



# Úsáid í & Mairfidh Sí

An scéal is déanaí maidir leis an  
bPlean Teanga do Ghæltacht  
Mhaigh Eo Thuaidh

# Use it or Lose it

An update on the Irish  
Language Plan for North  
Mayo Gaeltacht

*Tá deis againn anois.  
Tá ról, glór agus rogha  
agatsa freisin.*

*Our opportunity is now.  
You have a role, a voice  
and a choice too.*

## Céard is féidir leat a dhéanamh?

- ✔ Úsáid do chuid Gaeilge gach lá
- ✔ Glac páirt in imeachtaí Gaeilge
- ✔ Fan i dteagmháil linn
- ✔ Scaip an scéal

Cén Fáth?

Chun an Ghaeilge a choinneáil beo sa cheantar agus chun ár stádas Gaeltachta a neartú.

## What can you do?

- ✔ Use whatever Irish you have every day
- ✔ Take part in Irish language activities
- ✔ Keep in touch with us
- ✔ Spread the word

Why?

To keep Irish alive in the area and to strengthen our Gaeltacht status.

## Ré Úr

Don chéad uair riamh tá

- ✔ Plean teanga sonraithe
- ✔ Coiste stiúrtha ilpharóisteach
- ✔ Oifigeach Gaeilge
- ✔ Deiseanna móra againn

Tá ár stádas Gaeltachta ag brath ar an obair seo.

## New Era

For the first time ever we have

- ✔ Targeted language plan
- ✔ Multiparochial steering committee
- ✔ Irish language officer
- ✔ Huge opportunities

Our Gaeltacht status depends on this work.



*95.3% of our Gaeltacht population believe it's important that the Irish language continues to thrive in our area.*



*Irish has been spoken here for over two thousand years, would you like to make sure that this continues?*

## Ábhar Machnaimh

Cén chaoi ar féidir leatsa níos mó Gaeilge a úsáid gach lá?

Céard ba mhaith leat a dhéanamh chun an Ghaeilge a choinneáil beo sa cheantar?

Céard ba mhaith leat a dhéanamh chun ár stádas Gaeltachta a choinneáil & a neartú?

An gcoinneoidh muid an Ghaeilge & an Ghaeltacht seo slán?

Tá an Ghaeilge á labhairt anseo le dhá mhíle bliain ar a laghad, ar mhaith leat a chinntiú go leanfar leis sin?

Tá toadhcháil na Gaeilge & na Gaeltachta seo ag brath ortsa & orainne

Má úsáideann muid í, mairfidh sí

## Food for thought

How can you use more Irish every day?

What are you prepared to do to keep the Irish language alive in our area?

What would you like to do to maintain & strengthen our Gaeltacht status?

Will we secure the Irish language and our Gaeltacht area for future generations?

Irish has been spoken here for over two thousand years, would you like to make sure that this continues?

The future of the Irish language and our Gaeltacht area depends on you & me

If we use the Irish language, she will thrive

## An Plean Teanga: Céard é?

- Mapa bóithre don obair romhainn
- Tuairimí & mianta an phobail lárnach
- 34 beart, 11 réimse
- Tacú le húsáid na Gaeilge
- Le fáil ag [www.gaeilgeiorrais.ie](http://www.gaeilgeiorrais.ie)

## Language Plan: What's that?

- Roadmap of our work ahead
- Founded on community opinions & aims
- 34 specific measures, 11 key areas
- Support Irish language use
- Available from [www.gaeilgeiorrais.ie](http://www.gaeilgeiorrais.ie)

## Buntáistí na Gaeltachta

- An Ghaeilge, dúchas & féiniúlacht faoi leith
- Ceantar speisialta sainiúil
- Cultúr, canúintí & cruthaitheacht uathúil
- Turasóireacht, infheistíocht, deiseanna

## Benefits of Gaeltacht status

- Irish language, unique heritage & identity
- Special & distinctive area
- Unique culture, dialects & creativity
- Tourism, investment & opportunities

## Torthaí Taighde

Seo duit roinnt torthaí taighde a bailíodh mar chuid d'ullmhú an phlean. Seasann na torthaí seo don limistéar go léir, cé gurb iad ceantar Cheathrú Thaidhg agus ceantar na hEachléime an dá phóca is láidre Gaeilge sa limistéar.

Tá an toil agus an tacaíocht ann!

## Research Findings

Here are some key results from our community Gaeltacht survey. While the Irish language is strongest in Ceathrú Thaidhg and Eachléim, the survey reflects the entire region.

The will and the support of the people is clear!

