



PRESS RELEASE



Community Broadband Comes to Mull

A community-led initiative to provide Superfast Broadband for Mull and Iona and other Argyll Isles.

This exciting project continues to make great progress. The procurement process is on schedule, we have a shortlist of 5 contractors who will submit tenders for the new network. We are on target to select and appoint the successful contractor in March 2015.

Our application to register the new company "GigaPlus Argyll limited" as a cooperative with the Financial Conduct Authority will be completed very shortly. The board of directors will be drawn from the project steering group and will represent communities from across the whole project area – Mull, Iona, Lismore, Luing, Colonsay, Jura, Parts of Islay and also the Craignish peninsula.

By the time you read this we hope to have secured funding support from Highlands and Islands Enterprise to enable us to employ a full time project manager. This is a real vote of confidence in the project and will ensure that we remain on track for successful delivery of Next Generation Broadband. Recruitment has been completed and our project manager is ready to start once funding is in place.

GigaPlus Argyll will offer a first class service to residents with a range of competitively priced packages to suit the budgets and needs of our customers. Telephone support will be based on the island backed up by technicians and engineers who will carry out installations and maintenance work – providing local employment and training opportunities.

You can contact us through our website to register your interest. Once we have finalised details of the service packages we will offer, these will be sent out to you as a priority. In the meantime we would suggest that you consider carefully before subscribing to new services from your existing providers as this will lock you into their contract for 18-24 months.

For more information please either visit the website www.gigamull.co.uk or contact Moray Finch Tel. 01680 812905 or mfinch@mict.co.uk

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Mull and Iona Community Trust was formed in 1997 and is one of more than 200 Development Trusts across Scotland. They are community controlled for the long term benefit of their neighbourhood. MICT are involved a wide range of services and projects that range from a dementia singing group to a £1m Hydro scheme.

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