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Tuairisc ar Imeachtaí agus Buaicphointí na Gaeilge i nGaeltacht Iorrais le linn 2024

Tá ceiliúradh á dhéanamh ag Gaeilge Iorrais ar bhliain rathúil eile agus an séú bliain d'fheidhmiú an *Phlean Teanga i Maigh Eo Thuaidh* istigh cheana féin. Reáchtáil Gaeilge Iorrais raon leathan imeachtaí trí mheán na Gaeilge le linn 2024 agus mar sprioc acu borradh a chur faoi úsáid na Gaeilge i nGaeltacht Iorrais chun todhchaí dhearfach a chinntiú don Ghaeilge sa Ghaeltacht seo.

Tugadh tosaíocht do na réimsí seo a leanas ach go háirithe i gcaitheamh na bliana (i) cúrsaí óige (ii) scoileanna Gaeltachta (iii) imeachtaí do theaghlaigh (iv) deiseanna foghlama agus úsáide Gaeilge (v) cur le feasacht teanga i dtaca le Gaeilge Iorrais agus Gaeltacht Iorrais. I measc na mbuaicphointí ó 2024 a léiríonn an dul chun cinn atá á dhéanamh againn go dtí seo tá;

An Córas Oideachais / Tacú le Scoileanna Gaeltachta ag an mBunleibhéal

- Leanúint leis an gcomhoibriú agus tacú leis na seacht mbunscoil Ghaeltachta agus na trí iarbhunscoil Ghaeltachta sa limistéar seo chun aitheantas a bhaint mar 'scoil Ghaeltachta' faoin scéim aitheantais nua. Bhí an tOPT páirteach i gcuartheanna cigireachta faoin scéim i 6 mbunscoil agus in 2 iarbhunscoil sa cheantar seo le linn na scoilbhliana seo (2023/24). Cuireadh an dá chigireacht eile i gcrích an scoilbhliain seo caite.
- Cruinniú thús na scoilbhliana le gach bunscoil atá páirteach sa scéim agus teimpléad 'Clár Gníomhaíochtaí Gaeilge do Phobal na Scoile' pléite agus faomhaithe le gach scoil.



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- D'éagraigh Gaeilge Iorrais léiriú speisialta de Scannán Nollag i nGaeilge do dhaltáí na mbunscoileanna Gaeltachta i gcomhar le hÁras Inis Gluaire ar an 18.12.2023. Bhí tuairim is 145 dalta agus 12 múinteoir i láthair (c. 150 san iomlán as 5 scoil Ghaeltachta).
- Bhronn Gaeilge Iorrais 8 mbeart d'earraí Gaeltachta ar 6 scoil Ghaeltachta agus ar 2 naíonra chun cur le raifil na Nollag.
- Tacú le Scoil Bhreandáin, Eachléim páirt a ghlacadh sa bhféile scoildrámaíochta ag an leibhéal contae, cúige agus náisiúnta. Seo í an t-aon scoil Ghaeltachta ón limistéar seo atá rannpháirteach sa bhféile iomráiteach seo le blianta agus iad i gcomórtas le 44 scoil eile ó chuile cheard den tír do ghradam náisiúnta. D'éirigh leis an 23 aisteoir óg seo agus comórtas 2 sa bhféile náisiúnta scoildrámaíochta buaite acu lena ndrrama 'Istigh i mo chroí tá neart.' Bhailigh an scoil Corn Thomáis Uí Dheirg ag searmanas speisialta i mBaile Átha Cliath (Bealtaine 2024).
- An tOPT páirteach i ngrúpaí fócais leis an bhForas Taighde ar Oideachas in dhá iarbhunscoil agus bunscoil Ghaeltachta amháin maidir le feidhmiú na scéime aitheantais mar scoil Ghaeltachta sa limistéar seo.
- Ba mhaith le Gaeilge Iorrais comhghairdeas a chur in iúl don 7 mbunscoil agus Gaelcholáiste Chomáin sa Ghaeltacht seo a bhain stádas oifigiúil amach mar scoil Ghaeltachta faoin *Scéim Aitheantais Scoileanna Gaeltachta* ag searmanas bronnta i 2024. D'fhreastail an bheirt OPT ar an searmanas aitheantais seo chomh maith. Tá ardmholadh ag dul do bhainistíocht, d'fhoireann, do thuismitheoirí agus do dhaltáí na scoileanna seo a leanas as a ndíograis oibre agus ceannaireachta i leith an oideachais lán-Ghaeilge sa cheantar seo (i) scoil Bhreandáin, Eachléim (ii) scoil náisiúnta Chorrchloch (iii) scoil náisiúnta Dhumha Thuama (iv) scoil náisiúnta Ghleann na Muaidhe (v) scoil náisiúnta Pholl an tSómais (vi) scoil náisiúnta Ros Dumhach (vii) scoil náisiúnta Cheathrú Thaidhg (viii) Gaelcholáiste Chomáin. Tá Coláiste Bhreandáin Naofa agus Meánscoil Mhuire i mBéal an Mhuirthead páirteach sa scéim chomh maith. Tá an-obair ar siúl i leith na Gaeilge sa dá iarbhunscoil sin agus na chéad chéimeanna eile á mbeartú sa scéim faoi láthair.



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- Leanúint leis an gclár amhránaíochta ar an sean-nós i 7 mbunscoil Ghaeltachta sa limistéar (breis agus 230 páiste bunscoile rannpháirteach ann le linn 2023/24) agus a bhuíochas le tacaíocht ó Ealaín na Gaeltachta faoin gclár Cuisle (scéim Neartú).
- Ionadaíocht ó Ghaeltacht Iorrais ag fleadhanna na bliana seo le tacaíocht ó Ghaeilge Iorrais tríd an gclár amhránaíochta agus féiríní rannpháirtíochta;
 - Maidir le Ceol an Gheimhridh (Eanáir 2024), ghlac cúigear buachaillí agus naonúr cailíní (is é sin ceathrar déag ó CCÉ Craobh Chlann Lir i nGaeltacht Iorrais) páirt i gcomórtais éagsúla (amhránaíocht ar an sean-nós, aithriseoireacht, scéalaíocht agus ceol uirlise) in aoisghrúpaí difriúla (ó aois 7 go 13 d'aois) agus réimse maith acu ann ó rang a haon sa bhunscoil go bliain a haon san iarbhunscoil. Bronnadh duaiseanna ar pháistí an cheantair seo san aithriseoireacht agus sa scéalaíocht agus 6 dhuais ar fad tugtha leofa ag páistí na hEachléime i gcomórtais amhránaíochta ar an sean-nós. Breis eolais <https://www.gaeilgeiorrais.ie/images/pr0124.pdf>
 - Bhí os cionn 30 páiste ón limistéar seo cláraithe le páirt a ghlacadh i gcomórtais éagsúla (amhránaíocht ar an sean-nós, ceol uirlise, comhrá Gaeilge agus scéalaíocht) ag fleadh Mhaigh Eo a bhí ar siúl ar an 11.05.2024 (le hais 6 páiste i 2023, sé sin méadú 20%). Ghlac 29 díobh páirt ar an lá agus cháiligh 12 duine óg as Iorras ó fhleadh Mhaigh Eo le dul ar aghaidh chuig Fleadh Chonnacht 2024.
 - Maidir le Fleadh Chonnacht, ghlac beirt bhuachaillí agus ochtar cailíní (is é sin deichniúr óg ó CCÉ Craobh Chlann Lir i nGaeltacht Iorrais) páirt i 10 gcomórtas éagsúla ag Fleadh Chonnacht (amhránaíocht ar an sean-nós, comhrá Gaeilge, scéalaíocht agus ceol uirlise) in aoisghrúpaí difriúla (ó aois 8 go 13 d'aois). D'éirigh thar cionn le fonnadóirí óga na Gaeltachta seo agus 7 nduais ar fad tugtha leofa ag óige Iorrais i gcomórtais amhránaíochta ar an sean-nós. Bhí lá maith ag cainteoirí óga Ghaeilge Iorrais chomh maith. D'éirigh le triúr acu dul ar aghaidh sa chomórtas



