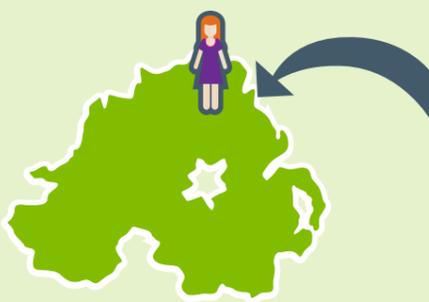
Between 2009-10 and 2014-15

Annual block grant allocations from the Department for Employment and Learning (DEL) to the Northern Ireland universities reduced.



2015-16

Further reduction in the higher education budget, totalling **£16.1m**.



Less than a third of our talented students that seek education elsewhere return to Northern Ireland.



Local universities will **fall down global rankings** causing long term, **significant damage** to Northern Ireland's economy and international reputation.