



Measure:

Business & Economic
Development

Promoters:

North West Organic
Co-Op Society Ltd.

Title:

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Northwest Organic attend
Farmers Market,
Guildhall, Derry

North West Organic was established in 1999 by a group of dedicated farmers with the aim of developing and promoting organic production in the North West region.

The Co-op has a strong cross border membership base, drawn from the counties of Derry, Donegal, Tyrone and Fermanagh. Their activities include developing supply contracts with existing food producers and processors, supplying consumers directly through a box scheme and farmers markets. The group have also managed a number of initiatives aimed at capacity building, engaging new producers and providing training and support services.

North West Organics received funding to deliver a Marketing & Development Project. This project was designed to offer a dedicated range of supports specifically targeted at the organic sector, on a cross border basis over a three year period.

After approximately three years, and from a 'standing-start', the staff, promoters and members of the Co-op have an impressive record of achievements behind them. A small network of organic producers in the region has been established, which, although still in its infancy, already has a track-record of impressive and beneficial activities for members. It is capable of continued growth and development, can take on new roles and offer new supports to members, and can drive and underpin the future development of a successful and mutually supportive organic sector in the North West of Ireland.

The initiative's overarching aims have been successfully achieved through developing a cluster of cross border organic producers, developing relationships with stakeholders in the sector, assisting with the conversion to organic production process, organising promotional events and materials and assisting members to develop direct sales.

Total Project Cost: £279,207

Grant Awarded: £209,405

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