



Technology making your Work mobile

So you have broadband at home and like all homeworkers your business has become reliant on the Internet as a means of staying touch with your customers. But how do you stay 'online' when you are out an about?

Mobile broadband solutions from O2, Vodafone, Three may have the answer you require.

While out an about you use a small connector (modem) or data card to access the Internet while you are out and about. Prices start from €20 per month. The modems can be connected quickly and easily and have impressive coverage throughout Ireland. However before you sign up for this service, ensure that good coverage is available in the area you will be using your modem most and also that the modem or data card is compatible with you laptop.

If you use a laptop with a wireless card you can also use wireless Internet points in many hotels and public spaces around the country

Check out www.hotspotireland.com for details of locations in Ireland where free wireless broadband access is available. This website has county-by-county information on Wifi or 'hotspots' where you can connect to the Internet.

This website list is constantly growing as establishments through out the country are adding hotspots all the time – so if your business is now offering the service and not listed use the contact option on the site and they will update their listing.

To access free Wifi, you right click on your Wireless Network Connection icon in the bottom left of your screen. Select the option to view all available networks and then double click on the connection that is available to automatically connect.

Some locations may charge for use of their Wifi network (the Westbury in Dublin is one example) or you may have to make a purchase to get a password card to enable you



access the net. In most cases staff should be able to give you basic information on the nature of the connection set up.

If you are arranging a meeting with a customer, call the location you are intending to meet at in advance and check whether WiFi is available. Access to the Internet can save you valuable time and make for a more fruitful meeting.

So whether you are meeting a client or catching up on emails in the car you can provide a full service for your customer and a day away from your home office no longer means a day 'out of the loop'.

For further details of Mobile Broadband check out:

www.o2.ie/broadband

www.three.ie/broadband

www.vodafone.ie/broadband

Wireless Hotspots

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