

A great place to live, work & do business...





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Réamhrá Introduction



Seamus Neely Chief Executive

Donegal situated in the North West of Ireland is a great place in which to live, to work and to do business. Our new Local Economic and Community Plan has set out a range of goals which will consolidate and further develop Donegal in this regard. As can be seen from this prospectus, Donegal is a place of spectacular beauty with world class businesses, a skilled workforce and a positive and supportive attitude to enterprise and innovation.

We have excellent connectivity and access in this region. Donegal has educational facilities from pre-school to third level which are of the highest standard and a range of social and cultural amenities which along with the great Donegal outdoors provide for a quality of life which is unmatched anywhere.

Donegal in the Republic of Ireland along with our neighbours in the Derry City & Strabane District Council area in Northern Ireland form the North West Gateway region. Our two Council's adopt a partnership and collaborative approach to development giving us a critical mass and facilitating best use of resources for the benefit of the region as a whole.

We hope that you will consider Donegal as a place in which to invest, to work and to visit and look forward to welcoming you here and to providing you with any further information and assistance that you might require at any stage.

Tá súil againn fáilte a chur romhaibh go Dún na nGall, áit ar léith chun cónaí ann, oibriú ann agus chun gnó a dheánamh ann.

Seamus Neely

Seamus Neely
Chief Executive
Donegal County Council

Cead Míle Fáilte go Dhún na nGall Welcome to Donegal



Cllr. Ciaran Brogan Mayor of Donegal

Mount Errigal

Welcome to our Donegal Prospectus which will introduce you to our county Donegal as a great place to live, to work and to do business. Donegal, situated in the North West of Ireland is one of the most scenic and culturally vibrant places in Ireland with stunning land and seascapes, excellent recreational amenities, world class employment and investment opportunities and the full range of services required for an excellent quality of life. We are a county which promotes enterprise and learning and which values our unique culture and heritage while seeking at all times to be innovative and forward thinking.

You will see profiles in this prospectus of some of the firms that are located in Donegal and operating successfully on a global stage from this region. The testimonials of these companies with regard to the advantages of living and working in this county are a source of satisfaction and pride to me as Mayor of Donegal.

We hope that you will consider Donegal as a place in which to invest, to come to work in or indeed to visit.

Beidh Céad Míle Fílte romhaibh go Dún na nGall.

Cur. Ciaran Brogan

Cllr. Ciaran Brogan Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council



Donegal boasts a wonderful environment in which to work and do business and is home to a range of local and internationally renowned companies. The following is a selection of such companies doing business in Donegal.

Pramerica

Pramerica was founded in Co. Donegal in June 2000 and has over 1,250 employees. The company is a business and technology operations subsidiary of US based Prudential Financial Inc. - a financial services leader with assets of more than \$1.1 trillion and which also has operations in Asia, Europe and Latin America.

Pramerica consists of two diverse business groups. Pramerica Systems provide a complete range of development, quality assurance and systems engineering services to Prudential Financial Inc.

Pramerica also provides a wide range of Professional Business Solutions to business groups across the U.S. in areas such as technical support, financial, legal and actuarial services.

www.pramerica.ie

UnitedHealth Group

UnitedHealth Group is an American health care company, which was voted "World's Most Admired Company" in the Insurance and Managed Care category, by Forbes magazine, for the last five consecutive years.

It acquired PacifiCare in 2006, and has since grown exponentially, due to its low operating costs, access to a large, skilled labour supply, and the quality of life it offers employees.

With a current workforce of over 650 employees, the site in Letterkenny is now the largest in the Europe, Middle East and Africa region. It continues to expand in the health care and IT arenas.

www.unitedhealthgroup.com

E&I Engineering Ltd.

E&I Engineering Ltd. was founded in 1986 in Derry, Northern Ireland by Philip O'Doherty. Specialising in manufacturing electrical power distribution equipment, its customer base was primarily in Ireland and the UK.

Since then, E&I Engineering has expanded their engineering expertise and invested in a purpose built facility in Burnfoot, Co. Donegal, now employing 485 staff.

The company's first global venture saw the establishment of PowerBar Gulf in the UAE in 2009. This enabled the company to develop partnerships in Europe, Asia and Australia. E&I Engineering USA Corp was formed in 2014 in South Carolina and will serve markets in North & South America, Canada with the creation of 250 jobs.

www.e-i-eng.com

SITA

Air transport IT specialist SITA, currently employs more than 140 employees at its development centre in Letterkenny. SITA designs and implements mission-critical enterprise applications that are used every day in the global air transport industry from airport operations to passenger systems and baggage management. Almost every airline and airport in the world does business with SITA.

SITA's portfolio covers every aspect of the industry from managed global communications, to passenger, baggage, flight and aircraft operations, border management and air-to-ground communications. With a presence at more than 400 airports around the world, SITA provides a unique service to its 450 air transport industry members and 2,800 customers in more than 200 countries.

www.sita.aero



Randox

Randox Teoranta is a world leading bloodscience diagnostics R&D, engineering and manufacturing company located at Dungloe, Co. Donegal.

Focussed on preventative healthcare and the early and accurate diagnosis of disease, Randox research, develop and manufacture a wide range of laboratory capabilities, which are exported to 145 countries worldwide.

Part of the global Randox Group, Randox Teoranta is a highly innovative life-sciences and engineering R&D and manufacturing centre which plays a key role in improving clinical decision making worldwide, thereby saving lives.

Randox is committed to Co. Donegal and plan to expand staffing levels in Dungloe to 540 by 2020.

www.randox.com

Abbott

The Abbott Diabetes Care (ADC) site was established in 2006 in Co. Donegal. The facility spans 7,500m² on a 27 acre site outside Donegal Town. The site currently manufactures and distributes the worldwide supply of Abbott FreeStyle blood glucose test strips and employs a highly skilled workforce of approx. 250 people.

The site has been recognised nationally and internationally as one of the "Great Places to Work". ADC actively contributes to the local community with employees volunteering and supporting locally based charities and schools.

ADC has achieved zero-waste-to-landfill status and is ranked in the top three EHS Abbott sites worldwide.

www.abbott.ie

Medisize

Phillips-Medisize Corporation
Headquarters is in Wisconsin, USA and
employ over 3,400 people in 14 locations
throughout the US, Mexico, China and Europe
including 250 staff at its Letterkenny
facility, which was established in 1981.

Phillips-Medisize is a global-leader in outsource design, development and technology-driven manufacturing of a wide range of products for Anaesthesia, Critical Care, Neonatology, Emergency, Homecare and Radiology.