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comhrá Gaeilge in aoisghrúpaí difriúla. Cháiligh seisear óg ó Ghaeltacht Iorrais le dul ar aghaidh chuig Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann. Breis eolais sa phreasráiteas <http://www.gaeilgeiorrais.ie/images/pr6b24.pdf>

- Maidir le Fleadh na hÉireann 2024, ghlac 5 duine óg as Iorrais páirt i 7 gcomórtas éagsúla. D'éirigh thar cionn le fonnadóirí óga na Gaeltachta seo agus 3 dhuais ar fad tugtha leofa ag óige Iorrais i gcomórtais amhránaíochta ar an sean-nós. D'éirigh le dalta bunscoile eile an 1ú áit a bhaint amach sa chomórtas comhrá Gaeilge faoi 9. Breis eolais <https://www.gaeilgeiorrais.ie/images/pr0724.pdf>
- Ghlac ceathrar duine óg as Gaeltacht Iorrais páirt in Oireachtas na Samhna 2024 (méadú ón mbeirt a bhí ann i 2023). Tháinig dhá dhuais abhaile leofa. Breis eolais <https://www.gaeilgeiorrais.ie/images/pr0924.pdf>
- Tacú le comhthogra chun cuairt Laureate na n-Óg a eagrú do dhaltáí na mbunscoileanna Gaeltachta seo i gcomhar le Leabharlann Bhéal an Mhuirthead ar an 18.04.2024. Bhí tuairim is 100 dalta bunscoile Gaeltachta i láthair ó 6 scoil.
- Thug Gaeilge Iorrais tacaíocht chun an togra scéalaíochta 'Scaip an Scéal' a reáchtáil i gcomhar le *Fighting Words* sa limistéar seo ón 13 – 21 Bealtaine 2024. Bhí ceardlanna sa scríbhneoireacht chruthaitheach do dhaltáí na n-ardranganna ón 7 mbunscoil Ghaeltachta mar chuid den togra. Ghlac 83 dalta páirt sa togra álainn seo. Seoladh a saothar úr (dhá scéal nuachumtha curtha i dtoll a chéile ag Gaeilge Iorrais) ag ócáid a d'eagraigh Gaeilge Iorrais in Áras Inis Gluaire ar an 20.06.2024. Breis eolais <https://www.gaeilgeiorrais.ie/images/pr0524.pdf>
- Gaeilge Iorrais ag leanúint leis an stocaireacht go gcuirfear Clár na gCluichí Gaelacha ar an bhfód arís sa limistéar seo gan a thuilleadh moille agus Gaeilge Iorrais páirteach i gcúpla cruinniú le hionadaithe ó CLG an cheantair chun tacú le réiteach iarratas úr ar an gclár. Tá an clár seo á éileamh le fada ag Gaeilge Iorrais agus tá súil againn go ndéanfar é a athbhunú i nGaeltacht Iorrais gan mhoill.



- Ghlac na hOPT páirt lárnach san ócáid a bhí ag SN Cheathrú Thaidhg chun a stádas mar scoil Ghaeltachta a cheiliúradh ar an 19.06.2024. Thug an bheirt óráid ar an lá. Bhí thart ar 50-60 duine áitiúil i láthair.
- Tacú le Tráth na gCeist i nGaeilge (mar chuid d'Fhéile Chlann Lir) ar an 23.05.24 in Áras Inis Gluaire. Bhí c.100 páiste i láthair ó 3 bhunscoil Ghaeltachta agus sciar eile ann ó 8 mbunscoil eile sa cheantar.
- Tacú le ceardlann/seó scéalaíochta faoi leith a thabhairt chuig an gceantar seo leis an scéalaí iomráiteach 'Niall de Búrca' do pháistí na mbunscoileanna Gaeltachta. Bhí 3 scoil i láthair (c.100 páiste) in Áras Inis Gluaire ar an 11.09.24.
- Ghlac 172 páiste bunscoile as na 6 bhunscoil Ghaeltachta in Iorras páirt i Maratón na bPáistí 2024 (clár aclaíochta agus folláine 8 seachtaine) le tacaíocht ó Ghaeilge Iorrais.
- Thug Ní Dhúda dhá chur i láthair d'ábhair oidí a d'fhreastail ar chúrsaí Gaeilge sa Ghaeltacht seo i mbliana, maidir le Gaeilge Iorrais, an próiseas pleanála teanga agus an ceangal leis an scoil Ghaeltachta i gcomhar le Coláiste UISCE (Márta agus Lúnasa 2024).
- Cuireadh tús leis an dara sraith de 'Chlár sa Charr' ar Midwest Radio i gcomhar le Gaeilge Iorrais agus le tacaíocht ó pháistí bunscoile na Gaeltachta seo ar an 24 Meán Fómhair 2024. Bíonn comhrá Gaeilge bunaithe ar théama faoi leith idir 'tuismitheoir' agus páiste chuile Dé Máirt agus Déardaoin ar Midwest Radio mar chuid den 'Breakfast Show' ag c.7.40 r.n. (mír sheachtainiúil ó Mheán Fómhair go hEanáir 2025). Ghlac 16 páiste ó 4 bhunscoil Ghaeltachta páirt sa chomhthogra go dtí seo seo maraon leis an beirt oifigeach pleanála teanga (breis eolais sa phreasráiteas <https://www.gaeilgeiorrais.ie/images/pr0824.pdf>). Faigheann muid aiseolas fíordhearfach ó na scoileanna Gaeltachta, tuismitheoirí, páistí rannpháirteach chomh maith le lucht éisteachta Midwest, maidir leis an gclár seo.
- Bailíodh aiseolas thar a bheith dearfach maidir le tacaíochtaí Ghaeilge Iorrais do scoileanna Gaeltachta Iorrais agus tairbhe dá réir i bhfoirm suirbhé i mí na Bealtaine 2024.



