The world is changing fast ...

*Universities are training students for jobs that haven't been created yet *Knowledge economy demands new ideas & innovation *Technology as a facilitator but a challenge *Global challenges – social, health, environment

The university – business partnership is key ...

And the relationship between universities and industry is multifaceted and at a number of levels

Eg Students – employers Researchers – industry Leaders – industry

Universities can help businesses innovate ...

Through research collaboration (espec. SMEs) and through graduates with new ideas/approaches

Importance of ...

□ Strategic leadership
□ Change process and mindset
□ Incentives and shared benefit
□ Location and proximity
□ Diversity and multi-disciplinary

Knowledge exchange ... share learning international partnerships new models

Mechanisms ...

Newton Scholarships/mobility – staff & students Open & honest dialogue between University & industry

Innovation **OR** Employability today we heard that it can be innovation **AND** Employability in fact, innovation is **KEY** to *Employability*