



Language Plan

SUMMARY



Thank You

C.D.S. Teo and the Coiste Pleanála Teanga would like to extend our sincere thanks to the people of Dúiche Sheoigheach and Tuar Mhic Éadaigh for their co-operation, participation and support in the compilation of this plan. We would like to thank Tomás Mac Con Iomaire, author of the Language Plan, and Údarás na Gaeltachta for support and guidance throughout the process.



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Foreword by the Minister of State for the Gaeltacht



As the Minister of State for the Gaeltacht, I warmly welcome the Language Plan. The rollout of this plan and its implementation represents a huge step forward for the Language Planning area of Dúiche Sheoigheach and Tuar Mhic Éadaigh. A great deal of praise and gratitude is due to everyone who was involved in bringing the plan to fruition.

The Language Planning process offers each Gaeltacht community a central role in the future development of the Irish language. Each community will receive continuing support, from Údarás na Gaeltachta and from Foras na Gaeilge, as required. The dedication and hard work of the local community has ensured that the plan has been successfully delivered and now there is a Language Planning officer in place to push along the process.

As with the other Language Plans that have been approved, this plan lays out actions that are based on local requirements, as well as other actions chosen by the lead organisation. A strategic

and integrated approach will be used to implement the actions, so that the challenges facing the Irish language in the Gaeltacht can be overcome.

In June 2018, my department launched the Plean Gníomhaíochta for the Irish language 2018-2022, on behalf of the government. The plan consists of a wide range of recommendations that pertain, directly or indirectly, to the Language Planning process. As with the Language Plan, the Plean Gníomhaíochta has co-operation and partnership at its very core.

I congratulate everyone involved in the preparation of this plan and congratulate everyone who will be involved in its implementation. The Roinn in partnership with Údarás na Gaeltachta, Foras na Gaeilge and other stakeholders, will give this plan every support and will continue to support the Language Planning process as a whole.

Jack Chambers T.D.

Príomh-Aoire an Rialtais agus Aire Stáit na Gaeltachta agus Spóirt

Réamhrá ó Phríomhfheidhmeannach Údarás na Gaeltachta



Tá ríméad orm go bhfuil Plean Teanga cuimsitheach á chur i bhfeidhm i Limistéir Pleanála Teanga Dhúiche Sheoigheach agus Thuar Mhic Éadaigh.

Ba mhaith liom ardmholadh a thabhairt don cheanneagraíocht, Comharchumann Dhúiche Sheoigheach Teoranta, agus do Choiste Stiúrtha Pleanála Teanga an LPT. Bhí tacaíocht nach beag ar fáil don cheanneagraíocht ó Choiste Cultúir, Teanga & Forbartha Thuar Mhic Éadaigh Teo, chomh maith le Coistí Pobail deonacha agus Cumainn i nDúiche Sheoigheach agus i dThuar Mhic Éadaigh. Tréaslaím leo a ndúthracht agus a dtiomantas do chaomhnú agus do neartú na Gaeilge ina bpobal.

Tá buíochas faoi leith ag dul do phobal an LPT as ucht an

spioraid láidir pobail a léirigh siad agus Plean Teanga á ullmhú agus gach tacaíocht agus comhoibriú á thabhairt acu dóibh siúd a raibh freagracht ullmhúchán an phlean orthu. Tá moladh mór tuillte ag Tomás Mac Con Iomaire, Comhairleoir Pleanála Teanga, a d'oibrigh go dian dúthrachtach leis an gceanneagraíocht agus leis na fochoistí, a scríobh Plean Teanga d'ardchaighdeán.

Leagann an Plean Teanga béim faoi leith ar an aistriú teanga ó ghlúin go glúin, sa bhaile agus sa chomharsanacht, agus cuirtear béim ar dheiseanna sóisialaithe a thabharfaidh breis deiseanna don aos óg an Ghaeilge a chleachtadh agus a úsáid go nádúrtha agus a bheith mórtasach as an tseoid luachmhar atá acu i dteanga ársa na nGael.

Cuideoidh an Plean Teanga seo go mór leis an LPT a sciar féin



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a dhéanamh le spriocanna na Straitéise 20 Bliain don Ghaeilge a bhaint amach. Cúis mhisnigh don Limistéar Pleanála Teanga seo é go bhfuil Oifigeach Pleanála Teanga i mbun a chuid dualgas ó 2020. Is é an Dr. Stiofán Seoighe as Cathair na Gaillimhe atá ag feidhmiú sa ról agus ag comhordú fheidhmiú ghníomhaíochtaí an phlean do Limistéar Pleanála Teanga Dhúiche Sheoigheach & Thuar Mhic Éadaigh.

