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Skillnet ahead of training targets

A MID-PROJECT independent evaluation report on the Gaeltachtaí na Mumhan Skillnet has shown that, in its first year of operation, the network of 190 companies exceeded the two year target and the majority of these companies have already engaged in at least one of the 65 training programmes undertaken in 2008.

Gaeltachtaí na Mumhan Skillnet aims to deliver low /basic skill training to employees across a broad cross section of companies in the five Gaeltacht areas in Munster. This training, which is a key focus of the network, has a high level of certification.

Network manager Dónal

Mac an tSíthigh said: "a total of 788 participants benefited from the training and development courses conducted in 2008 and while the maintenance of existing employment is obviously a key goal in the current environment, the focus of the training in the year ahead will, as always, be member driven."

The Gaeltachtaí na Mumhan Skillnet network is at present engaging with its members to discover how best they can meet the challenges presented on the economic front and how they might help indigenous industry meet their ongoing training and development requirements.