The company has annual sales of over \$600 million with 80% of the total revenue coming from drug delivery, medical device and diagnostic products including insulin pens, glucose meters, specialty inhalation drug delivery devices, single-use surgical devices and consumable diagnostic components.

www.phillips-medisize.com

Moll Industries Ireland

Moll Industries Ireland is an independent, Irish company owned by Helen and Michael Masterson and based in Donegal Town. It is an award winning custom Medical Injection Moulding and Contract Manufacturing Company for Life Science and High Tech Products.

The company positions itself as an expert manufacturing, partner and outsourcing solution for these industries and has achieved international regulatory certification to the Medical Device Standard ISO13485.

Moll Industries Ireland has continually increased employment and revenue and aims to create a wealth which will provide a lasting legacy to its local community.

www.mollindustriesireland.com



SeaQuest Systems

SeaQuest Systems is a leading edge company in the design and manufacture of fish pumps and hydraulic systems for fishing and offshore vessels.

Based in Killybegs the company has many years of experience working with a wide variety of vessels from 10-metre potters to the top pelagic vessels.

The company's products are recognised throughout the industry for their excellence of design, sturdy construction and superior performance, meeting the high demands of customers worldwide.

SeaQuest Systems is an internationally renowned company in its field and has customers in Europe, Russia, Asia, America and well as closer to home in Ireland.

www.seaquest.ie

Irish Fish Canners

Irish Fish Canners is based in Dungloe on the Atlantic Coast and represents the very best of fish canning. The company is the largest and only fish canning facility in Ireland.

The company's location ensures access to the world freshest and finest fish, and as a result of added value, the business has now evolved into a major canned seafood provider to a number of world-class leading brands in global markets.

Irish Fish Canners aim to ensure the longevity and sustainability of the business for future generations and their commitment to sustainability has been recognised and supported by Bord Bia.

www.irishfishcanners.ie



Marine Harvest

Marine Harvest Ireland is Ireland's largest producer of farmed Atlantic Salmon and works to provide sustainable seafood of assured high quality.

Marine Harvest was established in Co. Donegal (originally as Fanad Fisheries) in 1979 and has grown significantly since its inception. The company now operates in 8 locations across Donegal as well as in 4 other Atlantic coast counties – Mayo, Galway, Cork & Kerry.

The company currently employs over 280 people in Ireland and utilises over 600 Irish suppliers to contribute over €15 million to the local economy.

www.marineharvestireland.com

Swan Net Gundry Ltd.

Swan Net Gundry Ltd. was formed in 2002 as a merger between Swan Net Ltd. and Gundry's Ltd., Ireland's two leading netmaking firms, to become one of the strongest net firms in the world.

The company offers a comprehensive range of products and services for mid-water trawling, bottom trawling, gill netting and fish farming. Swan Net Gundry Ltd. also design, manufacture and supply safety & sports nets and nets for use in agriculture and horticulture.

Having its headquarters in Killbegs allows the company to maintain direct contact with customers and visitors to Ireland's premier fishing port.

www.swannetgundry.com





Zeus

Zeus is the world's leading polymer extrusion manufacturer and material science innovator. Zeus specialises in providing high-performance extruded tubing solutions to many industries.

The company continually works to develop and improve processes and to design advanced products that meet the rapidly changing demands of the medical, science, technological and manufacturing fields. From biosabsorbables and nano-fiber membranes to wires and cables, the company is an innovator in many industries.

Zeus chose Letterkenny as its European base to ensure that its European customers receive a quick turnaround and taking into consideration the quality of life that Letterkenny would offer its employees.

www.zeusinc.com

Mulrines

Mulrines is Ireland's premier juice production company. Established in 1919 and located in Ballybofey, Mulrines now employs a workforce of more than 150 people.

Mulrines is an innovative company and owns a number of established and popular fruit juice brands. Its major programme of investment in new technology and the latest automated juice production equipment, combined with research into new products and packaging solutions, has earned the company recognition throughout the food and drink industry.

The company strives to be responsive and adaptable and has achieved a string of high profile awards for their innovative products. **www.mulrines.ie**



Errigal Bay

Errigal Bay, founded in 1962, is Ireland's largest processor of Wild Atlantic Shellfish sourced from the purest waters of the North Atlantic. Errigal employs 170 people at its BRC certified facility in Meenaneary, Carrick where the shellfish products are processed, packaged, chilled and frozen before distribution.

The company exports its premium quality seafood products including crab, scallop, whelk, prawns, lobster and shrimp to leading retailers, wholesalers and food service customers in Europe, Asia and North America. Errigal Bay has a rich history in the local community with some families now in their third generation since the foundation of the company.

www.errigalbay.com

Nomadic Group

Nomadic Dairy is part of the Donegal Investment Group and has been making fantastic oats & yogurt snacks and yogurt drinks in the Crossroads / Killygordon since 1998.

The company has gone through many changes since its inception and currently exports over 90% of produce mainly to the UK market. Many of the company's customers are international companies such as Tesco, Asda, Boots, Morrison's and WH Smith as well as being stocked at many airports.

Nomadic Dairy plans to double its turnover within the next 3 years from its plant in Co. Donegal with the valued support of their skilled local workforce.

www.nomadic-dairy.com







Education in Donegal is based on an ethos of quality, inclusiveness and life long learning for all from early year's education to primary and post-primary education as well as third-level and outreach education.

The Department of Education and Skills is a department of the Irish state with responsibility for education and training. This department oversees the delivery of educational programmes for primary, post-primary, further education and training and higher education.

The Department of Education and Skills fund a number of pre-primary services for designated areas of urban disadvantage targeting children most at risk of not succeeding in education. The majority of early childhood education and care services in Donegal are delivered outside the formal education system by a diverse range of private, community and voluntary interests and are described variously as crèches, nurseries, pre-schools, naíonraí (Irish language pre-schools), playgroups and day-care services.

The Donegal Childcare Committee is an agency based in Ballybofey with a county-wide remit to provide a coordinated and strategic approach to the development of high quality childcare in County Donegal and aims to bring about positive outcomes for children and families.

www.donegalchildcare.com

The National Strategy for Higher Education to 2030 cites 'In the decades ahead, higher education will play a central role in making

Ireland a country recognised for innovation, competitive enterprise and continuing academic excellence, and an attractive place to live and work with a high quality of life, cultural vibrancy and inclusive social structures'.

Children attend primary school between the ages of 4 and 12. Primary education is also referred to as first level education. Primary school covers eight years - a two-year infant cycle followed by six years from first to sixth class.

Students usually begin secondary schools at the age of 12. Post-primary education consists of a three-year Junior Cycle, followed by a two or three year Senior Cycle with the option of doing an additional Transition Year which provides an opportunity for students to experience a wide range of educational inputs, including work experience, over the course of a year that is free from formal examinations.

