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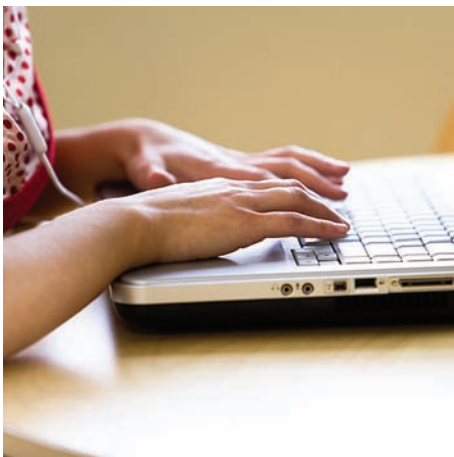
Knowledge Economy

**Promoters:**

Strabane Lifford  
Development  
Commission,  
North West Regional  
College

**Title:**

**Centre Without Walls**



This 2-year cross border project began with an innovative plan to extend the existing Centre Without Walls project across the border into the region of East Donegal. The project targeted 6 areas in Strabane and 5 within East Donegal. The pilot project was transferred across the border to East Donegal while in Strabane the project offered higher skills to the participants. The project also provided 4 community education champions who delivered taster sessions either in the person's local community centre or in their own home, for individuals who lack the initial confidence to partake in accredited courses.

To encourage cross border relationships, a project chat room and notice board for all participants was set up, to allow trainees to communicate on-line and cross border. This led to a virtual buddy system whereby participants were encouraged to link up with buddies cross-border to discuss mutual interests and concerns.

**Achievements**

- The objective of the project was to up-skill 1900 people over a two-year period – in total taster and accredited courses were delivered to 2236 people.
- The project aimed to provide 1500 basic taster session and in total 1784 taster sessions were delivered.
- 751 trainees undertook accredited training.
- 92% of participants reported an increase in confidence and self belief

**Total Project Cost: £336,210**

**Grant Awarded: £252,158**

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