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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?

People who are not part of a natural Gaelic community should be made aware of the Gaelic Plans. They should be given easy access to the plans, Gaelic language and different modes to help them learn the importance of Gaelic and subsequently access to different ways of learning and using Gaelic.

2. Tha sinn dhen bheachd gu bheil e riatanach gum bi deagh ìomhaigh 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?

I agree with the implementation of Gaelic learning from an early age. Teachers and Early Years workers should be given more opportunities within/outwith school/working hours to learn Gaelic. It can sometimes be difficult to find opportunities to learn Gaelic and the appropriate language needed to introduce Gaelic to young children.

3. Tha sinn dhen bheachd 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?

I think with the use of digital media we need to have more readily available resources to teach, learn and support Gaelic language learning for people who do not come from a Gaelic background. When teaching a new language to children I have used clips from Youtube to help teach and reinforce language with success. We need more resources to help reinforce Gaelic Language, particularly songs to help young children learn Gaelic. The Go Gaelic resources are very good for Language but we need subsequent resources for teacher, parents and carers to use to help support Gaelic, particularly if these groups of people are not proficient in Gaelic language.

4. Tha sinn dhen bheachd 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?

Give more training at local level, eg within local authorities to help teachers, learning assistants and others who work with young children the chance to learn to varying degrees Gaelic language. Give support to these groups to help them put forward GLE to parents and carers to get them on board with Gaelic language learning and particularly the importance of this language to our country.

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 chomharrachadh 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?

We need to promote Gaelic to parents and point out the benefits of learning a second language to their children and also the benefits of learning about Gaelic and Gaelic culture. Parents need to be on board to help encourage

positive attitudes to learning Gaelic and how learning Gaelic in particular can help both their children and the community/country. If parents do not see the value of Gaelic as a language and prefer pupils to learn more 'modern' languages then we face an uphill struggle before Gaelic is even introduced. Starting young will help pupils learn and retain Gaelic. We should draw on the principles and experiences gained from learning other languages and the 1 plus 2 programme to develop language learning. There are experts out there who are involved in the planning, delivery and promotion of language learning whom we should tap into for further insight and reflection on how to take forward Gaelic language learning as a modern, meaningful language that is to the benefit of all in our country and beyond.

6. Tha na ceistean co-chomhairleachaidh a nochd na bu tràithe air a bhith rudeigin mionaideach. Ma tha sibh airson puingean 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.

I personally would like more information on how I can develop my own language skills and how I can access local groups within my local authority or neighbouring local authorities to access Gaelic language learning courses and resources. Glasgow City Council ran a course at the Kelvin Hall in November 2016 through Community Learning Development. This type of work could be shared with other local authorities to help them promote Gaelic Language Development.