Upon completion of post-primary education, students have the option of entering higher education which in Ireland is provided mainly by 7 Universities, 14 Institutes of Technology and 7 Colleges of Education. There is also the option of availing of further training and education outside of the third level system. **www.education.ie**





Third Level Education

Letterkenny Institute of Technology

Letterkenny Institute of Technology (LYIT) has two modern campuses in Letterkenny and Killybegs. It employs 350 staff and has over 3,500 full-time students who come from all over Ireland and from 30 different countries to study. Both campuses are intimate and manageable which means students enjoy a supportive staff-student relationship.

The college has an ambitious and progressive ethos, and has expanded the course curriculum to offer over 100 programmes across its four Schools of Business, Tourism, Engineering and Science, many up to Masters Level.

The college has a long legacy of collaborating with industry through professional links, developing relevant courses and enterprising support. LYIT offers the opportunity to sample Donegal's rich cultural heritage while studying in a friendly and supportive environment. For anyone considering validating a business idea or researching it further then LYIT is a stimulating and dynamic place to locate and take it to the next level. www.lyit.ie

LYIT School of Hospitality & Tourism, Killybegs

The School of Hospitality & Tourism, LYIT is located in Killybegs and specialises in programmes covering the business and practical elements of tourism, hospitality and professional cookery. It equips graduates with the knowledge and skills to work in this exciting industry anywhere in the world, whether in an established organisation or as entrepreneurs running their own business. This campus is also the location of the LYIT Wind Energy Training Centre.

www.lyit.ie

National University of Ireland, Galway (NUIG), Na Doirí Beaga

Tá oideachas tríú leibhéal ar fáil i nGaeltacht Dhún na nGall anois chomh maith, i ndiaidh d'Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta a bheith bunaithe i nGaoth Dobhair mar ionad for-rochtana de chuid Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh.

The development of Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge in Gaoth Dobhair, as a satellite of the National University of Ireland, Galway, has brought third-level education through Irish into the Donegal Gaeltacht.

Cuireann Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh cúrsaí ar fáil san ionad seo don phobal i gcoitinne agus do fhoghlaimeoirí Gaeilge as chuile chearn. Tá teanga agus cultúr na nGael beo bríomhar sa cheantar seo go fóill agus is deis iontach é do mhic léinn cúrsa ollscoile a dhéanamh in ionad den scoth.

Diploma and specialised courses are provided for the community & Irish language learners in this outreach centre of the National University of Ireland, Galway. Gaoth Dobhair is particularly famous as an area that has never severed its links with the traditional Gaelic culture whilst simultaneously promoting the development of the area.

www.nuigalway.ie/acadamh

National Fisheries College, Greencastle

Bord lascaigh Mhara promotes careers in catching, fish farming and seafood processing sectors and provides a range of training courses at the National Fisheries College in Greencastle. Here, new entrants and existing practitioners can receive training in areas such as Marine Engineering, Skipper and Crew Training, Safety Training and Communications. www.bim.ie

Research & Development

North West Regional Science Park @ CoLab. Letterkenny

CoLab, based at LYIT, is a stimulating and supportive incubation centre and is the key dimension of LYIT's commitment to supporting the growth of a regional innovation ecosystem in the North West. CoLab is home to 30 high-growth, technology-based, internationally trading enterprises, employing 120 people. LYIT's postgraduate researchers and research centres are also located here, where there is a focus on researching subjects of regional importance.

The North West Regional Science Park

project resulted in a doubling in size of the existing CoLab facility, and opened for business in summer 2015. LYIT and CoLab are proud to be the partners with Northern Ireland Science Park (NISP) in this cross-border project which involves bringing the world renowned NISP brand, operating model and support programmes to the North West region, and represents the first step in the development of an All-Island Association of Science Parks.

www.co-lab.ie

Donegal Clinical & Research Academy

In 2010, Letterkenny General Hospital's department of education became a constituent part of the NUI, Galway Medical School. Owing to the success of the department, the Hospital is now in the process of developing a state-of-the-art clinical research and educational facility adjoining Letterkenny General Hospital.

The Donegal Clinical and Research Academy will be the lead site in Donegal for medical education at undergraduate and postgraduate level and will accommodate a growing number of post-graduate medical trainees, nurses, midwives, therapists, medical scientists and full-time medical students. This will also enable the Academy to develop and extend its award-winning medical education courses and increase its international educational liaison. The Academy currently runs educational courses in both Spain and Portugal.

Donegal Clinical and Research Academy provides a focal point for sharing knowledge, enhancing the education of students and ultimately providing the people of our county, region and country with greater access to healthcare professionals.

www.dcra.ie





There are many reasons for doing business in Gaoth Dobhair including a skilled workforce and local expertise as well as the benefit of living and working in an area of outstanding natural beauty.

Gaoth Dobhair and its hinterland has a population of approximately 17,000. Donegal has a strong economy and offers a wide range of business sectors, including manufacturing, healthcare, engineering, food processing and of course textiles.

Údarás na Gaeltachta is the regional development authority funded by the Irish Government to promote the economic, social and cultural development of the Gaeltacht with the overall objective of maintaining Irish as the main communal language of the region. Údarás na Gaeltachta works to stimulate economic growth and job creation in the Gaeltacht by nurturing new and existing businesses, developing modern enterprise infrastructure and enhancing the skills base of the Gaeltacht community.

Údarás offers a range of incentives and supports to start-up, development or expansion businesses locating in the Donegal Gaeltacht area. In 2011, 1,951 people were employed in a full time capacity in Údarás na Gaeltachta client companies in the Donegal Gaeltacht.

Both the Gaoth Dobhair Business Park and Áislann Ghaoth Dobhair (incubation units) are Údarás na Gaeltachta owned premises and are situated at An Bun Beag. **Gaoth Dobhair Business Park** is the largest enterprise and industry-based business park in West Donegal. Situated on 95 acres, this purposedesigned business park offers a diverse and flexible range of enterprise premises to suit the needs of a wide range of businesses.

Properties are available at competitive rental rates and clients can benefit from flexible leasing arrangements, with scope for growth. Buildings can be adapted to suit particular business requirements and leased as part of an enterprise-support programme.

Áislann Ghaoth Dobhair is a state of the art multifunctional enterprise and innovation centre which offers a comprehensive range of facilities and services designed to meet the needs of start-ups, developing and expanding companies. This complex provides serviced office space, incubation and enterprise units dedicated to the needs of the financial services, digital media, ICT and knowledge based technology enterprises as well as a creche/childcare facility, an art exhibition centre and a library.

