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Ranganna Gaeilge do Dhaoine Fásta

Irish Language Classes for Adults (autumn/winter 2019)

There has never been a better time or as many opportunities to attend an Irish language class or take part in a regular *ciorcal comhrá Gaeilge* if you live in the North Mayo Gaeltacht. On foot of the huge demand which was highlighted as part of the research for our language plan, Gaeilge Iorrais (in conjunction with Údarás na Gaeltachta, Leader Oirthuaisceart Mhaigh Eo and all the community organisations listed below) is helping to co-ordinate and publicise a programme of Irish language classes in seven different locations throughout the five parishes in the North Mayo Gaeltacht. From September 2019 onwards, subject to sufficient enrolment numbers, a range of Irish classes will commence. Whether you're a beginner, someone hoping to get back into Irish and/or improve your Irish language skills for work or home context and/or would like an opportunity to practice the Irish that you have, there should be a class or a *ciorcal comhrá* to suit you. In most cases, the approach will be conversational; an informal but semi-structured setting to help you feel at ease and give you the confidence and opportunity to speak Irish. It is hoped to run classes in the following locations subject to demand. Please contact the relevant provider/organisation listed below if you would like to sign up for an Irish class with them or get more information:

1. **Béal an Mhuirthead:** Áras Inis Gluaire (beginners) agus Leader Oirthuaisceart Mhaigh Eo (ciorcal comhrá) 097-20828
2. **Gleann na Muaidhe:** Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Chill Chomáin (ranganna comhrá Gaeilge) 087-9714395
3. **Ceathrú Thaidhg:** Comhar Dún Chaocháin (ciorcal comhrá) 097-88082
4. **An Eachléim:** Comharchumann Ionad Deirbhile (ciorcal comhrá) 097-85727



5. **Gaoth Sáile:** Comharchumann Chill tSéadhna (beginners & improvers) 86868
6. **Dumha Thuama:** Scoil Náisiúnta Dhumha Thuama (parents & families) 86605
7. **Béal Deirg:** Ionad Pobail Bhéal Deirg (beginners & ciorcal comhrá) 087-2515292

If you're at an intermediate/improver level and interested in doing the Diplóma sa Ghaeilge (National University of Ireland Galway accredited) please come along to the information evening which will take place **this Thursday 29 August at 6pm, in Áras Inis Gluaire, Béal an Mhuirthead**. It is hoped that there will be enough participants to run this 3rd level course in Belmullet from September, so please spread the word.

Gaeilge Iorrais has also launched 'Gaelchara', a new mentoring scheme for Irish language learners and native speakers, which aims to give Irish-language learners living in the North Mayo Gaeltacht an opportunity to practice and speak Irish as a living, every-day language. Over a four-month period, the learner will team-up with a native Irish speaker and they will both participate in a social, cultural or sporting activity *trí mheán na Gaeilge*, be it a craft, a pastime, a sport or other activity. Further information is available from Gaeilge Iorrais or at <http://gaeilgeiorrais.ie/images/pr9b.pdf>

This co-ordinated programme of Irish classes will hopefully encourage any interested parties to participate at a level suitable for them and progress onto the next level when they're ready if they so wish. If there is any further demand for additional ranganna Gaeilge, please get in touch with us at Gaeilge Iorrais. A social activity or *teacht le chéile as Gaeilge* is also planned to bring all participants together in one location at the end of each term (for example, for a *céilí mór* or *tráth na gceist* or just a *cupán tae*).

These developments signal that the implementation of our language plan is underway and more Irish language use is only a *rang Gaeilge* or a *ciorcal comhrá* away. Irish language use is guaranteed when one person decides to use it. You can make a huge difference and together we have the power to secure a positive future for the Irish language in our Gaeltacht. Any further suggestions and/or recommendations from the North Mayo Gaeltacht community are most welcome. If you would like to hear more about this process or get involved, call us on 097-29023, email us at gaeilgeiorrais@gmail.com, check out our website www.gaeilgeiorrais.ie or follow our Facebook page. **(CRÍOCH/END)**