

**Bòrd na Gàidhlig**  
**Co-chomhairle Maoineachaidh Ro-Innleachdail**  
**Strategic Funding Consultation**  
**Foirm-freagairt / Response Form**

| A. Mu do dheidhinn / About you   |  |
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| A1   | <b>D' ainm / Your name</b><br>Sharon Pearson   |
| A3   | <b>Ainm na buidhne (ma tha sibh freagairt às leth buidheann) / Organisation name (if responding on behalf of an organisation)</b><br>Faclair na Gàidhlig   |
| B. Buidhnean Com-pàirteach Lìbhrigidh / Delivery Partners  |  |
| B1   | <p><b>A bheil thu den bheachd gu bheil an lìonra chom-pàirtichean lìbhrigidh a th' ann an-dràsta èifeachdach agus a' toirt seachad luach an airgid ann a bhith a'libhrigeadh amasan Plana Corporra Bòrd na Gàidhlig?</b></p> <p>Do you believe that the current network of delivery partners is effective and provides value for money in their delivery of Bòrd na Gàidhlig's Corporate Plan objectives?</p>  |
| <p>We believe that the current network of delivery partners is effective. The network encompasses education, heritage the arts and literature and provides a solid foundation from which to raise the profile of Gaelic, to engage in language maintenance and revitalisation and to improve accessibility to the language.</p>  |  |
| B2   | <p><b>A bheil thu den bheachd gu bheil taic ri fhaotainn bhon a' Bhòrd gus taic a chumail ris a' bhuidheann agaibh a bhith ag obair ann an com-pàirt le buidhnean eile, agus mur eil dè an taic a bhiodh thu smaoinichadh a bhiodh freagarrach?</b></p> <p>Do you believe that support is available from the Bòrd to support your organisation to work in partnership with other organisations, and if not what support do you believe would be appropriate?</p> |
| <p>We believe that the availability of support for working in partnership is very important and is an effective way of maximising the use of funding streams and avoiding reduplication of effort. The establishment of the Gaelic Collaboration Fund provided a very welcome opportunity to us. Our work in lexicography touches on that of several other delivery partners and a structure to enable collaboration is a significant development. For many years, we have been aware that it was essential to access the linguistic evidence in major audio archives if Faclair na Gàidhlig was to fulfil its remit of being representative of the whole language. This fund enabled us to establish the Beairteas a Bharrachd project in collaboration with Tobar an Dualchais. The outputs of this project in the form of transcriptions of recordings will be of tripartite benefit: they will be used as raw materials for analysis in dictionary entries making interpretation of rich idiomatic Gaelic available to all; they will feed into the work of Tobar an Dualchais in schools and in the community; and they will be freely accessible online through the Digital Archive of Scottish Gaelic. It is difficult to imagine how, without this funding, this would have been put in place and the chance to demonstrate the value of this work. In the wider context, we are also aware that one of our partners, the University of Edinburgh, is working in partnership with UHI to develop a Gaelic speech to text system. If this project is successful, it will expedite the work that Tobar an Dualchais is doing and with ongoing investment will be of even further benefit to all partners and Gaelic researchers as well as the public. There would be benefits, if it were practicable, to have some form of networking forum providing information on ongoing activity that is not funded by Bòrd na Gàidhlig but is relevant to the work of the delivery partners. This information sharing would facilitate maximisation of resources and avoidance of reduplication of effort by delivery partners and others.</p> |  |

