

PLEAN GNÍOMHAÍOCHTA GAEILGE – Aibreán 2021-Márta 2022
IRISH LANGUAGE ACTION PLAN - April 2021-March 2022



Comhairle Ceantair
Lár Uladh
Mid Ulster
District Council

GOAL 1

To Promote Opportunities to Learn Irish

ACTION STEP DESCRIPTIONS	DATE TO BEGIN	DATE DUE	RESOURCES REQUIRED (staff, tech, etc.)	DESIRED OUTCOME	NOTES
Deliver language taster days and or cultural workshops at various locations within the community	Oct 2021	March 2022	£30,000	3 taster days and or Cultural Workshops to be delivered across MUDC	
Deliver Irish language classes at key locations across the District at <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginner Level • Intermediate Level and • Advanced Level This will include youth and adult audiences and will involve clustering & collaboration with other groups eg schools, sporting, cultural groups and community organisations	Oct 2021	March 2022		Residents of MUDC will have access to Irish Language class within 10 mile radius	MUDC classes will be marketed collectively Online options will be developed
Assist with provision of facilities /promotion for delivery of University of Ulster Diploma in Irish	Oct 2021	March 2022		15 + students will commence the Irish Language Diploma with Ulster University 2020/21	Advice and promotion provided to (potential) applicants
Deliver a schools Irish Language and Heritage programme in various Council venues across the district and/or in the classroom setting Examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irish language lessons • Gaelic Heritage projects (Gaelic origins of townlands/surnames) • Workshops/site visits 	Oct 2021	March 2022	£13,000	Engage 40+ schools in the language and heritage programme	Aimed at Key Stage 1 & 2 classes
2020 Mid Ulster District Council Regional & Minority Languages Bursary	April 2021	October 2022	£30,000	200 + applicants across the district to attend recognised language summer colleges for an average of 3 weeks	Opened to residents (adults and young people) of MUDC only

GOAL 2

To Develop Irish Language in the community and to make it more accessible for all

ACTION STEP DESCRIPTIONS	DATE TO BEGIN	DATE DUE	RESOURCES REQUIRED (staff, tech, etc.)	DESIRED OUTCOME	NOTES
Provide development support, advice, information and guidance to individuals, groups and schools within the region in the promotion and development of the Irish Language.	October 2021	March 2022	£1,500	Community programme at HOTON to enhance linguistic support for bilingual families in the South Tyrone area	In conjunction with HOTON education office
Provide development support through activity grant funding to external cultural organisations to establish Irish language programmes and to promote the language among its audience base. See below for details:	October 2021	March 2022	£50,000	Irish Language Activity Fund	Publicly advertised March 2020
<p>Coalisland Cairde Uí Néill £7,912</p> <p>“Gaeilge sa Phobal – Irish in the Community”</p> <p><i>This wide-ranging project consists of Irish language days at local children’s summer camps, a range of outdoor activities for Irish speaking families, an adult summer school, a series of heritage talks, and an Irish language traditional song project and festival, helping local people achieve fluency through the promotion of our rich heritage of traditional song through the medium of Irish.</i></p> <p>Swatragh Grúpa Ban Ghreanacháin - Granaghan Womens Group £1,000</p> <p>Gaeilge Ar Fad!</p> <p><i>The project is an innovative series of Irish language workshops, targeting those who already have a little Irish. Due to the pandemic and the uncertainty surrounding what way it will evolve, the group wish to deliver their activities outside, as much as possible. The plan is for 10 Irish language sessions of 90 mins each. They will be delivered in the open air, walks and talks, all conducted through Irish Language.</i></p>					

Maghera An Carn Centre £13,788

“Plean Gníomhaíochta 2020-21” Language Revitalisation Plan

A wide ranging 12 month activity plan from this award winning community group targeting all aspects of the use of Irish in the local district. A range of projects including youth activity support, adult learning, heritage promotion, Feis Charn Tóchair, family mentoring, teaching resource development, language colleges, Irish language drama etc.

Maghera Conradh na Gaeilge Charn Tóchair £6,480

“Scéim Thacaíochta do Theaghlaigh Gaelacha” (Support programme for Irish speaking families)

A range of actions to support and assist families making the difficult transition to bilingualism in their everyday lives. Project involves a storytelling/reading programme for pre-school, family resource development, and Mother and Toddler club activities.

Ballinascreen Glór na Speiríní £3,400

Imeachtaí Bliana Bhaile na Scríne (Ballinascreen Irish Language Events Programme)

A support programme for Irish speaking families with a range of activities including an Adult Winter School, online events and a programme of heritage walks delivered through the medium of Irish.

Magherafelt Glór Mhachaire Fíolta £3,500

“Scéim Óige 2021-22” (Irish Language Youth Project)

A support programme for the Magherafelt area targeting young people in primary and post-primary Irish medium education to develop their use of the language in informal settings through a range of youth activities.

Ardboe Tobin Youth Centre £2,570

“Activities for 4-11 Year Olds”

The aim of project is to engage with 30 children (15, 4-7 year olds and 15, 8-11 year olds) on a weekly basis. Each age group of 15 will attend a 1 hour class for the 8 weeks prior to St Patricks Day 2022. During the 8 weekly sessions the children will take part in various youth activities delivered through Irish, eg

games, dance, art and crafts, singing, cookery, etc. The aim is to make the activities offered as fun and as engaging as possible to assist with learning the Irish Language. The weekly language sessions will work towards the Annual Concert, with the children performing through singing, dancing, drama and recitation.