Ba mhaith liom gach rath a ghuí ar fheidhmiú Phlean Teanga Dhúiche Sheoigheach agus Thuar Mhic Éadaigh, agus tá Údarás na Gaeltachta ag súil go mór comhoibriú le pobal Dhúiche Sheoigheach agus Thuar Mhic Éadaigh le cinntiú go gcuirfear i bhfeidhm na bearta go léir sa phlean teanga seo thar an tréimhse feidhmithe seacht mbliana. Tá pobal Dhúiche Sheoigheach agus Thuar Mhic Éadaigh fíorbhródúil as an oidhreacht atá acu mar phobal Gaelach agus Gaeltachta agus tá siad tiomanta an oidhreacht shaibhir sin a thabhairt ar aghaidh chuig an gcéad ghlúin eile.

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In 2015 Údarás na Gaeltachta selected Comharchumann Dhúiche Sheoigheach (C.D.S. Teo) as the organisation to prepare the Language Plan for Dúiche Sheoigheach and Tuar Mhic Éadaigh.

C.D.S. Teo. employ a full-time Language Planning Officer.

€100,000 every year has been approved to implement the plan.

This is the background to the Language Plan.

The 20-Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010-2030 was published in December 2010. The Strategy has as its key objectives:

- To increase the number of people who speak Irish on a daily basis outside the education system from 83,000 to 250,000 nationally;
- To increase by 25% the number of people who speak Irish on a daily basis in the Gaeltacht; and
- To increase the number of people who use State services through the medium of Irish and who can access television, radio and print media through the language. The Gaeltacht Act 2012 gives statutory effect to the Language

Planning process under which Language Plans will be prepared at community level in the 26 Language Planning areas in the Gaeltacht. It is defined in the Act:

- That the borders of the Gaeltacht will be re-defined for the first time since 1956: future Gaeltacht status will be based on linguistic criteria rather than geography;
- That the 26 Language Planning areas who must prepare a Language be identified in order to keep the Gaeltacht status;
- That Údarás na Gaeltachta will select one organisation in each LPA to manage the Language Planning Process in that LPA
- That the Language Plan be submitted to the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht for approval and that the organisation will have seven years to implement the plan.

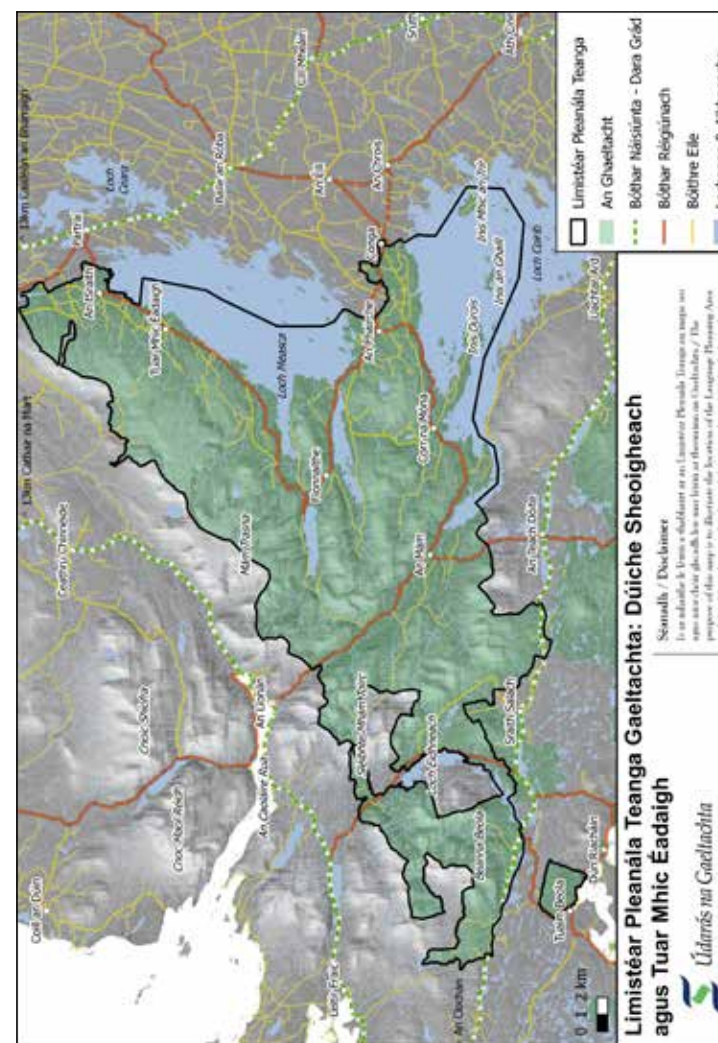
An Ghaeilge and the language plan belong to the community. We now have a great opportunity to protect and grow an Ghaeilge as a community language and to ensure its future for the next generation. Community support and participation is essential to achieve the aims of the language

