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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?

I would like to see Gaelic recognized as a an official language in Scotland - as Welsh is in Wales, Gaelic in Ireland, or French in Quebec, Canada.

I would examine these scenarios and work towards implementing their structure when establishing Gaelic as an official language in Scotland

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?

Ireland has done a great job promoting Gaelic among its youth: TG Lurgan -

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcfSiyJgWUOxfhiSWry-SmQ> - would love to see some of these done up for 'De a-nis?'

VIDEO GAMES: its important to meet kids where they are at. I would love to see a high quality video game based off scottish folklore and with Gaelic as the gaming language. I think there would be a demand worldwide for this. Open a game design degree at Lews Castle College to meet potential students where they are at - rather than Elgin, or further.

Expand the Gaelic world: connect with Gaelic communities in Ireland and Cape Breton through student correspondence and and class trips! Gaelic will quickly become the course in highest demand!

Would love to 'De a-nis' cover projects going on in Gaelic medium classrooms - they did this temporarily and I thought this was a great way to get the community interested in Gaelic.

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 its important to make available bilingual schools, and require that Gaelic is taught as the second language in Primary and Secondary school (omitting Orkney or Shetland where Norwegian is culturally and historically important).

This would allow every student to jump into Gaelic at any grade or language level.

I have recently moved to Scotland and would like my eight year old to gain a strong understanding and use of Gaelic; however, the second language at our primary is French. As a result I have chosen to homeschool so that they can learn Gaelic.

Bring the professionals in: find ways to bring the older Gaelic population into the schools to teach culture, local history, tales and language. These are the true experts in these areas.

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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?

I would love to see Gaelic as an option at bank tills or store check outs.

If a till/counter is marked as "Gaelic" you can confidently speak to the worker in Gaelic without being concerned about offending or being misunderstood.

Also, in Quebec, French is listed first on all products and signage. While this may have been costly at first, it is absolutely necessary in establishing it as the official language. Currently, there is no Gaelic listed on Products.

Make Gaelic mandatory as either the first or second language in all primary and secondary school (except where not culturally/historically - shetland/orkney)

Expand the Gaelic world: build relationship with the Gaelic communities in Ireland and Cape Breton. It is important that people feel that the language connects them with the outside world, giving them reason to hold on to and learn.

Reach out worldwide to those interested in learning Gaelic. Shows, such as "Outlander" have propagated global interest in Gaelic culture and language, and could be further built on. There are many worldwide who would be interested in learning Gaelic online, where they are - this in effect would make Gaelic a worldwide community. Increasing free online sites for learning would be great not only for local learners, but also for those worldwide.

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?

Make Gaelic a/the official language of Scotland.

VIDEO GAMES: with shows such as Game of Thrones, or Outlander in demand, a high quality video game based off Scottish Folklore with Gaelic as the gaming language will be sure to do well.

Gaelic in public services, as well as banks, shops, etc. Requiring that stores/banks/hospitals/etc have a clearly marked Gaelic speaker to whom customers can go to for service in Gaelic.

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.

Communities such as Quebec, Wales, Ireland have been able to propagate the language only after enforcing rules that require the use of that language by public bodies, product signage, and use within the school system.

As an english speaker having lived in Quebec, I would suggest having a look at the system they implemented. They have been able to do a very good job of reviving the french language to that of the official language.