Áislann Ghaoth Dobhair offers a complete business solution to entrepreneurs seeking a high quality environment in which to grow their enterprise with business support also available from Údarás na Gaeltachta.

Donegal's Carrickfinn Airport is located within 15km of the Business Park and provides regular flights to Dublin (a 40min flight time) and to Glasgow. Derry Airport is 97km (60 miles) from Gaoth Dobhair and provides further international flight connection options, and there are also two international airports in Belfast.

Connections to the North West have never been better, offering easy access to Irish, UK and other European markets.

www.udaras.ie





Killybegs is Ireland's premier sea-port and Ireland's Gateway to Our Ocean Wealth.

A Strategic Port

Killybegs is a modern, vibrant and forward looking harbour operation located in South County Donegal. Killybegs is Ireland's premier fishing port and is also ideally placed for servicing offshore energy exploration and the development of renewable energies along Ireland's West Coast and indeed Europe's Western approaches. Killybegs has deep water all-weather harbour infrastructure along with world-class hydraulic, mechanical and other key services which play a pivotal role in the development of offshore energy. Killybegs is home to a range of innovative and cutting-edge firms involved in a range of sectors.

www.donegalcoco.ie/business/ supportingbusinessandoureconomy

The town of Killybegs has a proud maritime heritage. Developed initially as a fishing port, it has since 1999, played an important role in facilitating offshore exploration and in particular the development of the Corrib Field. It has also been the harbour of choice for wind farm developers, with turbines being delivered for wind farms throughout the north and west of Ireland.

Killybegs is now being developed as a strategic, innovative hub for marine resources including offshore renewable energies, added value seafood and marine tourism.

www.lyit.ie

In a further development, Killybegs has become the port of call of many cruise ships who benefit from modern berthing and quayside facilities along with direct access to the Highlands of Donegal.

www.killybegs.ie

Killybegs in essence has evolved into a multifunctional port serving the fishing, energy and cruise sectors. Therefore the presence of this expertise, adaptability and flexibility ensures that Killybegs can meet any challenge.







This unique gateway links Derry City to Letterkenny in Co. Donegal and is the focal point for the North West Gateway Initiative which is being promoted by the Governments of the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland with an emphasis on the development of the North West Region of Ireland.

The Letterkenny / Derry Gateway is one of the designated Gateway / Development Centres in the Republic of Ireland's National Spatial Strategy and Northern Ireland's Rural Development Programme. This departure was made with the aim of achieving a better balance of social, economic and physical development across Ireland, supported by more effective and integrated planning. The Letterkenny / Derry Gateway is of key strategic importance to the North West region and is unique in that it is the only cross-border gateway identified in the National Spatial Strategy. The North West Gateway Initiative is being promoted by the Governments of both the Republic of Ireland and the Northern Ireland Executive making it one of the key centres recognised at national level for Inward Investment.

A range of priority working areas has been identified including key projects in both jurisdictions and also collaboratively on a cross-border basis. Donegal County Council and Derry City & Strabane District Council are working in close partnership to advance common goals in the North West Gateway region. A coordinated approach is adopted with regard to the economic, social and cultural development of the North West of Ireland on a cross-border basis. A wide range



of collaborative projects have been completed and continue to be progressed in areas of common, strategic interest in sectors such as access, connectivity, health, economic development, enterprise, tourism, education and culture.

Letterkenny

Letterkenny is the largest town in Donegal with a population of 20,000 and is well served by business, educational, health, cultural & retail services.

www.donegalcoco.ie/business/ supportingbusinessandoureconomy

Letterkenny is a vibrant shopping location with a wide variety of retail outlets.

www.letterkennychamber.com



Letterkenny Business Park

A range of firms and businesses are located within Letterkenny Business Park. The Business Park has availability of advance office space and fully serviced sites.

www.idaireland.com



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Building on Donegal's reputation as an excellent base for business, whether a small local company or a large multi-national, the County has proactively made the investment necessary to ensure that your data and broadband-dependent business is connected to the global marketplace.

This provides investors with the confidence to choose Donegal as an dependable location for doing business.

This targeted investment in the next generation of High Speed Broadband has resulted in:

- A resilient and competitive fibre-optic network, offering a range of global suppliers and dependable international routes for your data.
- A dedicated trans-Atlantic fibre-optic cable that connects Donegal directly into global centres of commerce and innovation in North America, South East England and Northern Europe.
- High Speed Fibre of up-to 100Mbits connecting your homeworkers and suppliers in our main population centres.

- Secure Metropolitan Area Networks (MANs) in our main towns for secure homeworking and offices.
- A substantial rural broadband network soon to be upgraded to high speed and expanded to all homes.

All of this is backed up by the proactive Donegal Digital Action Plan, ensuring access to the latest digital innovations and expertise in Europe and North America for e-enabled business models and processes.

ERNACT is a joint venture between Donegal County Council and Derry City and Strabane District Council and provides ICT supports throughout the region operating from its base at the CoLab, Letterkenny.

www.ernact.eu & www.donegalcoco.ie





Ireland's health care system is modern and efficient. Donegal has many accessible medical services right throughout the county.

The Health Service Executive (HSE) provides all of Ireland's public health services, in hospitals and communities across the country. A wide range of emergency, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation services are provided in Ireland's public hospitals. Letterkenny General Hospital is an acute general and maternity hospital and delivers patient-centred, quality-driven focused service and provides a wide range of diagnostic and support services. Letterkenny General Hospital is a teaching hospital with links to the National University of Ireland Galway, the Royal College of Surgeons and the Letterkenny Institute of Technology.

Health care is Donegal is provided via a network of Primary Care Team's which are responsible for organising and delivering primary healthcare services for the local population which are accessible, integrated, of a high quality and which meet the needs of the local population.

Services provided at the Primary Care Centres in the county include:

- GPs
- Nurses
- Physiotherapist
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Mental Health Services
- Psychology / Counselling Services
- Audiology Services
- Podiatry
- Social Work Services
- Dental Services
- Dietetic Services
- Opthalmology Services
- Environmental Health Services
- Civil Registration
- Carers Services
- Home Care Services

An out of hours service called NowDoc also operates in Donegal. This service provides access to urgent family doctor services outside of normal surgery hours. There are five NowDoc services operating in Donegal in Letterkenny, Carndonagh, Derrybeg, Ballyshannon & Mountcharles.

Donegal also has a vast array of private health services available throughout the county such as nursing homes for the elderly, dentists, podiatry, physiotherapy, opticians, alternative medicines and therapies and many more.