plan. Use whatever Irish you have every day – at home, at work and in the community! Get involved in local Irish language events. Keep in touch with the Language Planning Officer – tell us what would help you improve your Irish. Let's be proud of our language – speak it and it will thrive!



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- To increase by 25% the number of people speaking Irish in the LPA by the year 2025 based on Census 2016.
- That each Primary and Secondary school in the LPA be registered and operating an action plan in accordance with the Policy for Gaeltacht Education 2017-2022, and to maintain a link between Naíonraí and Primary Schools.
- To place pressure on the state that the services they provide to the public would be available in Irish.
- That there would be additional investment in employment creation and entrepreneurial development.
- That all societies and voluntary organisations would adopt a specific language policy.
- That the speaking of the Irish language would be “normalised” among the young people.
- That signage would be in Irish or bilingual in the LPA.
- That every support will be provided to businesses to have Irish as the language of communication in the workplace, in so far as possible, especially when businesses are dealing with the public.



Research was carried out on the areas of: An tSraith Salach, Loch Eidhneach, Beanna Beola and Tuaim Beola, under the direction of Coiste Pleanála Teanga Forbairt Chonamara Láir as Forbairt Chonamara Láir serves this area.

Lead-Organisation

Comharchumann Dhúiche Sheoigheach (C.D.S. Teo) was established in 1973. C.D.S. Teo is a community development co-operative, located in Corr na Móna, Co. Galway and has a full time manager employed, Gearóid Ó Fátharta. It is funded by an administration grant from Údarás na Gaeltachta to promote the language, employment, economic, social, cultural and educational events in the area.



Education

Pre-School

Naíonra na Fairche, An Fhairche
Naíonra Thuar Mhic Éadaigh, An tSraith

Primary Schools

Scoil Bhríde, Tír na Cille, An Mám
Scoil Mhuire, Corr na Móna
Scoil Naomh Pádraig, An Chloch Bhreac
Scoil Naomh Pádraig, An Fhairche
Scoil Náisiúnta Thuar Mhic Éadaigh

Post Primary Schools

Coláiste Muire, Tuar Mhic Éadaigh
Coláiste Naomh Feichín, Corr na Móna

Voluntary Committees, Community Based Organisations And Sport

Coiste Cultúir, Teanga agus Forbartha Thuar Mhic Éadaigh (CCTFTMÉ) (Eagraíocht Pobalbhunaithe funded by Údarás na Gaeltachta)