Ardboe Craobh Ard Bó £900

“Comharsana ag Comhrá – Neighbours in conversation”

Under the wider title of ‘neighbours in conversation’, Craobh Ard Bó intend to adopt a two-pronged approach to embed the Irish language into the local community, and to offer all those in the community at every age group the chance to learn Irish together. Stage one of this project centres on engagement with the local GAA club and community group, where a 12 week course free of charge will be offered to members of the community. Stage two of the project takes place in the local primary school, where a tutor will work with the local children on learning key words and phrases in Irish so that they can communicate both with one another and with their families at home.

Kildress Campa Chill Dreas £2,350

Campa Chill Dreasa (Kildress Summer Camp)

Summer camp for primary school children involving a range of sports and practical cultural activities through the medium of Irish with a view to raising Irish language awareness and providing basic language skills.

**Donaghmore Sruth na Gaeilge, Scoil Iósaef
Domhnach Mór £1,000**

Craobh an tSrutha (Champions of Irish)

Sports day through the medium of Irish for post-primary students of Irish Medium schools in the MUDC area aimed at providing a range of sports activities and interaction between different schools.

Pomeroy Institute of Irish Leadership £2,000

Féile Ghaeltacht Thír Eoghain 2021 (Tyrone Gaeltacht Festival)

Online Irish language Summer School for Adults involving a series of language classes and lectures to

<p><i>improve language skills and knowledge of cultural heritage in Tyrone area.</i></p> <p>The Moy Liath Luachra £250</p> <p>Liath Luachra (Irish Language Cycling Club)</p> <p><i>A weekly cycling scheme for adults aimed at providing an outdoor activity through the medium of Irish for cyclists.</i></p> <p>Cookstown Cairdeas Eoghain £2,600</p> <p>Seal Spraoi Lúnasa (August Fun Activity Week)</p> <p><i>Summer Scheme for local Irish Medium primary school children involving a range of linguistic activities for both parents and pupils with a view to continuing use of Irish during summer months/school holidays.</i></p> <p>Dungannon An Chraobh Rua £640</p> <p>An Gasra Léitheoireachta (Reading Club)</p> <p><i>Online Irish language reading club for adults intended to provide opportunities for adult learners and speakers to interact primarily through a reading circle.</i></p> <p>Ballygawley Pobal an Ghleanna £330</p> <p><i>Workshop and celebration event for adults across a range of levels to provide an opportunity for learning and interaction through the medium of Irish.</i></p> <p>Dungannon Gaelscoil Aodha Rua £1,300</p> <p>Snas agus Blas (Fluency and language enrichment project)</p> <p><i>Snas agus Blas will be a new project which will launch at the beginning of the new school year. The aim of the project is to encourage the wider school community, both teaching and non-teaching and parents of children in the school who have studied Irish at school, to engage in a programme of continued learning. The sessions will follow a 'book club' format, where a chosen text will be discussed and interesting grammatical / linguistic learning opportunities will be analysed and discussed, providing scope for further learning.</i></p>					
<p>Establish and maintain conversation circles and reading groups in local communities and possibly link to graduates and participants of Ulster</p>	<p>Oct 2021</p>	<p>March 2022</p>	<p>£1,000</p>	<p>Adult fluency/language enrichment</p>	

University & Mid Ulster District Council Diploma participants					
Cooperate with Irish Language community to develop an online Mid Ulster Seachtain na Gaeilge programme which will feature a range of engaging activities aimed at Irish speakers and non-Irish speakers wanting to get involved in the language and profiling the Irish Language across the district	March 2022	March 2022	£3,000	Seachtain na Gaeilge delivered	Ensure geographical spread
To enhance and promote youth services in Irish across MUDC and provide guidance and support to local youth projects – Láimhleabhair d'obair óige and Mentoring Help Sheets	Oct 2021	March 2022	£3,500	Materials, resource development	Engage with relevant organisations to increase the language capacity of local groups

GOAL 3

To develop the Promotion and Use of Irish within and by Mid Ulster District Council

ACTION STEP DESCRIPTIONS	DATE TO BEGIN	DATE DUE	RESOURCES REQUIRED (staff, tech, etc.)	DESIRED OUTCOME	NOTES
To develop Irish Language service in the area of education	Sept 2021	March 2022	Collaboration with Environmental Health	6 schools will avail of the Nigh Do Lámhha – Environmental Health Project	Service to be proactively marketing to Irish Medium schools
To develop Irish Language service in the areas of Tourism and Education within our Arts and Cultural facilities	Oct 2021	March 2022	Collaboration with MUDC Cultural Venues £3,000	Provide a range of digital resources for visitors to access online	Facilitate Irish language tours to key heritage sites as required
To raise awareness of Gaelic linguistic heritage within the district	July 2021	March 2022	£4,000	Develop publication and community project	Promote awareness of the linguistic heritage of the Sperrins Gaeltacht
Provide in-house translation services to Council Departments.	April 2021	March 2022	£1,000	Increase awareness within Council of this service	As per Irish Language policy