Donegal Hospice is a modern purpose-built building situated in Letterkenny. Here, a multi disciplinary team of professionals support the medical and nursing staff in providing palliative care to the residents of its six bedrooms and two apartments. The needs of residents' families are also catered for at this local hospice. The Hospice also provides a palliative home care service.

Given the location of county Donegal, it makes sense that cross-border cooperation in key, strategic areas takes place and this is particularly true in relation to health. There are strong links between Altnagelvin Hospital in Co. Derry and Letterkenny General Hospital. A new state of the art radiotherapy centre, one-third funded by the Irish Government, will be opened at Altnagelvin Hospital in Derry in 2016 to serve a catchment area of 500,000 people in the Northwest region. Further advances in crossborder healthcare are being made on a continued basis.

www.hse.ie

Donegal & Its People

The people of Donegal are recognised as our greatest asset. We are proud of their achievements at both home and abroad. Donegal people are clever and creative, kind and strong, innovative and brave.



Daniel O'Donnell



Shay Given



Sean McGinley



Enya



Gay Byrne



John Hume



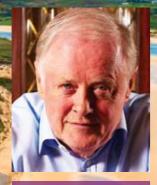
Jason Quigley



Moya Brennan



Packie Bonner



Sir Gerry Robinson



Seamus Coleman



Moya Doherty



Jim McGuinness



Phil Coulter



Mark English



Mary Robinson



Friel



Paul McGinley



Enda Kenny



Mairead Mhaonaigh



Conal Gallen



Michael Murphy



Ricky Simms



Chloe Magee



County Donegal is a showcase of culture, heritage and the arts with something for everyone around every corner!

Earagail Arts Festival

The Earagail Arts Festival is Donegal's largest and longest running multi-disciplinary arts and cultural event. Each July, the Festival's programme contains theatre, music, visual arts, outdoor spectacle and pageantry, cultural walking tours, literary events and events for children and is a highlight of the North West of Ireland's vibrant cultural scene. www.eaf.ie

Mary From Dungloe Festival

The annual Mary from Dungloe International Festival is held each July for 10 days. The first festival was held in 1967 and celebrates local music, culture and heritage. The festival culminates with the annual crowning of 'Mary from Dungloe' who acts as an ambassador for the festival locally, nationally and internationally for the following year. www.maryfromdungloe.com

Donegal Bay & Bluestacks Festival

The annual Donegal Bay and Blue Stacks Festival runs each year from late September to early October and presents a rich and varied programme of contemporary, classical and traditional music, theatre, opera, carnival, visual arts, street arts, literary events focusing on the South and South West of the county.

www.donegalcoco.ie/culture/ countyartsoffice/ donegalbaybluestacksfestival

Donegal County Museum

Located in Letterkenny, the County Museum was opened in 1987 and works to collect, preserve, record and display the material history of Donegal. The museum has over 8,000 artefacts dating from prehistoric times to the present century and houses a permanent exhibition telling the story of Donegal. The Museum plays an enthusiastic educational role.

www.donegalcoco.ie/culture/countymuseum

An Grianán Theatre

An Grianán Theatre, Letterkenny is an integral part of Co. Donegal's thriving cultural life and a flagship venue for the performance arts in the North West. An Grianán Theatre provides an unrivalled opportunity to enjoy the very best of local, national and international arts and entertainment events including drama, dance, music, comedy and much more.

www.angrianan.com

Regional Cultural Centre

The Regional Cultural Centre is one of the finest cultural facilities in Ireland, a specially designed multi-disciplinary arts centre and award-winning building. The RCC leads and assists cultural development in the region and provides a world-class centre for visual arts, music and socially engaged arts. The RCC has one of the finest gallery spaces in Ireland. Education and social engagement is core to all RCC programmes.

www.regionalculturalcentre.com

Donegal County Library

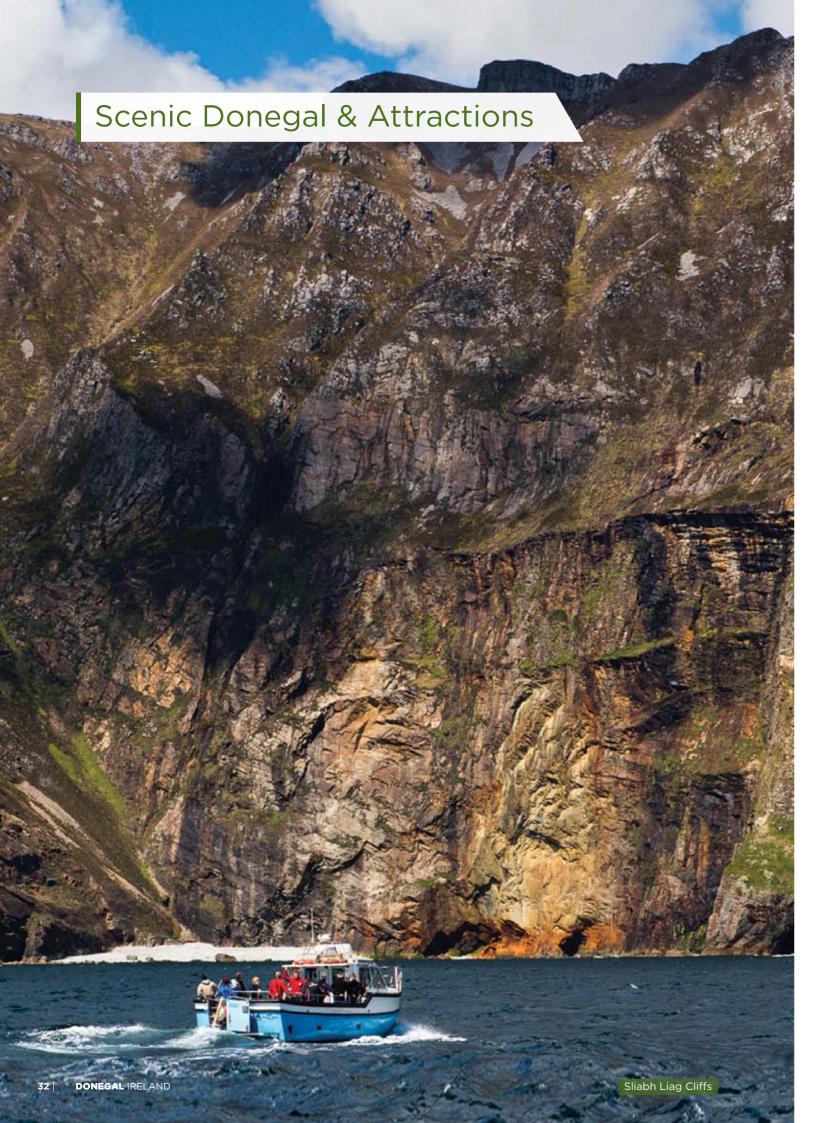
Through the library service, Donegal County Council aims to enrich the lives and increase the social and cultural opportunities for every member of society. Libraries are located throughout the county and provide an accessible and modern education and information service. It is a resource for information and learning, for culture and imagination.

