

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

A. Mu do dheidhinn / About you

A3	Ainm na buidhne (ma tha sibh freagairt às leth buidheann) / Organisation name (if responding on behalf of an organisation)	Education Scotland
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B. Buidhnean Com-pàirteach Lìbhrigidh / Delivery Partners

B1	<p>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?</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>
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Findings from scrutiny activity carried out by HM Inspectors show positive examples of the impact of delivery partners' collaboration with schools in raising attainment, developing fluency and supporting parents who are not themselves speakers of Gaelic. However, not all schools that offer Gaelic Medium Education have access to support from delivery partners through the medium of Gaelic.

B2	<p>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?</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>
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We have the support we require from the Bòrd to work in partnership. We use a range of networks in working with partners.

B3	<p>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?</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>
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These training needs would be met by Education Scotland.

B4	<p>A bheil thu den bheachd gu bheil an cothromachadh maoinachaidh a th' ann an-dràsta eadar com-pàirtichean libhrigidh, sgeamaichean maoinachaidh agus pròiseactan a gheibh taic bho Bòrd na Gàidhlig a' libhrigeadh prìomhachasan a' Phlana Nàiseanta Gàidhlig agus a' dèiligeadh ri feumalachdan na coimhearsnachd Ghàidhlig?</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>
See later response.	
B5	<p>A bheil molaidhean sam bith agaibh a bhiodh leasachadh mar a tha Bòrd na Gàidhlig cumail taic ri bhuidhnean a tha libhrigeadh pròiseactan Gàidhlig?</p> <p>Do you have any proposals that could improve the way Bòrd na Gàidhlig supports organisations that deliver Gaelic projects?</p>
<p>It would be helpful to explore the use of funding to make some partner support available to all settings delivering Gaelic Medium Education. It is important that delivery partners engage with schools in planning for progression, evaluating their impact and joint planning for change and improvement. It would be useful to include this as part of the criteria to increase impact and assist delivery partners in making connections with the curriculum.</p>	

C. Sgeamaichean taic-airgid / Funding schemes

C1	<p>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 Ghàidhlig, agus mura h-eil, dè na h-atharrachaidhean a bhiodh tu a' moladh gus an leasachadh?</p> <p>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?</p>
<p>In prioritising spending on Gaelic, we welcome that this is linked closely to national priorities, The National Plan for Gaelic 2018-23, as prepared under the Gaelic (Scotland) Act 2005, scrutiny findings, Curriculum for Excellence and local evaluations to support continuous improvements.</p> <p>There are some recurring and persistent barriers to the growth of Gaelic that require targeted action and funding. Some of these are identified below from our scrutiny findings. We would recommend more use of our scrutiny findings in a timely manner, with targeted resourcing to these deep issues.</p> <p>HM Inspectors have identified that there is variability in planning for improvement of Gaelic resulting in improved outcomes. There can, in some cases, be a lack of connection between local and national planning, and resultant impact. It would be our view that the following areas require more attention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the secondary curriculum for Gaelic Medium Education • development of coherent provision for 3-18 Gaelic (Learners) • recruitment and retention of teachers and support staff • meeting the needs of children and young people who need additional support in learning and development • a greater number of post-school destinations and opportunities available through the medium of Gaelic. 	

<p>C2</p>	<p>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?</p> <p>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?</p>
<p>Education Scotland appreciates being a recipient of additional funding for Gaelic on occasions. This has been used to improve our outcomes towards excellence and equity for children and young people in Gaelic Medium Education. This includes in raising attainment, whilst working in partnership. In the coming year, we look forward to receiving funding to impact on the secondary curriculum.</p> <p>We have found some of the processes for bidding for funding and monitoring of its use to be overly bureaucratic.</p> <p>We have also found that allocating funding a year at a time can make recruitment to posts less attractive. This can impinge on longer term planning.</p>	
<p>C3</p>	<p>A bheil thu ag aontachadh ris na prionnsapalan maoinachaidh agus a bheil dad sam bith eile a bhiodh tu a’ moladh gus an leasachadh?</p> <p>Do you agree with the funding principles and is there anything else you would recommend to improve them?</p>
<p>Covered in C1.</p>	
<p>C4</p>	<p>A bheil molaidhean sam bith eile agaibh a bhiodh leasachadh sgeamaichean maoinachaidh Bòrd na Gàidhlig?</p> <p>Do you have any other proposals to enhance Bòrd na Gàidhlig’s funding schemes?</p>
<p>Education Scotland welcomes that identified funding is available for taking forward priorities that impact on securing the future of Gaelic as an official language of Scotland. This is important in light of Gaelic being classified as an endangered language. We recommend that spending is also allocated from a range of other budgets out with specific sources. Given the fragility of the Gaelic language, planning for the sustainability of the language should feature as a high spending priority.</p> <p>Specific funding offers a measure of protection to the Gaelic language, medium of education and the sector at times when local and public authorities may be experiencing economic and budgetary constraints. Funding set with specific criteria for the growth of Gaelic ensures that the funding is spent as intended on Gaelic.</p> <p>Education Scotland is not party to how criteria is set and monitored. We will not therefore offer a comment on impact of setting and monitoring criteria.</p> <p>The availability and allocation of specific funding goes some way in promoting some equity of access to Gaelic provision across the country. However, more remains to be done in achieving equity across Scotland in how well national and local planning, and targeting of funding is delivered.</p>	

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?