

Welcome...

To the 1st edition of the TG4NP newsletter which highlights the Authority's role in the development of Mobile Tourism App which aims to promote the "Hymany Way" located in east Co. Galway.

The Hymany Way, one of a series of 11 sections of the greater Beara Breifne Way, goes in a northerly direction on the western side of the Shannon tracing the epic march of Daniel O'Sullivan Beara from the Beara peninsula in January 1603 accompanied by 1,000 followers and reaching O'Rourke's Castle in Leitrim with only 35 people remaining.

It traverses the plains of East Galway along the watercourses, including the banks of the River Shannon, through farmland and alongside bogs through landscape which contains a variety of heritage sites incorporating religious and battle sites many of which bear witness to the march of 400 years ago.

The Hymany Way has been developed into two routes for the Walker and the Cyclist. It begins in Portumna and ends at Aughrim and the App will be capable of being used for both.

Update on Activities & Future Plans...

Following a Public Procurement Process, the West Regional Authority is now actively engaged in developing the App in association with the Dublin based Technology Development Company, iPhones Apps Ireland assisted by Eoin Hogan from Trail Kilkenny and Galway County Council.

A number of Mobile Platforms will be covered including iPhone, Android and will be available free to the end user. It is planned to make use of GPS and Google Maps.

It will replace the need for printed material such as Maps, Guides and Brochures.

It is anticipated that the user will be able to view and interact with detailed information about the Point of Interest (POI) and share this information through Social Media.

It is planned to test and evaluate the App in 2012 and it will be available for download by 2013.

Background & Meetings...

- TG4NP is a European Inter-Regional project under the Northern Periphery Programme 2007-2013.
- It involves Partners from Ireland, Northern Ireland, Sweden, Finland, Iceland, Greenland and Norway.
- Partner Meetings have already taken place in Sweden, Ireland and Iceland.
- Next Partner Meeting will take place in Finland in March 2012 and will coincide with an International Conference.



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