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Ceistean | Questions

1. Tha cumadh a' Phlana a' gabhail a-steach amas, cuspairean, prìomh raointean agus gealltanasan. A bheil beachd agaibh air cumadh a' Phlana agus air an àrd-amas againn? The structure for the Plan consists of an aim, priority areas and commitments. Do you have any comments on how we have structured the Plan and the overall aim we have selected?

We think that the overall structure of the Plan is clear and the overall aim of the Plan is also stated clearly and concisely which is welcome. The three priority areas as set out in the Plan - Promoting a positive image of Gaelic; Increasing learning of Gaelic; and Increasing use of Gaelic - are clear and make perfect sense as the overall aims for the National Gaelic Language Plan.

2. Tha sinn dhen beachd gu bheil e riatanach gum bi deagh iomhaigh aig a' Ghàidhlig agus gum bi na raointean shuas a' cur gu mòr ri sin. A bheil beachdan agaibh fhèin air na raointean a thagh sinn no càil eile co-cheangailte ris a' chuspair seo? We believe that the promotion of a positive image for Gaelic is essential and we think that the areas above are the key areas that can make a contribution to this. Do you have any comments on the areas we have selected or alternative suggestions?

We agree that the promotion of a positive image for Gaelic is essential - as is raising awareness of the relevance of Gaelic to life in Scotland both in terms of heritage and in terms of contemporary life. We are pleased that Gaelic arts are recognised in the Plan as a way of promoting a positive image of Gaelic and of raising awareness of its relevance to Scottish life and culture. Creative Scotland provides extensive support for Gaelic language through our, in turn, our support for the arts, screen and creative industries. We are committed to continuing this support through our funding, advocacy and influence and to positioning Gaelic as a positive and relevant part of Scotland's culture and creative life. This is reflected in our own Gaelic Language Plan.

3. Tha sinn dhen beachd gu bheil foghlam agus ionnsachadh na Gàidhlig aig cridhe a' Phlana seo. Tha sinn air liosta a dhèanamh de na prìomh raointean airson leasachadh san àm ri teachd. A bheil beachdan agaibh air seo, agus air na prìomh raointean a thagh sinn airson ionnsachadh na Gàidhlig? We believe education and Gaelic learning are central to this Plan. We have also listed the priority areas that we believe should be a focus for ongoing activity. Do you have any comments on this emphasis and on the priority areas selected for learning Gaelic?

Creative Scotland supports this emphasis on learning in the National Gaelic Language Plan and, as set out in our own Gaelic Language Plan, will continue to encourage Gaelic language learning amongst our own staff and will promote the language through our funding and through our own communications activities. We feel that the priority areas for learning set out in the Plan make sense, however, we would underline the importance of the arts, screen and creative industries - and Gaelic media - in helping to stimulate interest in learning Gaelic.

4. Tha sinn dhen beachd gu bheil na raointean a chaidh a thaghadh cudromach airson cleachdadh na Gàidhlig a bhrosnachadh. A bheil beachdan agaibh air mar a dh'fhaodamaid piseach a thoirt air ìre cleachdaidh na Gàidhlig? We believe the areas selected are important for promoting the increased use of Gaelic. Do you have any comments or suggestions you would like to make in relation to promoting the increased use of Gaelic?

We agree that the areas selected in the National Gaelic Language Plan will help increase use of Gaelic - and, clearly, the areas of most interest to Creative Scotland and the areas we can help influence, are those relating to arts and culture. We would, however, like to see more specific mention of Screen (Film, Television and Digital) in the priority areas. We recognise the powerful role that Gaelic on Screen can play in helping to increase awareness and use of Gaelic and suggest this is recognised in the Plan.

5. Ann an ceistean 2, 3 is 4, chaidh iarraidh oirbh ur beachdan a thoirt air na prìomh raointean a chaidh a chomharrachadh. Anns a' cheist seo, bu mhath leinn ur beachdan fhaighinn air na prìomh ghealltanasan a chomharraich sin agus air gealltanasan a bharrachd a bu chòir a bhith ann gus an dèanar adhartas ann a bhith a' leasachadh na th' ann de dhaoine a tha a' labhairt, cleachdadh is ionnsachadh na Gàidhlig ann an Alba agus ann a bhith a' leudachadh nan suidheachaidhean anns am bi i air a cur gu feum? In questions 2, 3 and 4, you were asked about your views on the priority areas identified. In this question, we would like to hear any views or suggestions you may have on the key commitments we have identified and views on any

key commitments you think should be included in order to make progress with the aim of increasing the number of people speaking, using and learning Gaelic in Scotland and the number of situations in which it is used?

Again, the key commitments set out in the Plan make sense. We believe that the arts, screen and creative industries play a vital role in public life in Scotland, delivering social, cultural and economic benefits to everyone who lives, works or visits our country. This vital role also applies to promoting, increasing learning and increasing use of Gaelic language and, perhaps, the National Gaelic Language Plan could reflect, more strongly, a commitment to Scotland's cultural and creative sectors and their role in supporting the future for Gaelic language in Scotland.

6. Tha na ceistean co-chomhairleachaidh a nochd na bu tràithe air a bhith rudeigin mionaideach. Ma tha sibh airson puingeann eile a thogail, agus mura robh cothrom agaibh sin a dhèanamh thuige seo, nach sgrìobh sibh iad gu h-ìosal. The earlier consultation questions have been fairly specific. If there are any other points you would like to make and feel you have not had the opportunity to do so, please write them below.

No further points. The Plan is clear and concise and Creative Scotland will support its delivery through our own Gaelic Language Plan and through our work more broadly.