Oideachas: Iarbhunleibhéal

- Cruinniú thús na scoilbhliana le gach iarbhunscoil atá páirteach sa SASG agus teimpléad 'Clár Gníomhaíochtaí Gaeilge do Phobal na Scoile' pléite agus faomhaithe le ceannaireacht na scoileanna sin.
- Tugadh cuireadh do LND cur i láthair a thabhairt don choiste comhairleach um pholasaí oideachas Gaeltachta i mí na Nollag 2024 chun comhthéacs agus saincheistean an limistéir seo a leagan amach.
- Tacú le teacht le chéile COGG do na coistí Gaeilge ón 3 iarbhunscoil áitiúil agus muintir Acla ar an 22.02.2024. Bhí 15 i láthair as Coláiste Pobail (Acaill), 8 as Gaelcholáiste Chomáin (Ros Dumhach), 9 ann as Meánscoil Mhuire (Béal an Mhuirthead), 9 ann as Coláiste Bhreandáin Naofa (Béal an Mhuirthead). Bhí 41 i láthair san iomlán agus deis acu plé a dhéanamh ar ról, feidhm agus dualgais an choiste sa scoil mar aon le páirt a ghlacadh i gceardlanna praiticiúla eile.
- Thug Gaeilge Iorrais tacaíocht do Choláiste Bhreandáin Naofa (Béal an Mhuirthead) le comórtas díospóireachta a reáchtáil don dara bliain as a chéile - 'Comórtas díospóireachta Uí Chonaire' - i gcuimhne ar iarphríomhoide na scoile sin. Bhí lán an tí againn don ócáid seo ar an 20.03.24 in Áras Inis Gluaire (c. 160 dalta bunscoile, iarbhunscoile agus an pobal) agus ionadaíocht ann ón 3 iarbhunscoil áitiúil agus 5 bhunscoil Ghaeltachta. Phléigh na daltaí iarbhunscoile dhá rúin a bhaineann le ceist na Gaeilge sa Ghaeltacht seo. Ba é an rún don chomórtas sóisearach 'Tá dóchas i ndán don Ghaeilge i nGaeltachtaí Mhaigh Eo.' Ba é an rún don chomórtas sinsearach 'Tá cúis ghearáin ag óige na Gaeltachta seo.' Breis eolais <http://www.gaeilgeiorrais.ie/images/pr0225.pdf> agus <http://www.gaeilgeiorrais.ie/images/fcd24.mp4>
- Thug an tOPT ÉNG tacaíocht do dhaltaí na hidirbhliana (Gaelcholáiste Chomáin) lena gcur i láthair d'Ardfheis na n-Óg 2024 dar teideal 'Is buntáiste í an Ghaeilge agus tú ag lorg poist.' Thug Gaeilge Iorrais tacaíocht don scoil leis an gcostas taistil a bhain leis an turas chuig Ciarraí chun freastal ar an ócáid seo.
- Reachtáladh an chéad cheardlann ar an láthair ó aimsir na paindéime do chúntóirí teanga Iorrais faoi stiúir Mhuintearais ar an 06.02.2024. Bhí 6 cúntóir



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teanga (iad uilig) i láthair agus ionadaí ó Ghaeilge Iorrais. Moladh arís go mbeadh ceardlann / teacht le chéile eile agus seisiúin ar bhonn níos rialta ag cúntóirí teanga an limistéir seo.

- Tacú le Tráth na gCeist leis an nGaelcholáiste ar an 18.11.24 do na hiarbhunscoileanna ón limistéar seo. Bhí c.30 dalta i láthair ó na coistí Gaeilge sna hiarbhunscoileanna. Thug Gaeilge Iorrais tacaíocht leis an eagrúchán, poiblíocht agus duaiseanna.
- Tacú leis an lá cónasctha idir Coláiste Bhreandáin Naofa (Béal an Mhuirthead) agus bunscoil Dhumha Thuama mar chuid de Ghaeilge 24 (ar an 12.11.24) chun cur leis an nasc teanga, oideachais agus sóisialta i nGaeilge idir scoláirí bunleibhéal agus scoláirí iarbhunleibhéal sa cheantar Gaeltachta seo. Bhronn Gaeilge Iorrais roinnt féiríní dár gcuid ar rannpháirtithe ar an lá.
- Tacú le Meánscoil Mhuire (Béal an Mhuirthead) lena gcuid imeachtaí do Sheachtain na Gaeilge 2024. Chuir Gaeilge Iorrais málaí féiríní ar fáil.
- Tá oideachas trí mheán na Gaeilge mar chuid lárnach den phróiseas pleanála teanga sa cheantar seo. Tá an-dul chun cinn á dhéanamh sa réimse seo. Beidh muid ag cur leis i gcaitheamh an ama.

Imeachtaí i nGaeilge do Theaghlaigh

- **Ceol & Spraoi** – go nuige seo tá 23 teaghlach cláraithe linn don imeacht seo do thuistí agus páistí réamhscoile. Freastalaíonn c.4 theaghlach (nó thart ar 8 dtuiste agus páiste le chéile) ar an meán agus go rialta. Bhí 10 seisiún againn le linn 2024 (Eanáir-Aibreán). D'fhreastail 92 ar na seisiúin sin san iomlán go dtí seo.
- **Cuideachta** - Tá 5 dteaghlach áitiúil cláraithe faoi scéim 'Cuideachta' i gcomhar le Tuismitheoirí na Gaeltachta (laghdú beag ón 6 theaghlach a bhí ann i 2023);
 - An chéad ócáid i 2024 ar an 10 Feabhra (spórt agus cluichí in ionad UISCE na hEachléime). D'fhreastail 5 theaghlach ar an ócáid; 8 dtuiste agus 11 bpáiste.



