



A world first at Snow Patrol concert

A very interesting world first was created in Dingle last Saturday night during a recording of a Snow Patrol concert for the 'Other Voices' television series.

The first ever use of a process known as 'optical burst switching' took place during the live recording of the band in St. James' Church. Optical burst switching means that InTune networks were able to show the show live in high definition across the road from the church in Brenner's Hotel. People in the hotel were also be able to pick up the concert on personal devices such as laptops and mobile phones. The exercise is being hailed as the first step in creating a next generation of smart and green communications infrastructure for this country.

Faite Ireland's Director of Strategic Development, Aidan Pender, described the event, and its use of world-first technology, as a wonderful example of this country's creative innovation and would help to establish small, sustainable enterprises. I'm not sure about 'optical burst switching' but that is the kind of thing the TSSG Research Unit is doing very successfully out at WIT.