www.donegallibrary.ie

Donegal Craft Village

Donegal Craft Village is a showcase of contemporary arts and crafts and is located just outside Donegal Town. The studios are occupied by highly skilled craftspeople in mediums including pottery, ironwork, handwoven fabrics, jewellery, glassware and wood sculpture. It is wonderful to see the incredible skills and expertise of the craftspeople during a visit to the Craft Village.

www.donegalcraftvillage.com



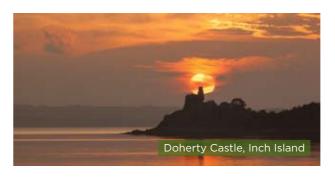
Donegal is renowned for its natural beauty. Our coastline has stunning peninsulas, a host of golden beaches and towering colour-streaked cliffs. You can explore the Wild Atlantic Way which runs along the entire coast of Donegal.



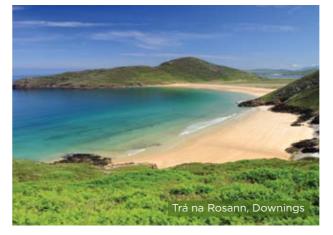




















Donegal's Gaeltacht is the largest geographical Gaeltacht in Ireland. Come and experience the culture, language and traditions that we are so proud of.

An Ghaeltacht - Language Community

Donegal's Gaeltacht is located mainly in the west of the county along the coast and is Ireland's second largest Gaeltacht with a population of 24,744 which represents almost one quarter of the country's total Gaeltacht population. The Donegal Gaeltacht encompasses a geographical area of 1,502km². The three parishes of Na Rosa, Gaoth Dobhair and Cloich Cheann Fhaola constitute the main centre of population with just over 16,000 and is considered the most rurally populated area in Europe. Dún na nGall, the Irish for Donegal, means 'fort of the foreigner', so called for having repealed the numerous viking raids on the county in the 8th and 9th centuries.

Irish Language - An Ghaeilge

Cúis mhór bhróid dúinn iad na ceantracha láidre bríomhara Gaeltachta atá le fáil i gContae Dhún na nGall, agus is iomaí duine a chaitheann seal a chuarta anseo le saibhreas teanga agus cultúrtha na Gaeltachta a bhlaiseadh. Tá breis agus trian de thalamh iomlán an chontae suite sa Ghaeltacht, agus tá radharcanna galánta le fáil ar feadh Shlí an Atlantaigh Fhiáin a bhfuil cuid mhór di ag dul fríd an Ghaeltacht.

The Donegal Gaeltacht is home to proud and vibrant Irish-speaking areas and the rich linguistic and cultural heritage of the Gaeltacht is a key reason why so many people come to visit the area. The Donegal Gaeltacht encompasses over one-third of the entire land mass of County Donegal and much of it is located along the breath-taking scenery of the Wild Atlantic Way.

Is as Dún na nGall iad cuid de mhórscríbhneoirí agus de mhórfhilí na Gaeilge, chomh maith le roinnt ceoltóirí a bhfuil clú agus cáil orthu ar fud an domhain, ar nós Clannad, Enya agus Altan. Bíonn an Ghaeilge lárnach i gcuid mhór féilte pobail chomh maith.

The Donegal Gaeltacht has produced some of Ireland's greatest writers and poets in the Irish language, as well as some internationallyacclaimed musical performers such as Clannad, Enya, and Altan. The Irish language is also celebrated as part of many community festivals.

Tá béim mhór ar chaomhnú na Gaeilge i nDún na nGall agus tá an turasóireacht oideachasúil fíorthábhachtach leis an gheilleagar áitiúil a chothú. Achan bhliain, tagann na mílte dalta scoile ó achan chearn den tír le freastal ar Choláistí Gaeltachta le linn an tsamhraidh, áit ndéanann siad cúrsaí Gaeilge le linn an lae, agus cultúr agus oidhreacht an cheantair a bhlaiseadh, sult a bhaint as imeachtaí spóirt, agus freastal ar imeachtaí sóisialta san oíche. Bíonn neart cúrsaí Gaeilge agus cultúrtha ar siúl chomh maith do dhaoine fásta sa Ghaeltacht, agus meallann cúrsaí de chuid Oideas Gael agus Ghael Linn foghlaimeoirí fásta ó achan chearn den tír agus ó thar lear, mar shampla.

There is a strong emphasis on preserving the Irish language in Donegal and educational tourism is key to sustaining the local economy. Each year, thousands of school pupils from all across the entire country come to attend Gaeltacht Colleges during the summer where they attend Irish-language courses during the day, experience the culture and heritage of the area and enjoy sport and social activities in the evenings. There are also many enjoyable Irish language and cultural courses available for adults in the Gaeltacht, for example Oideas Gael & Gael Linn attract adult learners from all over the world.



There is a wonderful quality of life to be enjoyed in Donegal and there is always something to do whether it is surfing, horse-riding, golfing, shopping or just taking a relaxing walk along one of our many blue-flag beaches.

The landscape of Donegal naturally induces and encourages a recreational and sporting lifestyle. Many of our recreational and sporting facilities are set in and along breathtaking scenery promoting an enormous sense of well being.

Walking is a favourite pastime in Donegal owing to the magnificent array of trails and routes available right throughout the county. The natural resources in Co. Donegal provide many different landscapes and terrains for walking, hiking and mountain climbing for all capabilities. Walking trails have been developed along our lakes, hills and mountains, beaches and our towns and villages provide excellent looped walkways. The popularity of this pastime necessitates the continued development and enhancement of facilities in Co. Donegal and a collaborative approach to this continued development is taken.

Sport has a vibrant presence in County
Donegal, both competitively and recreationally
and we have many sport-stars to be proud
of and to look up to. Sport can be pursued
individually or socially amongst the huge array
of sporting clubs and associations in Donegal
including, GAA, Soccer, Golf, Tennis, Rubgy,
Badminton, Athletics, Martial Arts, Cycling,
Basketball, Swimming, Surfing, Gymnastics,
Water Sports and many, many more.

Golf is a very popular pastime in Donegal and we have 17 golf courses located around the county, 13 of which are links courses.

The quality of these links golf courses is widely acclaimed in the golfing world with Ballyliffin and Rosapenna in particular being regarded amongst the best in the world.