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- Dara hócáid (cuairt ar an bhfeirm) i gCuan Oilí ar an 21.04.2024. Tháinig 6 thuiste agus 10 bpáiste ón 5 theaghlach atá cláraithe.
- An tríú hócáid (picnic agus cuairt ar an bpáirc spraoi) i gCeathrú Thaidhg ar an 08.06.2024. D'fhreastail 5 theaghlach ar an ócáid; tháinig 6 thuiste agus 11 páiste.
- An cheathrú hócáid (ceardaíocht don Nollaig) i SOLAS ar an Eachléim ar an 16.11.2024. Bhí 3 theaghlach i láthair (3 tuiste agus 5 páiste).
- Imeachtaí eile do theaghlaigh i gcomhar le Tuismitheoirí na Gaeltachta;
 - An Cinema Gaelach ar an 12.01.2024 (leagan Gaeilge den scannán 'Na Smurfs'). Bhí c. 60 duine i láthair ó 19 theaghlach éagsúil.
 - Cinema Gaelach ar an 01.03.2024 leis an scannán 'Lego Ningago.' Bhí c. 50 duine ó 14 teaghlach i láthair, ina measc 32 páiste agus 15 tuiste.
 - Cinema Gaelach ar an 15.11.2024 leis an scannán 'Shrek'. Bhí c.90 duine i láthair ag an ócáid seo, ina measc bhí 27 tuiste agus 63 páiste.
 - An Pota Stóir 2024 (earraí Nollag i nGaeilge) curtha ar fáil ag Gaeilge Iorrais i gcomhar le Tuismitheoirí na Gaeltachta.
- Tugann imeachtaí den chineál seo deis do theaghlaigh an Ghaeilge a úsáid agus a chleachtadh i gcomhthéacsanna neamhfhoirmiúla. Faoi mar a luaigh tuismitheoir amháin linn; 'tá sé go deas an Ghaeilge a úsáid agus a chloisteáil lasmuigh den scoil.'
- Léiríonn an mhír seo an t-éileamh atá ar na himeachtaí i nGaeilge do theaghlaigh sa limistéar seo. Tá muid ag súil le bonn níos láidre fós a chur faoi imeachtaí do theaghlaigh Iorrais agus ar bhonn rialta i gcomhar le TnaG nuair a bheidh oifigeach forbartha ar an láthair go lánaimseartha acu sa limistéar seo. Tá an post seo le fógairt arís acu sa bhliain úr.
- Bhí scéim úr ag Gaeilge Iorrais i mbliana chun spreagadh agus tacú le teaghlaigh ón limistéar seo freastal ar Oireachtas na Samhna. Fuarthas 4 iarratas faoin scéim. D'fhreastail 3 theaghlach ón limistéar seo ar an Oireachtas tríd scéim Ghaeilge Iorrais. Ghlac ceathrar de na páistí páirt i gcomórtais éagsúla agus eagraíodh seisiún ceoil agus amhránaíochta le teaghlaigh Iorrais ag an bhféile.



Imeachtaí Sóisialta do Dhaoine Óga: Club UISCE 2024

- Lean Club UISCE (Gaeilge Iorrais @ Coláiste UISCE) ar aghaidh le linn 2024. D'éirigh linn 6 lá a reáchtáil (Márta - Deireadh Fómhair 2024). Lónadh 186 spás do pháistí na Gaeltachta seo (c. 31 rannpháirtí ar an meán i láthair).
- Bailíodh aiseolas an-dearfach ó rannpháirtithe Chlub UISCE le linn shéasúr 2024. Tá an-éileamh ar an gclub lán-Ghaeilge seo agus muid ag súil le tógáil air arís i 2025. Léiríonn an t-aiseolas dearfach agus an taighde atá bailithe againn go bhfuil (i) an-mheas ar an deis a fhaigheann na páistí teacht le chéile i dtimpeallacht dhearfach spráúil agus (ii) tabhairt faoi eachtraí a thaitníonn leofa ar muir is i dtír agus (iii) ar na deiseanna sóisialaithe agus foghlama trí mheán na Gaeilge. D'fhreagair chuile pháiste gur tháinig feabhas ar a chuid Gaeilge le linn chlub UISCE.
- Tá thart ar 80 teaghlach cláraithe le Gaeilge Iorrais do chlub UISCE. Glacann c.50 teaghlach páirt sa chlub go rialta (c.30 bunscoil + c.3 déagóir) agus tagann croíghrúpa go rialta chuig an gclub. Bíonn freastal rialta ó 5 bhunscoil Ghaeltachta agus 2 iarbhunscoil Ghaeltachta ar an gclub ach go háirithe.
- Seo mar a dúirt Laoise Ní Dhúda (Gaeilge Iorrais) faoin gclub seo;
 - Tá mar sprioc ag Gaeilge Iorrais borradh a chur faoi úsáid na Gaeilge i measc na ndaoine óga seo agus deiseanna sóisialaithe i nGaeilge a chur ar fáil dóibh. Beidh na himeachtaí seo saor in aisce ach tá spásanna teoranta. Caithfear clárú roimh ré agus cloí leis an bpolasaí Gaeilge a bheidh i bhfeidhm. Thosaigh muid amach le 18 duine óg sa bhliain 2019, a léiríonn fás mór céimnithe ar ár gcuid gníomhaíochtaí sa réimse seo.
- Bhronn Gaeilge Iorrais 8 scoláireacht ar ochtar scoláire scéime (daltaí iarbhunscoile) ó na trí iarbhunscoil áitiúil chun freastal ar an gcúrsa cinnireachta ceannródaíoch a reáchtáil Coláiste UISCE ar feadh coicíse ag deireadh mhí Iúil 2024. Bhí an-éileamh ar an scéim seo agus fuair muid 11 iarratas ar an 6 spás. D'fhreastail 7 ar an gcúrsa ar deireadh. Thug siad uilig ardmholadh don chúrsa.
- Fógraíodh scéim scoláireachtaí eile i gcomhar le Coláiste UISCE le freastal ar chúrsaí oiliúna sna spóirt UISCE i gColáiste UISCE. Fuair muid 8 n-iarratas ar 10



spás. Bhronn Gaeilge Iorrais 8 scoláireacht (scoláire scéime amháin as chuile iarbhunscoil sa limistéar ar a laghad san áireamh) chun freastal ar chúrsaí scileanna sna heachtraí uisce i gColáiste UISCE le linn shaoire an tsamhraidh. Níor fheil dátaí na gcúrsaí do roinnt déagóirí i mbliana. D'fhreastail 6 ar na cúrsaí sa deireadh. Bailíodh aiseolas thar a bheith dearfach ó na rannpháirtithe agus an-éileamh ar dheiseanna eile de chineál seo do dhéagóirí an cheantair.