Coiste Forbartha an Mháma

Coiste Forbartha Chorr na Móna

Coiste Pobail na Fairche and na Cloiche Brice

Coiste Pobail Thuar Mhic Éadaigh

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Thuar Mhic Éadaigh

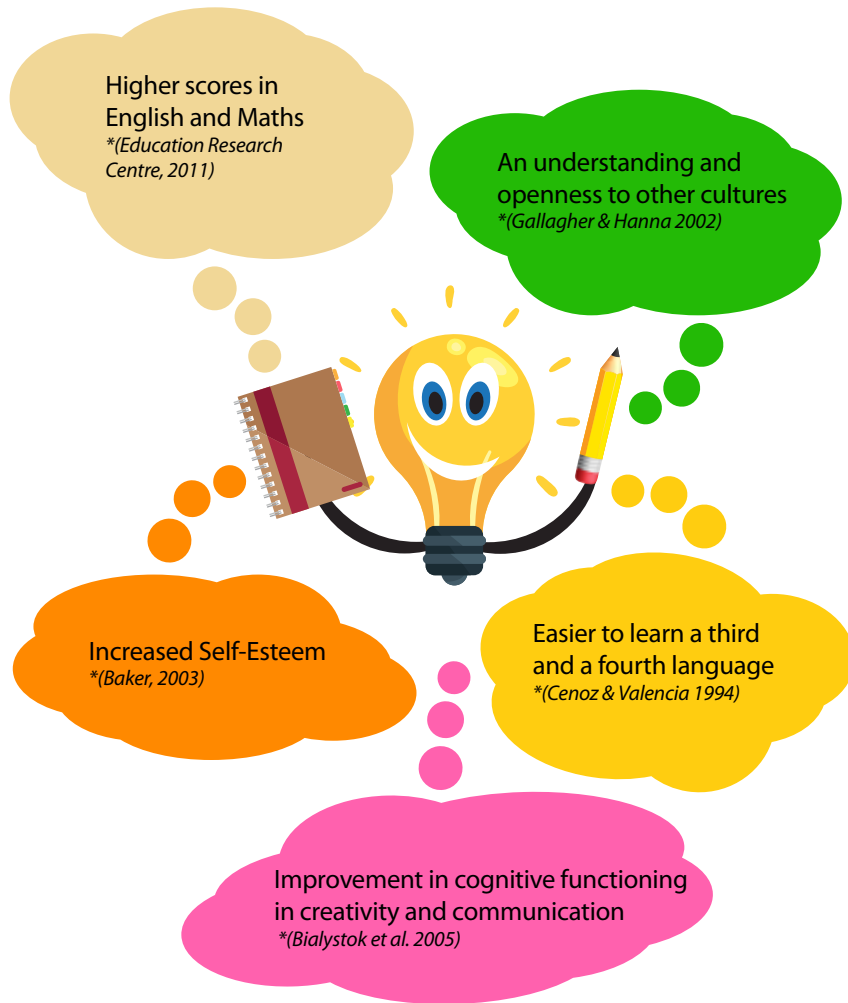
Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Naomh Pádraig

Every Coiste and Organisation has a central role in the promotion of the Irish Language in the Dúiche Sheoigheach and Tuar Mhic Éadaigh areas.



Benefits of Full Immersion Education

According to research, the following are the benefits for students who go through the system:*



*<http://www.foras.ie/irish-medium-education/advantages/>



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78% of parents feel it is important to them that Irish continues as the Community Language in the LPA.

68% of the public say they have the ability to speak Irish. According to Census 2016.

There are two electoral divisions in Category B**, Abhainn Bhrain in Tuar Mhic Éadaigh and An Ros in Dúiche Sheoigheach. The majority of the LPA are in Category C*.

An average of 3% of the children speak Irish to their parents.

Most of the (25%) of those who have the ability to speak Irish are speaking it within the education system.

According to the 2016 Census there is a population of 3,185 in the LPA, Seven less than in Census 2011.

This is a Seven Year Plan and we are currently in Year 3 of the Plan.

1. The Education System
2. Child Services, Pre-School and Family Supports including Language Support Services Services for the Youth and other age groups
4. Learning Opportunities outside of the Education System
5. The Business Sector
6. Community and Co-operative Organisation
7. The Media
8. Public Services
9. Planning and Physical Development
10. Social and Recreational Services
11. Situation of Irish in the area

We will be adding to this and will keep you updated on the website www.cdsteo.ie/pleanail-teanga and on social media @GaeilgeDSTME



* Category C: less than 44% of the total population 3+ years speak Irish on a daily basis

**Category B: 44%- 66% of the total population 3+ years speak Irish on a daily basis

Category A: 67% of the total population 3+ years speak Irish on a daily basis

1. THE EDUCATION SYSTEM

(Including Pre-school Education)

- Establish an Education Forum with membership from the Language Planning Area's naíonraí and schools to perpetuate continuity of language behaviour.

- Carry out research and development of an effective information delivery method with regard to language behaviour at home between parents and their children.

- Ensure that teachers/directors appointed in the naíonraí and in schools are fluent Irish speakers to ensure a high standard of Irish.

- That all State services that inspect the early-years' services ensure that inspections are carried out in Irish only.

- Provide support to enhance Comhar Naíonraí na Gaeltachta (CNNG's) *Borradh Plan* so that naíonra children can be brought on visits and walks and to other events that would provide them with opportunities to acquire a richer vocabulary and language.

- That naíonra directors would

be entitled to a salary throughout the whole year.

