

Western Isles LEA Signs Multi-Year Contract with Spider Networks

Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar LEA, part of Learning and Teaching Scotland, stays with Spider's Learning Environment for the 6th consecutive year

London, September 1, 2006 – Spider Networks Ltd, a leading provider of ePortfolio and managed learning environments for LEAs and schools in the UK, today announces that Western Isles LEA, a part of Learning and Teaching Scotland has decided to continue providing its 6,000 pupils and teachers in 40 primary and secondary schools with Spider's Edukit learning platform.

Western Isles has been using Spider's Learning Platform over the last 6 years to bring all of its students and teachers into its online learning environment that is available anytime, anywhere. All of Western Isles schools use one domain to access a wealth of applications. Western Isles is also using Spider's Email Archiving and Storage solution. Put simply, Spider stores copies of all inbound and outbound email sent by registered email users in a secure storage location. All mailboxes can now be restored on demand in the instance that a POP user suffers a hard drive failure or an account needs to be investigated.

"We have been impressed with the take-up by over 90% of our pupils and teachers who use Spider's webmail as an integral part of their daily lives," says Western Isles ICT Coordinator, Kenny Matheson. "We have been very pleased with Spider's public & private file storage to keep all of our documents. We have developed discussion forums on a per subject basis across schools to increase communications. Many of our users have developed their own websites using Spider's easy to use website builder. Spider's management console makes it easy to manage the specific needs of our 40 schools."

"We are delighted that Western Isles have decided to continue using our learning platform for the sixth consecutive year," says Jim Conroy, managing director, Spider Networks Ltd. "We continue to improve our learning solutions with feedback from all of our customers."

About Spider Networks

Based in London, Spider Networks Ltd. specialises in the development of web-based learning platforms, applications and portals for LEAs and Schools in the UK. EduKit, their upgraded learning platform has been developed over the last 8 years to meet the needs of leading LEAs and Schools. Spider's focus on the primary & secondary student's user experience and their flexibility in adapting to customer's needs differentiates them in the market. For further information on Spider Networks' solutions, visit www.spider-networks.net, or email enquiries@spider-networks.net.