

Some Users Experience of the SPACEial NW Site

Speaking at the launch of the SPACEial North West project, **Niall Cussen, Senior Planning Advisor at Department of the Environment Heritage and Local Government** said that 'SPACEial NW website is a huge resource for the entire region and the implementation of NI and ROI spatial strategies. It is a ground breaking project even at EU level'.

'We were pleased recently to have had a demo of www.SpaceialNW.eu site. Letterkenny Chamber President, Gerard Grant who is representative for the business community and Vice-President at Pramerica and I, were very impressed and excited by the statistics available. This information available in such a useable format will be of specific use to us and the wider business community in economic development and planning. We can envisage using this website as a frequent source of information for a wide range of economic purposes and as supporting information to inform Chamber activities and strategies'. **Toni Forrester, CEO of Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce**

'Through the development of the SPACEial NW website, the North West cross border region has been provided with a fantastic, user friendly resource which can equip every resident, business, organisation and potential investor with the information they need to make practical decisions, using a range of current statistics and data.

This website has delivered a one stop information hub for policy and decision-makers - an invaluable tool, allowing them to formulate their plans and service delivery for the North West cross border area, based on solid fact.'

Linda White, Project Officer, North West Region Cross Border Group

As explained by **Avril McMonagle, Manager of Donegal County Childcare**, 'Donegal County Childcare has found the SPACEial NW site to be an invaluable support to the strategic planning element of our work. The validity and depth of the data available is crucial in identifying trends and gaps in both the early childhood infrastructure and in service provision across the county'.

Sarah Meehan, Marketing Tourism Officer, Donegal Tourism explained that 'The team at Go Visit Donegal found the interactive map to be a fantastic marketing tool for potential visitors to the county, by bringing the information on the '12 Places to Go Visit in Donegal' to life, by demonstrating a location within the county that would resonate with travellers and made the information much more interactive. We have had a very positive reaction to the mapping app and found it to be an excellent additional marketing tool that we would welcome using in the future'.

'Spaceialnw.eu was a very welcome website for the work of the Donegal Children's Services Committee. The mapping of local services and resources facilitated our work in the compilation of a directory as part of our CSC Children and Young People's Plan. Access to local data has been critical in identifying and prioritising issues and population groups and targeting geographic localities for our work plans. The project team provided excellent

training in the use of the maps and data and we find the site to be practical and user friendly and will continue to access it to support our work.'

Anne McAteer of the Health Promotion Department, Health Service Executive and the Coordinator of Donegal Children's Services Committee