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| <p><b>B3</b></p>  | <p><b>A bheil thu den bheachd gu bheil taic ri fhaotainn bhon a’ Bhòrd airson taic a chumail ris a’ bhuidheann agaibh a thaobh goireasan is trèanadh a thaobh conaltradh is tèicneòlas fiosrachaidh, agus mur eil de an taic a bhiodh thu smaoinichadh a bhiodh freagarrach?</b></p> <p>Do you believe that support is available from the Bòrd to support your organisation with resources and training in terms of communication and ICT, and if not what support do you believe would be appropriate?</p>   |
| <p>Faclair na Gàidhlig is well supported in communications and ICT under the umbrella of its Lead Institution, Sabhal Mòr Ostaig. We have not considered asking for support on a monetary level from the Bòrd for ICT, however we communicate with marketing colleagues at the Bòrd who have assisted with press releases, and advised on and retweeted tweets on social media, as well as communicating any vacancies. This type of support is very valuable and greatly appreciated and have allowed us to reach a wide audience.</p>   |   |
| <p><b>B4</b></p>  | <p><b>A bheil thu den bheachd gu bheil an cothromachadh maoinichaidh a th’ ann an-dràsta eadar com-pàirtichean libhrigidh, sgeamaichean maoinichaidh agus pròiseactan a gheibh taic bho Bòrd na Gàidhlig a’ libhrigeadh prìomhachasan a’ Phlana Nàiseanta Gàidhlig agus a’ dèiligeadh ri feumalachdan na coimhearsnachd Ghàidhlig?</b></p> <p>Do you believe that the current balance of funding between delivery partners, funding schemes and Bòrd na Gàidhlig supported projects adequately deliver the priorities of the National Gaelic Language Plan and address the needs of the Gaelic community?</p> |
| <p>We believe that the balance of funding is well considered and appropriate and fair. However in terms of adequately delivering the priorities of the National Gaelic Language Plan and addressing the needs of the Gaelic community, as representatives of a long term project which is a national undertaking, our major concern is sustainability of funding in order to enable us to retain skills and deliver our outputs. The funding received by Faclair na Gàidhlig allows us to contribute directly to the national priority of supporting the increase of Gaelic use by strengthening the language richness, relevance and constituency. We see Bòrd na Gàidhlig as key to ensuring this sustainability for all delivery partners, not just our own undertaking, and wish to support the Bòrd by providing high quality outcomes to illustrate the importance of the National Plan and the value these bring to the Gaelic community in the near future and for the longer term.</p> |   |
| <p><b>B5</b></p>  | <p><b>A bheil molaidhean sam bith agaibh a bhiodh leasachadh mar a tha Bòrd na Gàidhlig cumail taic ri bhuidhnean a tha libhrigeadh pròiseactan Gàidhlig?</b></p> <p>Do you have any proposals that could improve the way Bòrd na Gàidhlig supports organisations that deliver Gaelic projects?</p>   |
| <p>Support comes not only in the form of financial support, but from sharing ideas and lessons learned. We think that the progress meetings twice yearly as an organisation with the Bòrd are a great way to share such information and out with these, we have an excellent and communicative working relationship with our contacts at Bòrd na Gàidhlig. We welcome the fact that during the current pandemic Delivery Partners meetings will be held online. The Bòrd has been very supportive during the period of the pandemic and is responsive to the challenges faced by the delivery partners.</p>   |   |

## C. Sgeamaichean taic-airgid / Funding schemes

C1

**A bheil thu den bheachd gu bheil na sgeamaichean maoinachaidh aig Bòrd na Gàidhlig an-dràsta a' dèiligeadh gu h-ìomchaidh ri prìomhachasan a' Phlana Nàiseanta Gàidhlig agus na coimhearsnachd Gàidhlig, agus mura h-eil, dè na h-atharrachaidhean a bhiodh tu a' moladh gus an leasachadh?**

Do you believe that Bòrd na Gàidhlig's current funding schemes adequately address the priorities of the National Gaelic Language Plan and the Gaelic community, and if not what changes would you propose to improve them?

We believe that the current funding schemes adequately address these priorities to the extent they are able, i.e. we understand that there is a limit to what funds are available. Ideally, expanding the collaboration fund to allow funding for projects envisaged to be long term initiatives would be ideal. This would allow us to demonstrate to the public that we are not working in silos, and we are taking seriously the priorities of the National Gaelic language Plan in terms of partnership and wider impact. The funding received by Faclair na Gàidhlig allows us to contribute directly to the national priority of supporting the increase of Gaelic use by strengthening the language richness, relevance and constituency.

C2

**A bheil sgeamaichean maoinachaidh Bòrd na Gàidhlig a' toirt cothrom gu leòr dhut fhèin no don bhuidheann agad taic a thoirt do na h-amasan agad ann an leasachadh na Gàidhlig? Mura h-eil, ciamar a mholadh tu dèiligeadh ri seo?**

Do Bòrd na Gàidhlig's current funding schemes provide you or your organisation sufficient opportunity to support your goals in Gaelic development? If not, how would you propose addressing this?

We believe that the current funding schemes provide our organisation with sufficient opportunities to support our organisational goals in Gaelic development.

C3

**A bheil thu ag aontachadh ris na prionnsapalan maoinachaidh agus a bheil dad sam bith eile a bhiodh tu a' moladh gus an leasachadh?**

Do you agree with the funding principles and is there anything else you would recommend to improve them?

At Faclair na Gàidhlig we are conscious of the principle of "value for money" and have been able to continue to provide such value as many of our staff were homebased prior to the lockdown period and work from home advice. We feel that value for money could be further achieved from continued collaborative working, as this will allow both ourselves and the delivery partners to reach a larger audience, thus being able to reach out to more people in the Gaelic community, as well as the international community of learners.

C4

**A bheil molaidhean sam bith eile agaibh a bhiodh leasachadh sgeamaichean maoinachaidh Bòrd na Gàidhlig?**

Do you have any other proposals to enhance Bòrd na Gàidhlig's funding schemes?

We do not have any other proposals as such, but we are keen that the importance of protecting a few successful long-term projects in a short-term oriented world, is highlighted.

## D. San fharsaingeachd / General

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**A bheil molaidhean sam bith eile agaibh a bhiodh leasachadh mar a tha Bòrd na Gàidhlig a' cleachdadh am buidseat leasachaidh aige?**

Do you have any other proposals that could improve how Bòrd na Gàidhlig uses its development budget?

We do not have any proposals as such but are keen to support the Bòrd in promoting collaborative working with other organisations where possible and will endeavour to continue to produce high quality outputs as examples of value for money.