Imeachtaí sóisialta eile do dhaoine óga

- Rinne Gaeilge Iorrais comhordú ar thuras lae chuig stiúideo teilifíse Gaeilge do dhaltáí bunscoileanna Gaeltachta an cheantair chun clár teilifíse Anfa a thaifeadadh ar an 24.02.2024 i gcomhar le Fíbín i nGaillimh. D'fhreastail 44 páiste ón 7 scoil Ghaeltachta ar an lá speisialta seo. Breis eolais ag <http://www.gaeilgeiorrais.ie/images/pr0224b.pdf>
- Tacú le mórshheisiún ceoil do Sheachtain na Gaeilge (i gcomhar le CCÉ Craobh Chlann Lir Iorrais agus faoi fhéilire SnaG 2024). Féirín beag bronnta ag Gaeilge Iorrais ar chuile pháiste a bhí i láthair. Slua de c.50-60 duine i láthair ar an oíche.
- Tacú le Blitz iománaíochta ar an 02.03.2024 i gcomhar le clubanna CLG Gaeltacht Iorrais agus Maigh Tura. 30 páiste i láthair agus 15 díobh as Maigh Tura. Cineál scéim malairte a bhí ann le club Gaeilge as LPT eile agus imeachtaí cultúrtha dlúthnasctha leis an ócáid.
- Blaisín d'imeachaí uile SnaG 2024 an limistéir seo ag <http://www.gaeilgeiorrais.ie/images/fsng24.mp4>
- Bíonn an-éileamh agus an-tairbhe lenár gcuid imeachtaí lánGhaeilge. Chláraigh 50 páiste as na 7 mbunscoil Ghaeltachta in Iorras do Cheardlann na n-Óg ar an 18.05.24. D'fhreastail 48 páiste bunscoile Gaeltachta as 27 teaghlach éagsúil ar Cheardlann na n-Óg faoinár stiúir in Áras Inis Gluaire, Béal an Mhuirthead. Ghlac na páistí páirt i gceardlanna éagsúla sna healaíona traidisiúnta .i. ceol traidisiúnta, amhránaíocht ar an sean-nós, scéalaíocht agus damhsa. Bhailigh muid aiseolas fíordhearfach faoin ócáid seo.



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- Gaeilge Iorrais ag leanúint leis an stocaireacht agus ag tacú le 3 club óige úr a bhunú sa limistéar seo faoi scáth Óige na Gaeltachta. Uaireanta do phost mar oibrí óige (páirt-mhaoinithe ag Gaeilge Iorrais) fógraithe cúpla babhta anois ó mhí na Samhna 2023 ach níor éirigh leofa aon duine a earcú go fóill.
- Sna sála air sin agus ar stocaireacht ó Ghaeilge Iorrais maidir le soláthar seirbhís óige i nGaeilge d'aos óg an cheantair seo, tharla roinnt cruinnithe i mbliana agus Gaeilge Iorrais páirteach i dtogra píolótach i gcomhar le MSLETB, Muintearas agus Foróige chun oibrí óige lánaimseartha le Gaeilge a fhostú sa cheantar Gaeltachta seo. Beidh páirt-mhaoiniú i gceist ar an bpost seo idir na trí pháirtí thuasluaite
- Bíonn an-éileamh ar ranganna ealaíne i nGaeilge faoi stiúir Ghaeilge Iorrais do pháistí. Reáchtáladh sraith de 4 rang ar bhonn píolótach i gCeathrú Thaidhg le linn mhí Bealtaine 2024. Chláraigh 12 páiste ón mbunscoil Ghaeltachta seo (as 6 teaghlach) agus bhí 7 ar liosta feithimh. Reáchtáladh babhta eile de ranganna ealaíne sa tSeanscoil i mí Dheireadh Fómhair 2024 bunaithe ar éileamh agus aiseolas dearfach ó rannpháirtithe. Líonadh 12 spás le páistí ó 2 bhunscoil Ghaeltachta sa cheantar seo.
- Reáchtáladh sraith de 4 rang ealaíne ar an Eachléim le linn mhí Bealtaine 2024. 9 páiste (as 6 teaghlach) as bunscoil Ghaeltachta amháin rannpháirteach. Reáchtáladh babhta eile de ranganna ealaíne sa Halla ar an Eachléim i mí na Samhna 2024 bunaithe ar éileamh agus aiseolas dearfach ó rannpháirtithe. Líonadh 11 spás le páistí ó 2 bhunscoil Ghaeltachta sa cheantar seo. Tá sé i gceist na ranganna ealaíne seo a chur ar fáil i gceantair eile ina bhfuil bunscoileanna Gaeltachta le linn 2025 de bharr éilimh.
- D'eagraigh Gaeilge Iorrais cóisir chun ceiliúradh a dhéanamh ar páistí go léir a ghlac páirt i bhfleadhanna le linn 2024 ar an 14.08.24 in Áras Inis Gluaire. Bhí c. 70 i láthair ag an gcóisir. Bhronn Gaeilge Iorrais féiríní faoi leith ar an 5 páiste ón nGaeltacht seo a ghlac páirt i bhFleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2024 agus féiríní eile ar na páistí go léir a ghlac páirt i bhfleadhanna na bliana seo. Bhí bronnadh,



cóisir beag agus 'Seisiún na nÓg' againn roimh mhór-sheisiún Comhaltas 'Craobh Chlann Lir Iorrais' ag 8.30i.n. <https://www.gaeilgeiorrais.ie/images/pr0724.pdf>

Imeachtaí do Dhaoine Fásta - Ranganna Gaeilge

- Tá 2 rang Diplóma sa Ghaeilge ar siúl sa cheantar seo faoi láthair faoi scáth Ollscoil na Gaillimhe agus de bharr stocaireacht agus tacaíocht ó Ghaeilge Iorrais;
 - Cuireadh tús le cúrsa Diplóma eile i mBéal an Mhuirthead i mbliana ag leibhéal B1 de bharr éilimh. Tá 17 sa rang úr seo, 16 díobh ón LPT seo. Chuir Gaeilge Iorrais scéim scoláireachtaí ar bun chun tacú leis na rannpháirtithe áitiúla sa rang seo.
 - Thosaigh 12 duine eile de bhunadh an cheantair i rang nua B1 Diplóma sa Ghaeilge i mBéal an Mhuirthead anuraidh (2023/24). Chuir Gaeilge Iorrais scéim scoláireachtaí ar bun chun tacú leis na rannpháirtithe áitiúla sa rang seo. Tá 14 sa rang seo i mbliana (2024/25, bliain 2 den chúrsa B1).
 - Thosaigh 14 duine i rang A2 Diplóma sa Ghaeilge i mBéal an Mhuirthead (2022/23). Chuir Gaeilge Iorrais scéim scoláireachtaí ar bun chun tacú le rannpháirtithe áitiúla sa rang seo. Bhí 12 sa rang A2 i mbliana (2023/24) agus thug siad uilig faoi scrúduithe dheireadh na bliana. Bhí ócáid cheiliúrtha ag Gaeilge Iorrais don rang A2 Diplóma sa Ghaeilge Dé Céadaoin 10.04.2024 in Áras Inis Gluaire agus na scrúduithe uilig curtha i gcrích acu. Bhronn Gaeilge Iorrais mála beag féiríní ar na scoláirí agus ar an múinteoir ranga.
 - D'éirigh le 26 duine áitiúil eile Diplóma sa Ghaeilge a bhaint amach ag leibhéal B2 agus C1 le blianta beaga anuas le tacaíocht Ghaeilge Iorrais.
- Tacú le hócáid nua 'Comhrá agus Seanchas' a reáchtáil go rialta i gCeathrú Thaidhg i gcomhar le Comhar Dún Chaocháin. Bhí breis agus 10 n-imeacht go dtí seo i 2024 agus thart ar 8-10 i láthair ag chuile cheann acu.
- Tacú le hócáid 'Maidin Bhéaloideas' faoi scáth oifig na Gaeilge, comhairle contae Mhaigh Eo agus www.duchas.ie i gCeathrú Thaidhg ar an 09.03.2024. Bhí 15 i láthair.



