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## Airporter Announces First For Northern Ireland

### FREE Wifi available on all Airporter Services

**Monday 20th July 2009** - Connor Murphy MLA, Minister responsible for Public Transport in Northern Ireland officially launches FREE wifi on all Airporter services.

(Picture shows Connor Murphy MLA with Airporter directors Niall McKeever, Norma Smyth and Jennifer McKeever, showing the WIFI service in action)



Launching the new service, Airporter director Niall McKeever said: "It's a very exciting time for our company. We have just replaced the fleet this year and having internet connectivity on our entire fleet introduces a technology platform on which we can build new and innovative services that not only benefit our passengers but also improve the way our fleet operates".

'We are always looking for new ways to improve our service and Internet access was a natural choice for us, so that passengers can make the most of their travel time. For people who travel for work and business this new service could add three or four hours back into their working week.'

### BBC Online -

BBC Online announce Airporter's news to the internet! Check out the following link for details:

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/northern\\_ireland/oyle\\_and\\_west/8160660.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/northern_ireland/oyle_and_west/8160660.stm)



Pictured to the right is Conor Murphy (MLA), Niall McKeever (Airporter) and Karen Magil - Chief Executive of the Federation of Passenger Transport for Northern Ireland (FPTNI) - full details of this operation can be found at the following link - [www.fptni.org](http://www.fptni.org)

### **"Time Flies for Airporter Passengers"**

Airporter Trials of the FREE WiFi service has shown a very positive response from those who have used it. Over the six week trial period over 1,000 passengers logged on to the service. Passengers who used the service commented on the following ...

"its a fantastic opportunity to continue working and making the most of the transfer time" ...

"now I can shop and browse the internet whilst making the journey to airport" ...

"Airporter now make time fly!" ...

### **Fleet Connect**

Airporter have teamed up with a Dublin company called Fleet Connect who have provided the technical expertise to make the free wifi access possible.

Established in 2008, Fleet Connect are a leading provider of in-vehicle systems for fast broadband access, delivering passenger Wi-Fi and GPS vehicle tracking, as well as the connectivity to enable live CCTV and e ticketing. The company has rapidly established itself as a leading provider of industrial-grade systems for in-vehicle deployment with customers including the world's largest transport operators. Fleet Connect are the exclusive reseller of Icomera products in Ireland. Contact: Catherine Monaghan, 086 833 33 65 or email [Catherine@fleetconnect.ie](mailto:Catherine@fleetconnect.ie)

### **Federation of Passengers Transport for Northern Ireland**

The Federation of Passenger Transport N.I. Ltd, is a non-profit organisation representing the provinces leading bus and coach operators and industry suppliers. Based at the Ecos Centre, Ballymena our members are made up of both public and private transport providers including Translink and almost 75% of private sector fleet throughout the province. Our main focus is the promotion of the passenger industry in Northern Ireland and to formally represent, promote and protect the interests of our member organisations and our vision is to increase passenger transport patronage and maintain an operating environment where our members can individually or in partnership, provide safe, high quality and reliable passenger services.