

Report on	Seachtain na Gaeilge (Irish Language Week) 2019
Date of Meeting	Thurs 10 th January 2019
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	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To seek members approval to issue a call for Expressions of Interest from interested groups and individuals seeking to deliver activities and projects designed to encourage and promote use of the Irish Language as part of Seachtain na Gaeilge 2019.
2.0	Background
2.1	Seachtain na Gaeilge is an annual international festival lasting from 1st to 17th March. It seeks to celebrate and promote the Irish Language during this time through various schemes and activities.
2.2	Subject to Council approval, it is proposed that Mid Ulster District Council will issue a call for Expressions of Interest for Seachtain na Gaeilge 2019 activities, advertising in January 2019 in local press as well as on MUDC's website and social media platforms. The scheme will be available to community groups or individuals who wish to carry out an Irish Language activity in their area as part of Seachtain na Gaeilge 2019 in the Mid Ulster District.
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3.0	Main Report
3.1	Officers will promote the initiative in local press to ensure all groups and individuals who are interested, are made aware of the support available. Officers will seek to encourage a wide range of bilingual and Irish language events across the district in order to encourage maximum participation by the wider Mid Ulster community. To facilitate this, an information leaflet will be compiled and publicised to promote the project.
3.2	£7,500 has been identified from within the approved Irish Language Action Plan for this project (Regional and Minority Language budget 2018/19).
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Budget of £7,500 has been identified within the Irish Language Action Plan, allocated from the Regional Minority Language budget.

	Human: Officer time only
	Risk Management: n/a
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: Expressions of interest process open to all groups involved in developing Seachtain na Gaeilge 2019 activities across the District
	Rural Needs Implications: Expressions of interest process open to all groups involved in developing Seachtain na Gaeilge 2019 activities across the District
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	It is recommended that members approve the call for Expressions of Interest from interested groups and individuals seeking to deliver activities and projects designed to encourage and promote use of the Irish Language as part of Seachtain na Gaeilge 2019.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	N/A