- That a new version of the Irish-Language Scheme (*Scéim Labhairt na Gaeilge*) be reintroduced.

- That a language assistant be available to each primary/secondary school in the LPA.

- Create a staff response post, with recognition from the Department of Education and Skills, in both secondary schools where the responsibility of the post would be the consolidation and continuous advancement of the school's Irish-language policy.

- Regular information sessions on social media, texting, etc., terms in Irish. Organise video competitions and other programme competitions among students with attractive prizes.



2. CHILD SERVICES, PRE-SCHOOL AND FAMILY SUPPORTS

(including Language Support Services)

- Renovate the Community Centres in the LPA and develop a Childcare Centre/Family Support Centre/ Drop-in Centre.

- That all Child Care Services and

pre-school education be available in Irish in the LPA.

- Carry out a feasibility study on the construction of a Family Support Centre in the LPA.



3. SERVICES FOR THE YOUTH AND OTHER AGE GROUPS

- That the Youth Club in Corra na Móna and An Mám be re-established. That an effort be made to ensure leaders with Irish are active in the Foróige Club in Tuar Mhic Éadaigh so that Irish-language events are available in the club.

- That a specific Irish-language policy be implemented in every organisation that deals directly with

young people. Initiate a training scheme to re-establish the oral arts.

- It is important that young parents with little Irish, and their children, have an opportunity to come together regularly in an environment where they could practice simple conversations in Irish.

4. LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE THE EDUCATION SYSTEM

- Assemble a panel of tutors, who are competent in sharing their expertise through Irish, in the various dialects, who would be available to accommodate the requirements of adult education. That the number of Irish language classes available to young parents, whose first language is not Irish, be continued and increased.
- That courses through Irish be made available to youth club leaders and other association leaders in the LPA to ensure that those clubs and associations are being run through Irish.
- Organise courses in Irish for young people from the LPA in particular in the Petersburg Outdoor Education Centre.



5. THE BUSINESS SECTOR

- Provide the business community with an understanding of the importance of the Irish language as an earnings opportunity. Link the Irish language with earning and employment.
- That an annual competition be organised based on the use of the Irish language in local businesses and services and that the winners would receive publicity.

6. VOLUNTARY AND CO-OPERATIVE ORGANISATIONS

- That a funding system be ensured for CDS and CCTFTMÉ to enable them to carry out the duties of those organisations, including development services, community services and Language Planning services.
- That the broadband and telephone infrastructure be expanded to bring it up to national standards.

See Page 10: *Voluntary organisations*

7. THE MEDIA

- Organise a competition in local schools based on reviewing a programme series or other broadcasts with prizes sponsored by Radio na Gaeltachta and TG4.
- That major events and festivals be broadcast to celebrate the wealth of language and culture in the LPA.



8. PUBLIC SERVICES

- Seek co-operation from Galway County Council to ensure signage in Irish is compliant in Dúiche Sheoigheach.
- That all health services in the LPA be available in Irish.
- That the policy to place members of An Garda Síochána with Irish in Gaeltacht areas be implemented.

That An Garda Síochána have a recruitment policy to recruit Gardaí from Gaeltacht areas in order to place them in Gaeltacht areas.

- That a specific language policy be agreed with the Archbishop and the Archdiocese of Tuam to ensure that the community of the LPA would always have service through Irish.



9. PLANNING AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

- Develop a Gaeltacht Policy for Mayo County Council and that the services of the County Council in the LPA be available in Irish. As part of that plan, it's important that a distinct plan exists for the Tuar Mhic Éadaigh area.

- Implement Galway County Council's Gaeltacht Policy.
- Ensure that Irish-language signs displaying the names of all the villages in the LPA are in Irish, to indicate that it is a Gaeltacht area.

10. SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES

- That the clubs in the area have a specific Irish-language policy and ensure that the work of the club is done in Irish or bilingually.
- Support community festivals and events by securing additional funding and through other

support services i.e. publicity and marketing.

- That additional investment be made, with regard to the language, in the websites of the LPA's clubs and that the Irish language be to the forefront on those sites.

11. CURRENT STATE OF IRISH IN THE AREA

- Establish an awareness and information campaign to inform the community of the national, cultural and economic importance of the language.
- Every social and development organisation/club in the LPA will

implement a specific language policy. C.D.S. will design and agree an appropriate policy with each organisation/club.

- That a committee be established to participate in the Glór na nGael competition.



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