

# Bòrd na Gàidhlig

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## FO CHASG GU MEADHAN LÀ DILUAIN 30 DÀMHAIR

**30/10/2017**

### Aithisg Bhliadhnail Bhòrd na Gàidhlig air a foillseachadh

Chaidh an Aithisg Bhliadhnail airson 2016-2017 aig Bòrd na Gàidhlig, a' phrìomh bhuidheann ann an Alba ris a bheil e an urra leasachaidhean Gàidhlig a chur air adhart, fhoillseachadh an-diugh (Diluain 30 Dàmhair) aig coinneamh de Chòmhdhail na Gàidhealtachd is nan Eilean san Òban.

Tha an aithisg a' toirt iomradh air na prìomh leasachaidhean a tha am Bòrd air a thoirt air adhart agus dhan tug e taic sa bhliadhna a dh'fhalbh. Nam measg bha: an treas Plana Cànain Nàiseanta Gàidhlig a chaidh a dhealbh; na cumhachan Gàidhlig ann an Achd an Fhoghlaim (Alba) 2016 a chaidh a chur an gnìomh; co-obrachadh le barrachd is barrachd bhuidhnean poblach a tha a' cur Phlanaichean Gàidhlig an sàs; taic don obair gus cànan, ceòl agus cultar na Gàidhlig a chur air adhart gu nàiseanta agus gu h-eadar-nàiseanta; taic do dh'fhoghlam sgoile agus nan tràth-bhliadhnachan tron Ghàidhlig; agus taic-maoineachaidh do thidsearan gus na sgilean aca a leasachadh agus do dh'oileanaich a bha a' trèanadh airson a bhith nan tidsearan.

Chomharraich an Aithisg Bhliadhnail adhartas nach beag tron bhliadhna, leithid:

- Tha 52 buidhnean poblach uile-gu-lèir ann a-nis le Planaichean Gàidhlig, a' gabhail a-steach Poileas Alba, Comhairle Baile Obar Dheathain agus Seirbheis Ambaileans na h-Alba aig a bheil Planaichean Gàidhlig a fhuair aonta am-bliadhna
- Thugadh còrr is £4.3m de thaic-maoineachaidh do 300 buidheann tro na diofar sgeamaichean maoineachaidh
- Tha 75 buidhnean 0-5 Gàidhlig gan ruith gach seachdain ann an Alba
- Barrachd cloinne ann am foghlam bun-sgoile na Gàidhlig
- Barrachd sgoilearan a' gabhail co-dhiù aon chuspair tron Ghàidhlig san àrd-sgoil

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- 15,000 duine cloinne ag ionnsachadh Gàidhlig no tron Ghàidhlig aig diofar ìrean ann an sgoiltean air feadh Alba
- Cumhachan Gàidhlig ann an Achd an Fhoghlaim (Alba) 2016
- Stiùireadh Reachdail airson Foghlam Gàidhlig air fhoillseachadh
- Chaidh e-Sgoil a stèidheachadh sna h-Eileanan an Iar far a bheil e air soirbheachadh, agus e na amas dhaibh barrachd cothroman a thoirt air-loidhne do sgoilearan air feadh Alba air cuspairean a' churraicealaim ann an Gàidhlig
- Obair chom-pàirteach le MG ALBA gus barrachd ghoireasan a chruthachadh do luchd-ionnsachaidh tro LearnGaelic.scot agus bha còrr is 10,000 'like' a fhuair e air Facebook na chomharra air buaidh an làraich-lìn