Ballyliffin Golf Club was recently voted the best 36 Hole links complex in the world by the influential US Golf Magazine – Golf Odyssey.







Rory McIlroy at Ballyliffin Golf Club





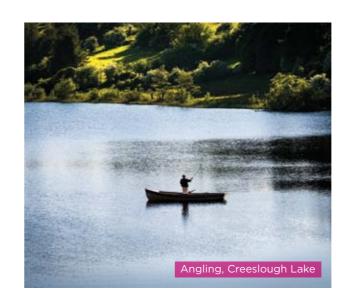




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Donegal is steeped in talent when it comes to food and we have the added benefit of having some of the best, authentic, local produce and ingredients to be found anywhere.

Donegal is famous for its exceptionally high standard of natural ingredients and foods due to its unspoilt environment, climate, and richly diverse landscape that produce a wide variety of food and farming methods. Boasting the longest coastline in Ireland, the county is also the producer of an abundance of fish and other seafood.

The annual Taste of Donegal Festival takes place in Donegal Town in August each year and has established itself as a must attend event. The Festival gathers together top restaurants, hotels, food, drink and life-style product providers to the specially erected tented village at the foot of Bluestack Mountains and Donegal Bay.

www.atasteofdonegal.com

We have many fine, gourmet restaurants right throughout Donegal showcasing not only excellence in seafood but also local beef, lamb, game, dairy produce, fruit and vegetables that are among the best in the world.

The Food Coast

Donegal has direct access to some of the best quality produce available anywhere in Ireland as well as having some of the best chefs in the country and it was recognised that this talented sector should be recognised on a national and international stage.

Donegal's Good Food Initiative was developed by the Local Enterprise Office in Donegal as a programme to support development, growth and quality in Donegal's food sector. The initiative aims to promote Donegal as a "Food County" - a place with a vibrant food culture and food economy and also to create the opportunity for companies within the food sector to connect with fellow businesses.

Donegal Food Coast works with new and existing businesses to develop and support their capabilities and promotes the use of quality local produce and products to make Donegal a destination for an exceptional food experience.

www.localenterprise.ie





Donegal Diaspora Dermot Mark Henry Streep Wahlberg Mulroney Cavill Anne Danny General Martin Hutton Dempsey Sarah Jessica Michael

The community of Donegal is scattered across the globe made up of people who have recently left the county and others whose ancestors may have left many years ago. We are proud of our Donegal Diaspora and their many achievements in their chosen fields.

The Donegal Diaspora Project has been established to reach out to and to connect with the broad Donegal and Irish Diaspora, no matter where in the world they may be living. The community of Donegal is defined as consisting not only of those who actually live in the county, but also to include those with any connection to or interest in the county, no matter where in the world they may be living. This is Donegal's "Pobal Domhanda", its Global Community.

Donegal's Global Community is made up of thousands of people involved in a wide range of activities across the world. The Donegal Diaspora Project is working to reach out to this community to promote activity for mutual benefit in economic, cultural, educational and other areas of common interest.

www.donegaldiaspora.ie

Tip O'Neill Irish Diaspora Award -Gradam Uí Néill

The Tip O'Neill Irish Diaspora Award is awarded through the Donegal Diaspora Project on an annual basis. It is awarded in honour of, and to give credit to a prominent member of the Donegal Diaspora, Speaker Thomas Philip 'Tip' O'Neill. Recipients are chosen members of the broad Irish Diaspora who have excelled in their area of interest and who have contributed in some way to Ireland and the Irish Diaspora.

www.irishdiasporaaward.com



Golden Bridges Awards & Showcase

The Golden Bridges Awards & Showcase is held in Boston on an annual basis and is organised by the Irish Echo Newspaper, Donegal County Council / Donegal Disapora Project and Derry City & Strabane District Council. The event consists of an awards element which recognises active members of the Irish Diaspora and an element which focuses on economic and cultural development.

www.donegaldiaspora.ie/news/golden-

Donegal Gathering

The Donegal Gathering is a project which connects the broad Donegal and Irish Diaspora with a range of events in Donegal, many with a diaspora focus. The Donegal Gathering has a range of ambassadors who promote Donegal at home and abroad. www.donegalgathering.com





Location & Infrastructure

Driving Distances in Kilometres		
Donegal to	Distances in KMS	
Sligo	66	
L/Derry	69	
Castlebar	150	
Dundalk	158	
Belfast	180	
Athlone	183	
Larne	189	
Galway	204	
Dublin	222	
Roscrea	245	
Limerick	296	
Kilkenny	309	
Waterford	357	
Rosslare	391	
Cork	402	
Killarney	407	
Tralee	408	



Ferry Reservations

Dublin, Dun Laoghaire, Belfast, and Larne are served by car ferry from Britain.

Rosslare and Cork are served by car ferries from Britain and France.

Brittany Ferries

From/To: Ireland to UK and France
From Ireland Tel: +353 21 4277 801
Web: www.brittanyferries.ie

Irish Ferries

From/To: Ireland to UK and France

From Ireland Tel: 0818 300 400 Web: www.irishferries.com

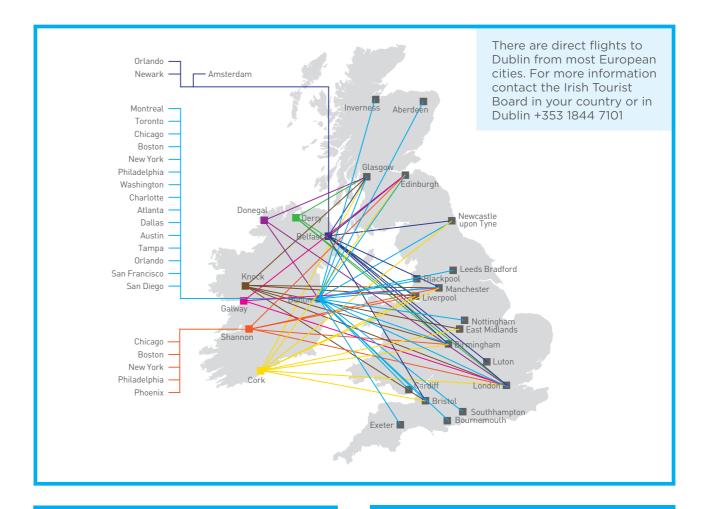
P&O European Ferries

From/To: Cairnryan - Larne
From Ireland Tel: +353 1855 7001
Web: www.poirishsea.com

Stena Line

From/To: Stranraer - Belfast
From Ireland Tel: +353 1204 7777
From UK Tel: 087 0570 7070
Web: www.stenaline.com





Buses

Express buses serve the principal towns from Dublin and other major cities. Local bus services link towns and villages.