- Bhí léacht 'lá Bealtaine' againn le Síle agus Seamus Ó Mongáin Dé Céadaoin 01.05.24 in Áras Inis Gluaire. Thug Síle agus Seamus cur i láthair den scoth faoin mbailiúchán 'Amhrán ó Iorras' le Micheál Ó Gallchobhair agus léargas ar amhránaíocht ar an sean-nós i nGaeltacht Iorrais. Bhí amhránaithe óga linn ar an oíche chomh maith, ag canadh cuid de na hamhráin go binn. Bhí c.30 duine i láthair ag an ócáid seo. Eolas <https://www.gaeilgeiorrais.ie/images/pr0324.pdf>
- Thosaigh ciorcal amhránaíochta ar an sean-nós do dhaoine fásta ar an 11.11.2024 le tacaíocht ó Ghaeilge Iorrais. Bíonn croíghrúpa de c.10 i láthair ann.
- Cuireadh tús le rang comhrá / cleachtadh cainte don grúpa Dioplóma B1 ar an 11.11.24 le tacaíocht ó Ghaeilge Iorrais agus de bharr éileamh na ndaltaí.

Imeachtaí Sóisialta Do Dhaoine Fásta

- Reáchtáil Gaeilge Iorrais 4 ócáid shóisialta ghaelach i dtrí ionad difriúil fud fad an limistéir. Bhí c. 20-25 duine fásta ar an meán i láthair ag na hócáidí sin.
 - Oíche shóisialta ag Gaeilge Iorrais (01.12.2023), bhí 18 i láthair agus comhcheangal le seisiún CCÉ Craobh Chlann Lir agus beagnach 100 i láthair.
 - Oíche shóisialta in UISCE mar chuid de SnaG (07.03.2024) 20 duine i láthair. Cluichí, eachtraí, comhrá agus soláistí.
 - Oíche shóisialta sa chlub-theach i nGleann na Muaidhe mar chuid de SnaG ar an 14.03.2024. Bhí 20-24 duine i láthair. Comhrá, sólaistí agus cluiche ar an oíche.
 - Tacú le seoladh leabhar áitiúil 'Gráinne Giorria' in Áras Inis Gluaire ar an 23.03.24 @ 1in. Bhí breis agus 60 duine i láthair.
- Tacú le hoifig na Gaeilge, comhairle contae Mhaigh Eo leis an ullmhúchán do phuball na Gaeilge mar chuid de Lá Mhaigh Eo (04.05.2024) a tharla i mbaile Gaeltachta Bhéal an Mhuirthead don chéad uair i mbliana agus ó bunaíodh an fhéile. Bhí cúpla céad duine páirteach in imeachtaí sa Phuball Gaeilge ar an lá agus Gaeilge Iorrais i lár an aonaigh ann (imeachtaí cosúil le Spraoi na n-Óg,



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Coimicí Gael, seanchas, amhránaíocht, damhsa). Breis eolais

<http://www.gaeilgeiorrais.ie/images/lm024.png> agus físeán

<https://www.facebook.com/gaeilgeiorrais/videos/462305446245669>

- Tacú le seisiún ceoil, amhránaíochta agus airneáin @ SOLAS do ghrianstad an gheimhridh (21.06.24) c.90 duine idir óg agus aosta i láthair.
- Tacú le siúlóid treoraithe i nGaeilge thart ar Lúb na Binne Buí (06.07.2024). 10 i láthair.
- Comhimeacht i gcomhar le hErris Park Run agus an tOireachtas (#parkrunabú ar an 17.08.24). 100 duine i láthair.
- Tacú le reáchtáil agus cur i láthair ag an gcomhimeacht 'Canúintí Mhaigh Eo: Taifid, Leabhra agus Acmhainní Foghlama' a bhí ar siúl i mBéal an Mhuirthead ar an 24.09.2024 i gcomhar le hOifig na Gaeilge, Comhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo. Bhí c. 30 duine i láthair agus tháinig go leor moltaí fóna chun cinn maidir leis na chéad chéimeanna eile sa réimse oibre seo.
- Oíche Chultúir 2024 sa tSeanscoil ar an 20.09.24 i gcomhar le Comhar Dún Chaocháin Teo – c.40 i láthair don oíche le ceardlann cniotála, bÁCála agus seisiún ceoil le ceoltóirí áitiúla.

Na Meáin Chumarsáide & Poiblíocht

- Feasacht, brandáil, poiblíocht agus tuiscintí a mhéadú go leanúnach rialta maidir le ról agus obair Ghaeilge Iorrais sa cheantar seo. Mar shampla;
 - 11 preasráiteas eisithe ag Gaeilge Iorrais ó thús na bliana (Eanáir – Samhain 2024) agus le fáil ar www.gaeilgeiorrais.ie i gcónaí.
- Tá múnla sásúil forbartha againn ar MailChimp agus nuachtlitir mhíosúil eisithe againn ó mhí Márta 2021 i leith. Tá 411 duine ar an liosta teagmhála againn (méadú c.44% ó 2022).
- Cóip de nuachtlitreacha agus foirm chlárúcháin ar ár suíomh agus roinnte ar na meáin shóisialta freisin. Feic, mar shampla, <https://mailchi.mp/8681b52ac3e6/nuachtlitir-ghaeilge-iorrais-deireadh-fmhair-2022-eagr-10572010>