Thuir Cathraiche Bhòrd na Gàidhlig, Ailean Dòmhnallach, mun Aithisg Bhliadhnail: “Tha Bòrd na Gàidhlig, ann an co-bhuinn ri Riaghaltas na h-Alba agus ar prìomh luchd-compàirt is coimhearsnachdan air feadh Alba, a’ sealltainn tro iomairtean buadhmhor is brosnachail gum bu chòir Gàidhlig a bhith air a cleachdadh barrachd agus gum b’ fhiach gach oidhirp gus an cànan a thoirt air adhart is ìomhaigh na Gàidhlig a thogail am measg an t-sluaigh. Tha e a’ sìor fhàs follaiseach dhuinn cho cudromach ’s a tha a’ Ghàidhlig do dh’eaconamaidh na h-Alba, agus mar a tha i na meadhan air ìrean coileanaidh nas àirde an lùib foghlaim agus air barrachd misneachd is cumhachd a thoirt do choimhearsnachdan. Chan eil rian nach bi dùbhlain gu leòr romhainn, ach tha cothroman ann cuideachd, agus mar Bhòrd Stiùiridh tha sinn cinnteach gun urrainn dhuinn, le bhith ag obair còmhla ri càch, faighinn thairis air na dùbhlain agus gun tèid againn air na cothroman a ghabhail. Tha am Bòrd Stiùiridh airson taing mhòr a thoirt dhan iomadh duine agus buidheann sna coimhearsnachdan air feadh na dùthcha a tha ag obair gus cor na Gàidhlig a dhèanamh tèarainte. Cumaidh sinn oirnn a’ toirt taic dhaibh, còmhla ri ar prìomh luchd-compàirt, gus dèanamh cinnteach gun lean an t-adhartas a tha sinn air fhaicinn a thaobh cànan is cultar na Gàidhlig.”

Thuir an Leas-Phrìomh Mhinistear, Iain Swinney “Tha mi a’ cur fàilte air Aithisg Bhliadhnail Bhòrd na Gàidhlig, a tha a’ toirt iomradh air grunn de na prìomh iomairtean dhan tug iad taic sa bhliadhna a

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chaidh seachad. Tha e gu sònraichte na adhbhar misneachd gu bheil barrachd cloinne gan oideachadh ann am foghlam na Gàidhlig agus gu bheilear a' lorg fhuasglaidhean air uireasbhaidhean sam bith a th' ann agus a' faotainn dòighean a bharrachd gus taic a thoirt dhan fhoghlam sin, leithid e-Sgoil. Tha mi a' dèanamh fiughair ri bhith a' faicinn nan oidhirpean gus togail air an adhartas a rinneadh agus Bòrd na Gàidhlig a' toirt an ath Phlana Cànain Nàiseanta Ghàidhlig gu buil."

Lean Ailean Dòmhnallach air: "Tha e gu h-àraidh freagarrach, airson grunn adhbharan, gu bheilear a' foillseachadh Aithisg Bhliadhnail Bhòrd na Gàidhlig san Òban aig Còmhdhail na Gàidhealtachd is nan Eilean. Tha a' Ghàidhlig is a cultar air a bhith freumhaichte gu daingeann ann an eachdraidh Earra-Ghàidheal fad iomadh linn; tha a' Ghàidhlig cudromach dhan eaconamaidh agus tha cothroman ann leis a' chànan cur ris an eaconamaidh; agus a thaobh foghlaim tha pàrantan san Òban ag iarraidh gun tèid sgoil Ghàidhlig a chur air chois agus tha Comhairle Earra-Ghàidheal is Bhòid air taic a thoirt dhaibh a thaobh sin agus iad air maoinachadh a thoirt dhaibh gus a' chùis a sgrùdadh tron sgeama mhaoinachaidh chom-pàirteach aca."

## CRÌOCH

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## Fios gu Neach-deasachaidh:

'S e raon-ùgharrais Bhòrd na Gàidhlig a bhith a' toirt taic do Ghàidhlig na h-Alba agus a bhith ga cur air adhart agus ga leasachadh ann an Alba agus gu h-eadar-nàiseanta.'S e an lèirsinn a th' againn gum bi a' Ghàidhlig seasmhach san àm ri teachd mar chànan brìoghmhor is neartmhor agus i air a cleachdadh barrachd is i a' faighinn spèis ann an Alba an latha an-diugh sa bheil iomadh cultar is cànan.

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Prìomh amas a th' againn 's e àireamh luchd-labhairt na Gàidhlig a mheudachadh agus na cothroman a th' ann do dhaoine an cànan a chleachdadh a chur am meud, a thuilleadh air ìomhaigh a' chànain agus a' chultair a thogail ann an Alba is thall thairis.

Tha sinn ag obair le iomadh buidheann poblach gus planaichean Gàidhlig ullachadh agus a chur an gnìomh, agus le buidhnean coimhearsnachd agus eile le bhith a' toirt seachad taic-airgid airson an cuid obrach agus phròiseactan, a thuilleadh air comhairle agus stiùireadh a thoirt do Mhinistearan na h-Alba agus do bhuidhnean eile a thaobh iomadh raon de leasachadh na Gàidhlig.