Web:	www.buseireann.ie
Tel:	+353 74 912 1309 (Letterkenny)
Web: Buses to: Tel:	www.johnmcginley.com Donegal - Dublin - Donegal Donegal - Glasgow +353 74 913 5201
Web: Buses to: Tel:	www.fedaodonnell.com Donegal - Galway - Donegal Donegal - Glasgow - Donegal +353 74 954 8114
Web:	www.gallagherscoaches.com
Buses to:	Donegal - Derry / Belfast
Tel:	+353 74 953 1107
Web:	www.mangantours.ie
Buses to:	Letterkenny - West Donegal
Tel:	+353 74 913 5460
Buses to:	Donegal - Dublin - Donegal
Tel:	+353 74 954 6150
Buses linking: Tel:	North West Donegal, Letterkenny, Derry and the Inishowen Peninsula +353 74 938 2619
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Flying to Donegal

Dublin, Shannon, Knock, Belfast, Derry and Cork are the principal international airports. Local airports with link services to Dublin and Britain are Donegal Airport, Sligo Airport, Knock Airport and Derry Airport.

Donegal Airport	Tel: Web:	+353 74 954 8284 www.donegalairport.ie
Sligo Airport		+353 71 916 8280 www.sligoairport.com
Knock Airport	Tel: Web:	+353 94 936 7222 www.knockairport.com
Derry Airport	Tel: Web:	+44 28 7181 0784 www.derryairport.co.uk

Car Hire

Enterprise Rent-A-Car

Letterkenny Tel: +353 74 910 3202 Donegal Airport Tel: +353 74 910 3202

S&R Motors

Donegal Town Tel: +353 74 972 3462

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Business Support Agencies in Donegal

Donegal is a county rich in economic diversity with a wide-range of company & business profiles, products and workforce capabilities.

Agency	Contact
Donegal County Council Donegal County Council is the authority with responsibility for economic development, planning, housing, roads, environment, emergency services, community and culture. IDA Ireland	County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 91 53900 www.donegalcoco.ie Colab, Port Road,
Ireland's inward promotion agency, the IDA partner established companies, both large and small, working with them every step of the way to achieve a smooth, fast and successful set-up of their operations in Ireland.	Letterkenny, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 91 69810 www.idaireland.com
Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation The DJEI provides a range of supports, both financial and non-financial to assist companies to grow, improve competitiveness, create employment and improve productivity.	23 Kildare Street, Dublin 2 Tel: +353 (0)1 631 2121 www.djei.ie
Údarás na Gaeltachta Údarás na Gaeltachta is the regional authority responsible for the economic, social and cultural development of the Gaeltacht (Donegal's Irish-speaking region)	Páirc Ghnó Ghaoth Dobhair, Doirí Beaga, Co. Dhún an nGall Tel: +353 (0)74 95 60100 www.udaras.ie
lbec Ibec is the national voice of business in Ireland and provides a wide range of direct services to its member companies.	Third Floor, Pier One, Quay Street, Donegal Town, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 97 24280 www.ibec.ie
Local Enterprise Office Local Enterprise Office Donegal is the essential resource for small business in County Donegal supporting local enterprises in many different ways to encourage a thriving and sustainable local economy.	Enterprise Fund Business Centre, Ballyraine, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 91 60735 localenterprise.ie/Donegal
SOLAS SOLAS is the new Further Education and Training Authority in Ireland. It is responsible for funding, planning and co-ordinating training and further education programmes.	Castleforbes House, Castleforbes Road, Dublin 1 Tel: +353 (01) 533 2500 www.solas.ie
Enterprise Ireland Enterprise Ireland is the government organisation responsible for the development and growth of Irish enterprises in world markets.	Portland House, Port Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 91 69800 www.enterprise-ireland.com
Donegal Film Office Donegal Film Office acts as the main resource for filmmakers in Donegal and those who wish to film in Donegal from all over the world.	County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 91 53900 www.donegalfilmoffice.ie

Donegal Education and Training Board

Donegal Education and Training Board work to promote, offer and support accessible, inclusive and holistic learning opportunities to enable young people and adults to empower themselves to reach their full potential in Society.

Administrative Offices, Ard O'Donnell, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 91 61600 www.donegaletb.ie

Letterkenny Institute of Technology

Letterkenny Institute of Technology is a third level institution serving Co. Donegal and the north-west of Ireland. It is today one of the largest places of third level education anywhere in Ulster.

Port Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 91 86000 www.lyit.ie

WestBIC supports entrepreneurs through their journey from concept to commercialisation to realise their creativity and convert their ideas to marketable products and services.

Ionad Forbartha Gnó Fiontarlann, Baile Mún, Cill Charthaigh, Co. Dhún na nGall Tel: +353 (0)74 97 38333 www.westbic.ie

CoLab / North West Regional Science Park

Both based on the Letterkenny campus at LYIT, the CoLab and the North West Regional Science Park provide stimulating and supportive incubation centres for SME's in the North West region.

Letterkenny Institute of Technology, Port Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 91 86703 www.co-lab.ie

Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce

Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce works for the interests of the business community while also promoting economic development in the region.

Grand Central Complex, Canal Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 91 24866 www.letterkennychamber.com

The BASE

The BASE is a bespoke enterprise centre enabling and supporting economic development.

Railway Road, Stranorlar, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 91 90909 www.thebaseenterprise.ie

Donegal Tourism

Donegal Tourism Ltd. works on a collaborative basis to develop the tourism product in Donegal and to gain a strong market share of the tourism market in Ireland and to promote Donegal as a world class tourism destination of excellence.

Letterkenny Public Services Centre, Co. Donegal Tel: + 353 (0)74 97 24431 www.govisitdonegal.com

Failte Ireland is the National Tourism Development Authority with the aim of supporting the tourism industry and sustaining Ireland as a high-quality and competitive tourism destination.

88-95. Amiens Street. Dublin 1. Tel: 1800 24 24 73 www.failteireland.ie

CoLab, LYIT Campus

Ernact

The European Regions Network for the Application of Communications Technology (ERNACT) works to develop and transfer practical e-services for citizens and business, broadband and innovation strategies and applications within the region.

Port Road, Letterkenny Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 91 68212 www.ernact.eu

Áislann Ghaoth Dobhair provides flexible, high quality, serviced office and enterprise work space for early stage, developing and high growth enterprises.

Údarás na Gaeltachta Páirc Ghnó Ghaoth Dobhair, Doirí Beaga, Co. Dhún na nGall Tel: +353 (0)74 95 60100 www.udaras.ie