Feachtais Ar Na Meáin Shóisialta

- Feachtas 'Labhair Gaeilge Liom' (22 físeán eisithe go dtí seo). Breis agus 150 rannpháirtí páirteach sa bhfeachtas go dtí seo.
 - Ag cur leis an ábhar brandáilte nua atá ag Gaeilge Iorrais, a chuidíonn le feasacht a ardú fúinn agus ár gcuid oibre, a dhéanann cúis mar dhuaisianna agus féiríní dár gcuid féin agus a chuireann le gréasán, comhghuaillíocht, féiniúlacht a chothú idir pobal Ghaeilge Iorrais sa limistéar. Mar shampla, bandaí láimhe, hataí, greamáin, buidéal uisce, málaí, pinn, caipíní, t-léinte agus mar sin de.
- Leanúint leis an bhfeachtas comhordaithe feasachta agus poiblíochta ar na meáin éagsúla.
 - 1,744k de lucht leanúna ar leathanach Facebook (méadú ó 1,200 i 2020)
 - 1,144 leantóir ar Instagram, bhí 552 leantóir againn i 2022 (méadú ó 270 i 2020).
 - 197 leantóir ar Twitter (méadú ó 100 i 2020 agus 169 i 2022)
 - Cuntas nua TikTok ar bun le gairid, 47 fhíséan gearr crochta againn faoi láthair, 274 duine dár leanúint anois, 1,125 'likes'.
- Is cinnte go bhfuil luach leis an obair seo, faoi mar scríobh duine áitiúil amháin fúinn; 'tá sár obair ar siúl agat sna meáin shóisialta leis an Ghaeltacht a chur chun cinn agus daoine a spreagadh Gaeilge a labhairt i ngan fhios dóibh féin.'

Na Meáin Chraolta

- Tacú le craoladh beo Iris Aniar (RnaG) i SOLAS Dé Céadaoin 27.03.24 agus OPTanna Gaeilge Iorrais ar an gclár chomh maith (c.30 i láthair ón gceantar).
<https://www.rte.ie/radio/rnag/iris-aniar/2024/0327/1440241-iris-aniar-de-ceadaoin-27-marta-2024//>
- Tacú le craoladh beo Iris Aniar (RnaG) i CLG Chill Chomáin Dé hAoine 06.09.24 agus OPT ÉNG Gaeilge Iorrais ar an gclár chomh maith (c.30 i láthair ón gceantar).
<https://www.rte.ie/radio/rnag/iris-aniar/2024/0906/1468706-iris-aniar-de-haoine-6-mean-fomhair-2024/>



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- Tacú le taifead le hIris Aniar (RnaG) i S.N. na hEachléime Dé Céadaoin 06.11.24 agus OPT LND Gaeilge Iorrais ar an gclár chomh maith (c.10 i láthair ón gceantar). <https://www.rte.ie/radio/rnag/clips/22460065/>
- Leanúint leis an mír rialta raidió mar chuid den Tommy Marren Show ar MidWest Radio uair sa mhí, a mhaireann 10-15 nóiméad <https://shows.acast.com/the-tommy-marren-show-on-midwest-radio>
- Thug Ní Dhúda cur i láthair maidir le hobair Ghaeilge Iorrais do shaoistí na scéimeanna sóisialta tuaithe i nGaeltachtaí Mhaigh Eo i mí an Mhárta 2024.
- Thug Ní Dhúda eochairchaint ag an gComhdháil Pleanála Teanga 2024 maidir lena cuid oibre sa Ghaeltacht seo ag obair i gcomhar leis an óige mar chuid den phróiseas pleanála teanga.
- Comhoibriú agus teagmháil rialta le coiste i mbaile Bhéal an Mhuirthead maidir le dlús a chur faoin bpróiseas chun plean teanga a réiteach do bhaile Bhéal an Mhuirthead agus stádas a bhaint amach mar bhaile seirbhíse Gaeltachta dá réir sin.

Léiriú é seo go léir ar an gcomhoibriú idir Gaeilge Iorrais, eagraíochtaí áitiúla agus pobal na háite seo faoin bpróiseas pleanála teanga sa Ghaeltacht. Tá borradh mór faoi chúrsaí Gaeilge sa limistéar seo anois, sna sála ar an dul chun cinn suntasach atá déanta againn uilig le cúig bliana anuas. Tá an ré úr seo don Ghaeilge le tabhairt faoi deara ar an talamh i nGaeltacht Iorrais freisin:

Ba mhaith liom comhghairdeas a ghabháil libh as an sár-obair atá ar siúl agaibh ansin i nGaeilge Iorrais. Is iontach an deis atá sibh ag tabhairt don phobal an Ghaeilge a chleachtadh agus a chur chun cinn.

Tá mar sprioc ag Gaeilge Iorrais tógáil ar obair na bliana seo caite, deiseanna eile úsáide Gaeilge agus foghlama Gaeilge a chruthú, nósanna nua labhartha Gaeilge a bhunú agus a bhuanú sna blianta atá amach romhainn, le tacaíocht agus rannpháirtíocht an phobail.



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Ba mhaith le Gaeilge Iorrais buíochas ó chroí a ghabháil le chuile dhuine a ghlac páirt agus a thug tacaíocht dúinn go dtí seo agus muid ag súil le níos mó rannpháirtíochta fós i 2025. Bí i dteagmháil linn ag gaeilgeiorrais@gmail.com agus oifig.gi@gmail.com nó (097) 29023 más mian leat níos mó eolais a fháil faoin obair seo, chun spéis a chlárú linn nó chun moltaí ábhartha a roinnt linn. Ba mhór againn cloisteáil uait. Lean muid ar na meáin shóisialta éagsúla @Gaeilge Iorrais nó tabhair cuairt ar ár suíomh www.gaeilgeiorrais.ie don nuacht is déanaí.



A look back on some Irish language activities and highlights in Gaeltacht Iorrais during 2024

Gaeilge Iorrais is celebrating another successful and eventful year which marks our sixth year of Irish language plan implementation in the North Mayo (Erris) Gaeltacht. Gaeilge Iorrais organised a wide variety of activities through the medium of Irish during 2024 with the aim of increasing Irish language use and to ensure a positive future for the Irish language in our Gaeltacht area. We are very pleased with our progress and levels of participation this year.

The following groups and themes were focused on in particular during 2024 (i) young people (ii) Gaeltacht scheme schools (iii) families (iv) Irish classes, Irish usage and learning opportunities (v) creating more awareness and publicity around Gaeilge Iorrais and the Irish language opportunities in our Gaeltacht area. Some highlights from 2024 which showcase our progress so far include;

Gaeltacht Scheme Schools at Primary Level

- Ongoing support and continued collaboration with the seven Gaeltacht scheme primary schools and three post-primary schools in our Gaeltacht area. The OPT participated in the Gaeltacht Schools Recognition Scheme (*SASG*) inspection visits to 6 primary schools and 2 post-primary schools in this area during this school year (2023/24). The other two inspections were completed last school year.
- A meeting at the beginning of the school year with every primary school participating in the *SASG* and a 'Program of Irish Language Activities for the School Community' template discussed and approved with each school.
- Club scannánaíochta Áras Inis Gluaire, with support from Gaeilge Iorrais, organised a special screening of a Christmas movie for Gaeltacht primary school students - an Irish version of the 'Polar Express'. Approximately 145 students and 12 teachers were present (c.150 in total from 5 Gaeltacht schools).



