

<p style="text-align: center;">Dùbhlán Coileanaidh na h-Alba Freagairt Le Bòrd na Gàidhlig 08 Gearran 2022</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Scottish Attainment Challenge Response By Bòrd na Gàidhlig 08 February 2022</p>
<p>Fiosrachadh mun bhuidhinn agaibh Cuiribh tuilleadh fiosrachaidh mun bhuidhinn agaibh dhan bhogsa gu h-ìosal:</p> <p>Tha bun-dhleastanasan Bhòrd na Gàidhlig air an cur an cèill ann an Achd na Gàidhlig. A thuilleadh air na riatanasan reachdail a tha air an cur an cèill san Achd, tha am Bòrd an sàs ann an raon farsaing de phròiseactan agus ro-innleachdan a tha ag amas air a bhith a' toirt fàs air Cànan agus Cultar na Gàidhlig. Gheibhear tuilleadh fiosrachaidh mu ar gnìomhan air fad aig: www.gaidhlig.scot</p> <p>Innsibh dhuinn ur beachdan mu Dhùbhlán Coileanaidh na h-Alba Dè a tha air obrachadh gu math? Thoiribh ur freagairt seachad sa bhogsa a tha air a thabhann:</p> <p>Tha Bòrd na Gàidhlig a' cur fàilte air na feartan a leanas a tha air buaidh dheimhinneach a thoirt air Foghlam tro Mheadhan na Gàidhlig (FMG) ann an cotheacsa Dùbhlán Coileanaidh na h-Alba:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tha raon de stòrasan taic air a bhith air an solarachadh sa Hub Leasachaidh Nàiseanta co-cheangailte ri FMG agus leasachadh na Gàidhlig. 2. Tha stuthan Eadar-theachdan airson Cothromas air a bhith air an tabhann sa Ghàidhlig, gu sònraichte fo Ionnsachadh Àrd-chàileachdail, Ionnsachadh Diofaraichte agus Dol an Sàs ann an Ionnsachadh an dèidh na Sgoile. 3. Tha Stòras Dùbhlán Coileanaidh na h-Alba air a bhith air a thabhann sa Ghàidhlig. <p>Dè a dh'fhaodadh a bhith air a leasachadh?</p>	<p>Information about your organisation Please add information about your organisation in the box below:</p> <p>Bòrd na Gàidhlig's core duties are set out in the Gaelic Language Act. In addition to the statutory requirements stipulated in the Act, the Bòrd is involved in a wide range of projects and initiatives aimed at growing the Gaelic Language and Culture. Further information on all our activities is available at: www.gaidhlig.scot</p> <p>Tell us your views on the Scottish Attainment Challenge What has worked well? Please provide your response in the box provided:</p> <p>Bòrd na Gàidhlig welcomes the following features which have positively impacted on Gaelic Medium Education (GME) in the context of the Scottish Attainment Challenge:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A range of support resources have been provided in the National Improvement Hub pertaining to GME and developing Gaelic. 2. Interventions for Equity materials have been provided in Gaelic, specifically under High Quality Learning, Differentiated Learning and Engaging in Learning Beyond School. 3. The Scottish Attainment Challenge Self-evaluation Resource has been provided in Gaelic. <p>What could improve?</p>

Thoiribh ur freagairt seachad sa bhogsa a tha air a thabhann:

Tha soillearachadh a dhìth mu na raointean a leanas:

- 1.** San ro-ràdh thathar ag innse gum bi clann na h-Alba air fad air an gabhail a-steach le prìomh chuimse air Litearrachd, Àireamhachd agus Slàinte agus Sunnd. Bidh cnuasachadh sònraichte mun bhuaidh air FMG cudromach ann a bhith a' dol air adhart. Gu math tric chan eil e soilleir a bheil stèidhean fheartan no fhianais air an gabhail a-steach a thaobh FMG agus foghlam tro Mheadhan na Beurla (EME) no dìreach EME.
- 2.** Co-cheangailte ris a' chùis mu dheireadh, tha 9 Ùghdarrasan Ionadail air an liostadh mar Ùghdarrasan Ionadail Dùbhlain, le 5 dhiubh a' tabhann FMG agus EME. Chan eil e soilleir ciamar a tha Stòras Dùbhlain Coileanaidh na h-Alba air buaidh a thoirt air FMG agus EME sna h-Ùghdarrasan Ionadail sin.
- 3.** Tha prògraman nàiseanta co-cheangailte ri leasachadh Ionnsachadh Proifeiseanta, Trusadh Luchd-teagaisg agus Leasachadh Roinneil Co-obrachail air a bhith air an sònrachadh ach a-rithist chan eil fòcas sònraichte air a thoirt do FMG agus EME anns na prògraman sin idir.
- 4.** Ann an Eadar-theachdan airson Stuthan Cothromais, tha FMG air a chomharrachadh ann an 3 de na h-earrannan. Bhiodh e na leasachadh tuilleadh leudachaidh a dhèanamh agus tuilleadh ion-chur sna 9 raointean a tha air fhàgail.
- 5.** Tha e ri mholadh gu bheil an Stòras Fèin-luachaidh Dùnadh a' Bheàrn Coileanaidh ri fhaotainn sa Ghàidhlig, ach chan eil iomradh sònraichte mu fheartan co-cheangailte ri FMG ann idir. Tha e cuideachd neo-shoilleir ciamar a tha na Grafan Prìomh Thomhasan a' ceangal ri FMG agus EME. A thuilleadh air sin chan eil rannsachadh co-cheangailte ri FMG anns na Ceanglaichean Feumail m.e. FMG ann an Alba: Roghainn agus Coileanadh aig Ìrean Bun-sgoile agus Tràth san Àrd-sgoil' (O'Hanlon/Macleòid/Paterson 2010).
- 6.** Tha Comhairlichean Coileanaidh air a bhith air an suidheachadh anns gach Ùghdarras Ionadail iomchaidh. Chan eil e soilleir a bheil iad air a bhith air an trèanadh agus buaidh a thoirt air FMG agus EME agus a bheil fianais mu bhuaidh air FMG agus EME air a bhith air a chruinneachadh anns gach Ùghdarras ionadail anns a bheil solar FMG.

