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Dingle displays its skills through Skillnet project

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Dingle's Skellig Hotel was the venue for the official launch of the new Gaeltachtaí na Mumhan Skillnet initiative by Ceann Comhairle John O'Donoghue.

The initiative, funded to the tune of €600,000 by Skillnets Ltd, through the Department of Enterprise Trade and Employment,, took place as part of the annual Féile na Bealtaine in the west Kerry area.

The network has been operating for a number of months from a base in Ballyferriter and will work with existing business to encourage growth as well as fostering the development of new enterprise within the Munster Gaeltacht through the provision of specialised training expertise.

The network is being co-ordinated by Comharchumann Forbartha Chorca Dhuibhne, the Gaeltacht development co-operative based in Ballyferriter.

Since beginning operations the new Gaeltachtaí na Mumhan Skillnet has already offered a number of specialised training courses and further initiatives are planned for the coming months.

Participation in these training events is open to all and at the launch the network promoters invited applications from indigenous companies, both Gaeltacht and non-Gaeltacht areas.

"We have a deep understanding of the challenges being faced in the current environment by Gaeltacht based companies and given that the network is aimed at will tackle those challenges head on." Mr O'Donoghue said at the launch.

25 companies from all five Gaeltacht areas in Munster were represented at the launch in Dingle each had a stand displaying teir wares and services.

Alan Nuzum, who is chief executive of Skillnets; Eamon Ó Neachtain, the regional manager of Údarás na Gaeltachta; Antaine Ó Sé, CEO of MFG and Tomás Mac Gearailt, cathaoirleach, CFCD were also in attendance.