## An Limistéar Seo

An limistéar pleanála Gaeltachta is mó sa tír



584.43km<sup>2</sup>



7,199 duine / population



2,717 teaghlach / households

## This Region

The largest Gaeltacht planning area in the country



155 baile fearainn / townlands



5 pharóiste eaglasta / parishes



19 scoil / schools

**57.4%** Cumas sa Ghaeilge  
Irish language ability

**23%** Úsáid Gaeilge gach lá  
Daily Irish language use

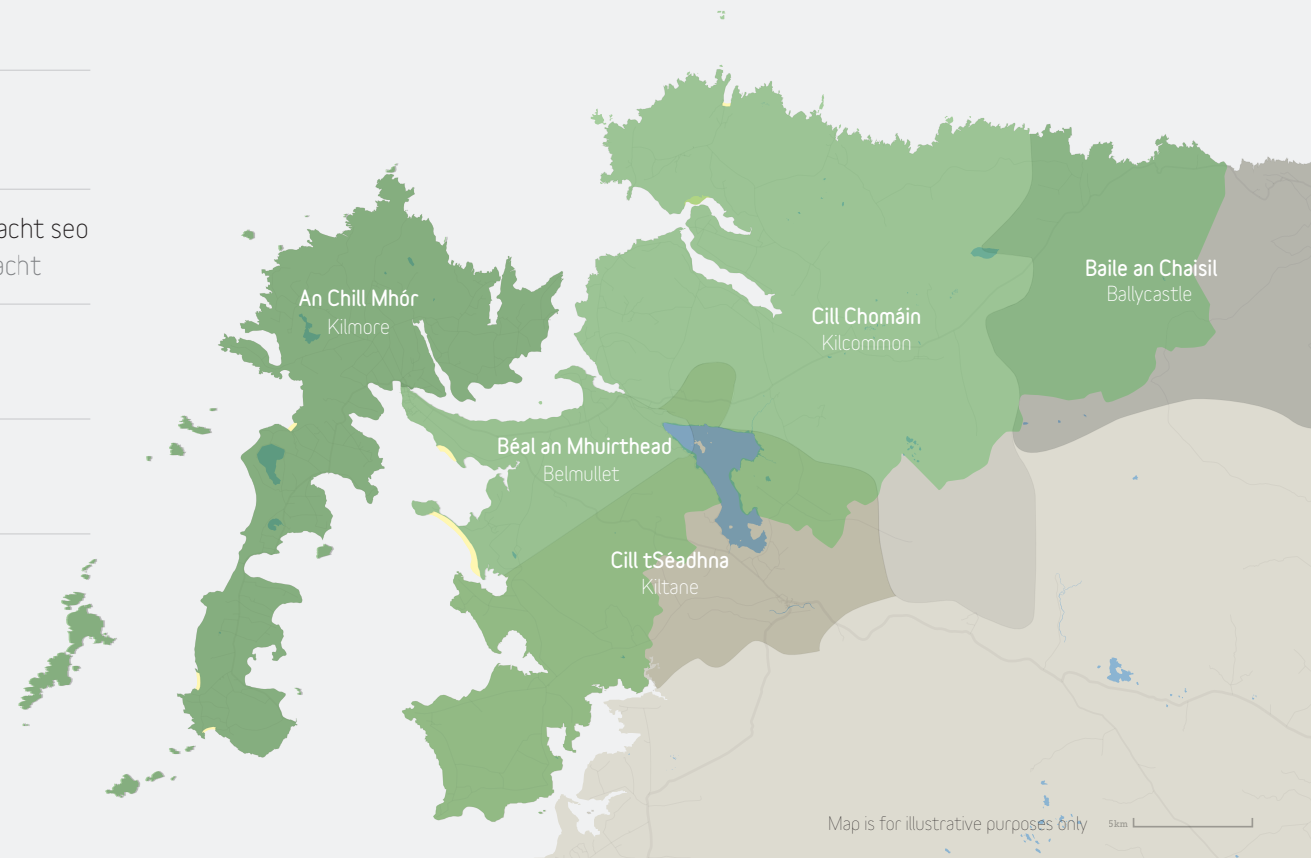
**92.2%** Ag iarraidh ár stádas Gaeltachta a choinneáil  
Want to maintain our Gaeltacht status

**95.3%** Tá sé tábhachtach go mairfidh an Ghaeilge sa Ghaeltacht seo  
Important that Irish language survives in this Gaeltacht

**82%** Sásta feabhas a chur ar a gcuid Gaeilge  
Willing to improve their Irish

**75%** Ag iarraidh níos mó deiseanna an Ghaeilge a úsáid  
Would like more opportunities to use Irish

**83%** Ar son oideachas trí Ghaeilge a bheith ar fáil  
Would like if Irish medium education was available



## An Fhís

Borradh a chur faoi úsáid na Gaeilge in ár limistéar le tacaíocht & rannpháirtíocht an phobail.

## Our Vision

Increase the use of the Irish language in our area with the support & participation of our community.

## Misneach & Muinín

- ✓ Gaeilge = Fáilte & Feiceálach
- ✗ Gan brú nó breithiúnas



## Courage & Confidence

- ✓ Irish = Welcome & Visible
- ✗ No pressure or judgement

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