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**30/10/2017**

## **Bòrd na Gàidhlig Annual Report published**

The 2016-2017 Annual Report of Bòrd na Gàidhlig, the principal public body in Scotland responsible for promoting Gaelic development, has been published today (Monday 30 October) at a meeting of the Convention of the Highlands and Islands in Oban.

The report highlights the key developments undertaken by the Bòrd over the past year which have included the development of the third National Gaelic Language Plan; the Gaelic provisions of the Education (Scotland) Act 2016 being implemented; collaboration with a growing number of public bodies on the production and implementation of Gaelic Language Plans; support for the promotion of Gaelic language, music and culture nationally and internationally; support for early years and Gaelic medium education; the provision of funding for professional development for teachers and for students undertaking teacher training.

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Key outcomes highlighted in the Annual Report include:

- 52 public bodies with Gaelic Language Plans including Police Scotland, Aberdeen City Council and The Scottish Ambulance Service among those to have had their Gaelic Plans approved this year
- Over £4.3m financial support provided to 300 organisations through various funding streams
- 75 0-5 years Gaelic groups running each week in Scotland
- Increased numbers of children in Gaelic medium primary education
- Growth in the number of pupils taking at least one subject in Gaelic in secondary school
- 15,000 children engaging with Gaelic at various levels in schools throughout Scotland
- Gaelic provisions within the Education (Scotland) Act 2016
- Publication of new Statutory Guidance on Gaelic Education
- The successful introduction of e-Sgoil in the Western Isles which aims to provide greater online access to curriculum subjects in Gaelic to students throughout Scotland
- Partnership working with MG ALBA on the development of more resources for learners through LearnGaelic.scot and its continued success with over 10,000 likes on Facebook

Commenting on the Annual Report Allan MacDonald, Chairman of Bòrd na Gàidhlig said “Bòrd na Gàidhlig, working together with the Scottish Government and key partners and communities throughout Scotland, continues to present a strong and positive case for the increased use of the Gaelic language and culture, its development and its promotion. We increasingly recognise the importance of Gaelic to the Scottish economy, to the levels of attainment in education and to increasing community confidence and empowerment. While there are undoubtedly some major challenges to be faced, there are also opportunities and as a Board we are confident that, by working together, these challenges can be met and the opportunities taken. The Board wishes to place on record its thanks to the many people and organisations in communities all over the country who work towards a sustainable future for Gaelic. We will continue to support them, in conjunction with key partners, so that the Gaelic language and culture continues to make progress.”

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Deputy First Minister John Swinney said: “I welcome Bòrd na Gàidhlig’s Annual Report, which highlights a number of key initiatives it has supported over the past year. In particular it is encouraging to see increasing numbers of children in Gaelic education and solutions being provided to address gaps and support existing provision, such as the e-Sgoil. I look forward to seeing this success built upon as Bòrd na Gàidhlig develops the next National Gaelic Language Plan.”

Allan MacDonald continued “Launching Bòrd na Gàidhlig’s annual report in Oban at the Convention of the Highlands and Islands is particularly appropriate for a number of reasons - Argyll has been the cradle of Gaelic language and culture; economically because of the opportunities that Gaelic offers for economic growth; and educationally as parents in Oban have been calling for a Gaelic school and Argyll and Bute Council has supported them through funding for a feasibility study from their innovative participatory budgeting funding.”

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## **Information for Editors:**

The remit of Bòrd na Gàidhlig is to support, promote and develop the Gaelic language in Scotland and internationally. Our vision is that Gaelic will be sustainable as a language that is meaningful and robust that is used and respected throughout today’s multi-cultural Scotland.

We prioritise an increase in the numbers speaking Gaelic and increased opportunities for usage of the language in addition to raising the profile of the Gaelic language in Scotland and internationally.

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Bòrd na Gàidhlig works with public bodies in the preparation and implementation of Gaelic Plans and with community groups and others through providing project funding and provides advice and guidance to the Scottish Government Ministers and other agencies on the different aspects of Gaelic development.