Connectivity

- DRCD is at the forefront of connectivity and digital development in rural Ireland.
- We believe that remote work and study strengthens communities and local economies.
- WiFi4EU, Broadband Connection Points and Connected Hubs offer opportunities for people to work and study from their own communities
- DRCD want more people to use these facilities and resources, so we’re developing our hub networks through funding and practical support.

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WiFi4EU

- More than 900 WiFi hot-spots nationwide so far
- Free to use, no commercial data gathering, no advertising
- Deployed in public spaces – main streets, town squares, parks, libraries
- €1.7M from EU, up to another €1.7M from DRCD
- https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/b49914-broadband-officers-contact-list/

Connected Communities is now live
Connected Communities
Broadband Connection Points
Part of the National Broadband Plan
vodafone
NBI
Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

Broadband Connection Points

- Publicly accessible buildings – community centres, sports clubs.
- Remote work, eHealth, arts & culture, skills training and education
- 250 live now (300 when complete)
- MyConnectedCommunity.ie
  - Online community
  - Dedicated funding and support
  - Training and development opportunities
- Rural test-beds
- Current model is GoI provides connectivity - new model in development

National Connected Hubs Network

- Network of existing remote and co-working hubs
- Make it easier for hub users and hub managers
- Work from anywhere
- connectedhubs.ie
  - Common booking platform – book, pay, manage online
  - 200+ on platform now, c.400 when complete
- Peer network, training and support
- https://connectedhubs.ie/

VIDEO

Connected Hubs Fund

- €5M made available for the 2022 Connected Hubs call
- Any **established** hub may apply (6 months +)
- To add remote and co-working capacity
- Applications will close **6pm on April 4th 2022**
- For FAQs, videos of info sessions and contact details:

  https://www.gov.ie/en/service/16b47-connected-hubs-fund/