

# **The Kerryman**

## **CFCD to drive Skillnet training**

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Comharchumann Forbartha Chorca Dhuibhne (CFCD), the Ballyferriter – based development cooperative, is set take charge of a €587,000 fund to support the growth and development of business and enterprise in Gaeltacht areas across Munster.

CFCD have been chosen as network promoter for the Gaeltachtaí na Mumhan Skillnet, funded by Skillnets, the enterprise – led support body

The initiative aims to ensure the growth of existing business and foster the development of new enterprise within the Munster Gaeltacht through the provision of specialised training expertise. These aims are to be pursued in a challenging environment at a time of intense national and global competition as evidenced by Gaeltacht – based company Contact 4's decision to cease operations in Dingle recently.

Network manager Dónal Mac an tSíthigh said: "CFCD are acutely aware of the many challenges facing Gaeltacht – based companies in the current environment and they look forward to delivering a network wholly dedicated to the specific training requirements of these companies."

The newly formed Skillnet network currently comprises 108 enterprises from all five Gaeltacht areas in Munster and membership is expected to expand as the project is advanced. Skillnets has approved funding of €587,000 to the network whose growth and development will be guided by a steering committee comprising 10 companies from the various Gaeltacht areas.