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Dear Chair and members of the LCDC/LAG,

Please see media release below,

### Media Release

Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025



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## **Key Milestone reached as Minister Calleary announces onboarding of the 400<sup>th</sup> Connected Hub**

- ***Innovation Hub in Monksland, Co. Westmeath becomes the 400<sup>th</sup> hub on the Connected Hubs Network***
- ***Announced today at the National Hub Summit in Ballinalsoe, the target is a key deliverable under the Government's Our Rural Future policy***

Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Dara Calleary TD, has announced that 400 hubs are now onboarded to ConnectedHubs.ie meeting a key deliverable of Our Rural Future. The Minister made the announcement at the fourth National Hub Summit today, held this year in Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

The Summit serves as a platform for international and Irish speakers, hub teams, representative bodies, state agencies and government departments to engage in discussions regarding the future strategic direction of the National Hub Network in Ireland.

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## Notes

### Our Rural Future

Our Rural Future is the whole-of-government policy for rural Ireland for the period 2021-2025. It represents a new milestone in the approach to rural development policy for Ireland and adopts a more strategic, ambitious and holistic approach to investing in and maximising opportunities for rural areas.

### Connectedhubs.ie

One of the commitments provided in Our Rural Future is to establish a comprehensive and integrated national network of 400 Remote Working Hubs over the lifetime of the policy (to include a central booking platform for Connected Hub users).

Connected Hubs ([www.connectedhubs.ie](http://www.connectedhubs.ie)) is a shared online booking platform for remote working hubs and their users, which was launched in May 2021. The platform provides an interactive map showing the location and details of each remote working hub on the network and allows remote workers to book desks and meeting rooms. There are currently 400 Remote Working Hubs live on the platform. The Western Development Commission (WDC) manage the Connected Hubs platform on behalf of DRCDG

### National Hubs Strategy

A new National Hubs Strategy is currently being finalised. It will present a coherent approach and whole-of-government approach to the future development of remote working and enterprise hubs.

This strategy is being developed in partnership with the Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment and the Western Development Commission and in consultation with hub managers, local authorities, communities and other stakeholders, including Enterprise Ireland, the IDA and Údarás na Gaeltachta.

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## **Baintear sprioc thábhachtach amach agus an tAire Calleary ag fógairt an 400ú Mol Nasctha**

- ***Mol Nuálaíochta ar Fhearann na Manach, Co. na hIarmhí, an 400ú mol ar Líonra na Mol Nasctha***
- ***Fógraíodh an sprioc inniu ag Cruinniú Mullaigh Náisiúnta na Mol i mBéal Átha na Slua, agus is príomhsheachadadh é faoi pholasaí Thodhchaí Tuaithe an Rialtais***

D'fhógair an tAire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail agus Gaeltachta, Dara Calleary TD, gur cláraíodh 400 mol le ConnectedHubs.ie chun freastal ar phríomhsheachadadh Ár dToghchaí Tuaithe. Rinne an tAire an fógra inniu ag ceathrú Cruinniú Mullaigh Náisiúnta na Mol, a tionóladh i mbliana i mBéal Átha na Slua, Co. na Gaillimhe.

Feidhmíonn an Cruinniú Mullaigh mar ardán do chainteoirí idirnáisiúnta agus Gaeilge, foirne mol, comhlachtaí ionadaíocha, gníomhaireachtaí stáit agus ranna rialtais chun páirt a ghlacadh i bplé maidir le treo straitéiseach Líonra Náisiúnta na Mol in Éirinn amach anseo.

Mar aon le príomhphlé straitéiseach, díritear san ócáid ar roinnt eolais, líonrú agus dea-chleachtas a fhorbairt.

Tabharfaidh an tAire Calleary cuairt ar Mhol Nuálaíochta Fhearann na Manach tráthnóna in Áth Luain, Co. na hIarmhí.

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## **Nótaí**

### **Ár dTodhchaí Tuaithe**

Is é Ár dTodhchaí Tuaithe an polasaí uile-rialtais do cheantair thuaithe na hÉireann do thréimhse 2021-2025. Glactar cur chuige níos straitéisí, uaillmhianaí agus iomlánaíche ann maidir le hinfheistíocht a dhéanamh i gceantair thuaithe agus deiseanna a uasmhéadú dóibh.

### **Connectedhubs.ie**

Ceann de na gealltanais a tugadh inár dTodhchaí Tuaithe ná líonra náisiúnta cuimsitheach agus comhtháite de 400 Mol Oibre Cianda a bhunú thar shaolré an pholasaí (lena n-áirítear ardán áirithinte lárnach d'úsáideoirí na Mol Nasctha).

Is ardán áirithinte ar líne comhroinnte iad Moil Nasctha ([www.connectehubs.ie](http://www.connectehubs.ie)) do mhoil oibre cianda agus a n-úsáideoirí, a seoladh i mí Bealtaine 2021. Soláthraíonn an t-ardán léarscáil idirghníomhach a thaispeánann suíomh agus sonraí gach mol oibre cianda ar an líonra agus tugann sé deis d'oibrithe cianda deasca agus seomraí cruinnithe a chur in áirithe. Tá 400 Mol Oibre Cianda beo ar an ardán faoi láthair. Bainistíonn Coimisiún Forbartha an Iarthair ardán na Mol Nasctha thar ceann an RFTPG.

### **Straitéis na Mol Náisiúnta**

Tá Straitéis Náisiúnta Mol nua á cur i gcrích faoi láthair. Cuirfidh sé cur chuige comhtháite agus cur chuige uile-rialtais i láthair maidir le forbairt oibre cianda agus mol fiontraíochta amach anseo.

Tá an straitéis seo á forbairt i gcomhpháirtíocht leis an Roinn Fiontar, Turasóireachta agus Fostaíochta agus Coimisiún Forbartha an Iarthair agus i gcomhairle le bainisteoirí mol, údaráis áitiúla, pobail agus páirtithe leasmhara eile, lena n-áirítear Fiontraíocht Éireann, an ÚFT agus Údarás na Gaeltachta. Rinne aiseolas ó Chruinnithe Mullaigh Náisiúnta Mol le déanaí eolas d'fhorbairt na straitéise freisin.

### **Coimisiún Forbartha an Iarthair**

Is comhlacht reachtúil é Coimisiún Forbartha an Iarthair a bunaíodh in 1997 chun forbairt shóisialta agus eacnamaíoch a chur chun cinn i Réigiún an Iarthair (contaetha Dhún na nGall,