Please provide your response in the box provided:

There has been a lack of clarity around the following areas:

- 1.** In the introduction it is noted that all Scotland's children will be included with a key focus on Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Well-being. Specific reflection on the impact on GME will be important going forward. It is often unclear whether features or evidence bases apply to both GME and English-medium Education (EME) or EME only.
- 2.** Linked to the previous issue, 9 Local Authorities are listed as Challenge Local Authorities, 5 of which provide GME and EME. It is unclear how the Scottish Assessment Challenge has impacted on GME and EME in these Local Authorities.
- 3.** National programmes relating to Professional Learning, Teacher Recruitment and Regional Improvement Collaborative development have been noted but again specific focus on GME and EME for these programmes is absent.
- 4.** In the Interventions for Equity Section, GME is noted in 3 of the sections. It would be an improvement to expand further and provide input in the remaining 9 areas.
- 5.** The Closing Attainment Gap Self-evaluation Resource is commendably available in Gaelic, however specific mention of features relating to GME is absent. It is also unclear how Key Measures Graphs relate to GME and EME. Furthermore the Useful Links to Research do not contain research relating to GME e.g. GME in Scotland: Choice and Attainment at the Primary and Early Secondary Stages (O'Hanlon/McLeod/Paterson 2010).
- 6.** Attainment Advisors have been appointed to all relevant Local Authorities. It is unclear whether they have been trained to impact on GME and EME and whether evidence of impact in GME and EME has been gathered in each Local Authority with GME provision.



7. Mar a chaidh a ràdh ron seo tha stuthan a tha glè fheumail sa Hub Leasachaidh Nàiseanta (NIH) co-cheangailte ri bhith a’ lìbhrigeadh FMG. Mholadh sinn gun deigheadh sgrùdadh a dhèanamh air an t-solair Stòras FMG san NIH agus gun deigheadh beàrnan sam bith a chomharrachadh gus am faodadh tuilleadh taic a bhith air a phlanadh agus air a thabhann a rèir clàr-ama soilleir.

**Ciamar a tha buaidh maoinachaidh air a thomhas?
Thoiribh ur freagairt seachad sa bhogsa a tha air a thabhann:**

Bhiodh e feumail tuigsinn mar a tha maoinachadh air a bhith air a thabhann airson an dà chuid, an solar FMG agus EME.

**Dè a’ bhuidh a tha air a bhith aig a’ mhòr-ghalair air ruigsinneachd agus coileanadh ann an sgoiltean?
Thoiribh ur freagairt seachad sa bhogsa a tha air a thabhann:**

Tha seo air a bhith na chùis ioma-fhillte san earrann FMG. Tha cunntas air a thoirt gu h-ìosal air cuid de na prìomh chùisean:

- 1.** Tha stad air a bhith air a chur air Foghlam Bogaidh thar mòran de ar solar FMG nàiseanta agus tha sin air buaidh a thoirt air a bhith air lìbhrigeadh an sgrìobhainn Comhairle air Foghlam Gàidhlig a chaidh ullachadh le Foghlam Alba.
- 2.** A thaobh a’ mhòr-chuid de theaghlachan ann am FMG chan e a’ Ghàidhlig cànan na dachaigh agus mar sin tha clann agus daoine òga ann am FMG air briseadh fhulang a thaobh an togail agus an cothrom air a’ Ghàidhlig. Choinnich pàrantan FMG ri dùbhlain ann a bhith a’ toirt taic don cloinn aig an dachaigh an uair nach robh misneachd aca sa Ghàidhlig.
- 3.** Chan eil tidsearan-solair a tha fileanta sa Ghàidhlig an-còmhnaidh furasta am faotainn, is mar sin bha beàrn ann a thaobh tidsearan FMG mar thoradh air a’ mhòr-ghalair a b’ fheudar a lìonadh le Tidsearan-solair a bha a’ bruidhinn na Beurla.
- 4.** Tha solar Tràth Bhliadhnaichean agus Cròileagan glè thric mar thoiseach tòiseachaidh air an t-siostam FMG. Leis nach robh e an-còmhnaidh comasach seo a

7. As stated the National Improvement Hub (NIH) has some very useful materials relating to GME delivery. We would recommend that GME Resource provision in the NIH is audited and gaps identified so that further support can be planned and provided according to a clear timetable.

**How is the impact of funding measured?
Please provide your response in the box provided:**

It would be useful to understand how funding has been provided for both GME and EME provision.

**What has been the impact of the pandemic on attainment and achievement in schools?
Please provide your response in the box provided:**

This has been a complex issue within the GME sector. Some key issues are noted below:

- 1.** Immersion Education has been interrupted across much of our national GME provision which in turn impacts on the delivery of the Advice on Gaelic Education document produced by Education Scotland.
- 2.** Most families in GME do not have Gaelic as a home language so children and young people in GME have had their acquisition of and access to Gaelic disrupted. GME parents faced challenges in supporting their children at home when they were not confident in Gaelic.
- 3.** Supply teachers who are Gaelic-speakers are not always readily available, therefore GME staffing interruptions due to the pandemic have sometimes had to be filled with English-speaking Supply Teachers.
- 4.** Early Years and Playgroup provision often acts as an introduction to the GME system. As this has not always been able to be provided it has a particular impact on GME.



thabhann tha buaidh shònraichte air a bhith aige air
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