



School digital champion project: Discover Ballina/Killaloe

Team

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Project description:

We as a team decided to form this group to design and build an active website promoting our twin towns of Ballina/Killaloe. This website is aimed to be easily accessible to members of the public looking to discover more about our local area and all it has to offer.

Project name:

Discover Ballina/Killaloe.

What software was used:

We as a team used the website wordpress.com to design and build our website.

Link:

Not yet available

Aims and objectives:

To design and build an active website displaying all local restaurants, historical features, businesses, amenities and facilities present in our town while also recommending some of the best places to visit and what to do while on your stay.

How was it undertaken:

We planned our project by researching into the local area, gathering facts, creating mind-maps, searching for local businesses and developing on our information.

First we created a mind-map by brainstorming all of our ideas, we then began by researching our town's local history, after this we compiled a list of restaurants, local businesses and facilities present in our area, we then took to creating, designing and building our website.

Project results:

Our plan was too big and getting it all completed in time was a struggle due to being off school for so long. As a result we had to highlight only the key factors and focus on improving and adding the other parts over time. One part we would have loved to add to our project was a fairy woods. We planned to create this as a project for both our school and as a new attraction in our local community.

How can we make this project sustainable?

Our project is very sustainable as it can be used over and over and constantly updated by future students in years to come.

Key learning from project:

There were many benefits to completing this project, we learned many new skills such as how to design and build a website. We also gained more knowledge surrounding our town and its local heritage. We believe overall this was a great learning experience.

Most beneficial supports:

Our teachers helped us immensely throughout the process and taught us basic computer skills to design and create our website.

They also provided us with the resources we needed while supporting us through the few weeks.

Our classmates also helped us compile ideas and gain more knowledge regarding our town's local history.

They also shared many tips and tricks they learned along the way.

Advice for future champions:

Our advice for future digital champions is:

1. do your research and compile your information before starting to design and build your app/website,
2. Have a detailed plan of what exactly you want to create before starting the project, and
3. to dedicate time to gathering your facts and bettering your project as much as possible.

We did not realise how long the project was going to take and found it hard to complete some of it due to Covid19 restrictions and not being able to meet face to face with our teacher for help and guidance.