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- Gaeilge Iorrais provided 8 goodie bags of Gaeilge Iorrais merchandise to 6 Gaeltacht schools and 2 naíonra for their Christmas raffles.
- Gaeilge Iorrais supported Scoil Bhreandáin, Eachléim to participate in the *comórtas scoildrámaíochta* at county, provincial and national level. This is the only Gaeltacht school from our area to participate in this prestigious festival for quite a while. Scoil Bhreandáin competed with 44 other schools from all over the country for a national award. These 23 young actors were successful and won competition 2 in the *comórtas scoildrámaíochta* festival with their play 'Istigh i mo chroí tá neart.' The school collected Corn Thomáis Uí Dheirg at a special ceremony in Dublin (May 2024).
- The OPT participated in focus groups with the Educational Research Institute in two post-primary schools and one Gaeltacht primary school regarding the implementation of the Gaeltacht school recognition scheme in our area.
- Gaeilge Iorrais would like to extend heartfelt congratulations to the 7 primary schools and Gaelcholáiste Chomáin in this Gaeltacht area which achieved official status as a Gaeltacht school under *the Gaeltacht Schools Recognition Scheme* at an awards ceremony on 22.10.2024. The management, staff, parents and students of the following schools deserve due praise for their dedication and leadership in relation to Irish-medium education in this area (i) Scoil Bhreandáin, Eachléim (ii) Corrchloch (iii) Dumha Thuama (iv) Gleann na Muaidhe (v) Poll an tSómais (vi) Ros Dumhach (vii) Ceathrú Thaidhg (viii) Gaelcholáiste Chomáin. Coláiste Bhreandáin Naofa and Meánscoil Mhuire in Béal an Mhuirthead are also participating in the *Gaeltacht Schools Recognition Scheme* and have made much progress to date.
- Continuation of the 'sean nós' singing program in 7 Gaeltacht scheme primary schools in our area (more than c.230 participating children) and with thanks to the support of Ealaín na Gaeltachta under the Cuisle Neartú scheme.
- Representation from Gaeltacht Iorrais at this year's fleadhanna with support from Gaeilge Iorrais through the sean-nós singing programme;



- In relation to Ceol an Gheimhridh (January 2024), five boys and nine girls (fourteen from the CCÉ Craobh Clann Lir, Gaeltacht Iorrais) took part in various competitions (sean-nós singing, recitation, storytelling and traditional music) in different age groups (from 7 to 13 years old) ranging from first class in primary school to first year in post-primary school. Prizes were awarded to children from this Gaeltacht in recitation and storytelling. 6 prizes in total were won by the children of Eachléim in sean-nós singing competitions. More information <https://www.gaeilgeiorrais.ie/images/pr0124.pdf>
- Over 30 children from this area registered to take part in various competitions (sean-nós singing, traditional music, Irish language conversation and storytelling) at the Mayo Fleadh which took place on 11.05.2024 (compared to 6 children in 2023, an increase of 20%). 29 of them took part on the day and 12 young people from Gaeltacht Iorrais qualified from the Mayo Fleadh to progress to the 2024 Connacht Fleadh.
- Regarding Fleadh Connacht, two boys and eight girls (ten young people from CCÉ Craobh Clann Lir Iorrais) took part in 10 different competitions at Fleadh Connacht (sean-nós singing, comhrá Gaeilge, storytelling and traditional music) in different age groups (from 8 to 13 years old). These young Gaeltacht singers were very successful and took home 7 prizes in the sean-nós singing competitions. The young Irish speakers of Iorras also had a good day. Three advanced in the Irish conversation competition in different age groups. Six young people from Gaeltacht Iorrais qualified to advance to the Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann. More information in the press release <http://www.gaeilgeiorrais.ie/images/pr6b24.pdf>
- Regarding the all-Ireland fleadh 2024, 5 young people from Iorras took part in 7 different competitions. Our young singers were very successful and secured 3 prizes in the sean-nós singing competitions. Another primary school student was awarded 1st place in the Irish conversation competition under 9. More information <https://www.gaeilgeiorrais.ie/images/pr0724.pdf>



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- Four young people from Gaeltacht Iorrais took part in Oireachtas na Samhna 2024 (an increase from the two that took part in 2023). They took home two prizes. More information <https://www.gaeilgeiorrais.ie/images/pr0924.pdf>
- Gaeilge Iorrais supported a joint project to organise a Laureate na n-Óg visit for the pupils of our local Gaeltacht primary schools in collaboration with Belmullet Library on 18.04.2024. Approximately 100 Gaeltacht primary school pupils from 6 schools attended this special event.
- Gaeilge Iorrais supported bringing the 'Scaip an Scéal' storytelling project to this area in collaboration with *Fighting Words* from 13 – 21 May 2024. Creative writing workshops took place for senior pupils from the 7 Gaeltacht primary schools. 83 pupils took part in this innovative project. Their new work (two newly composed stories edited by Gaeilge Iorrais) was launched at an event organised by Gaeilge Iorrais in Áras Inis Gluaire on 20.06.2024. More information <https://www.gaeilgeiorrais.ie/images/pr0524.pdf>
- The OPT attended a celebratory event held at SN Cheathrú Thaidhg to celebrate its status as a Gaeltacht school on 19.06.2024. Both language planning officers gave speeches on the day. Approximately 50-60 local people were present.
- Gaeilge Iorrais supported an Irish Language Quiz (as part of the annual Clann Lir Festival) on 23.05.24 in Áras Inis Gluaire. There were c.100 children in attendance from 3 Gaeltacht primary schools and 8 other local primary schools.
- Gaeilge Iorrais supported bringing a unique storytelling workshop/show to this area with renowned storyteller 'Niall de Búrca' for children from Gaeltacht primary schools (3 x schools present, c.100 children) in Áras Inis Gluaire on 11.09.24.
- 172 primary school children from the 6 Gaeltacht primary schools in Erris took part in the 2024 Maratón na bPáistí (an 8-week fitness and wellness programme trí mheán na Gaeilge) with the support of Gaeilge Iorrais.



- Ní Dhúda gave two presentations to student teachers that attended Irish language courses in Coláiste UISCE this year, discussing the work which Gaeilge Iorrais is undertaking, the language planning process and our collaboration with Gaeltacht scheme schools (March and August 2024).
- The second series of 'Clár sa Charr' on Midwest Radio in collaboration with Gaeilge Iorrais and with the support of primary school children in this Gaeltacht area began on 24 September 2024. This segment is focused around an Irish language conversation based on a specific theme between a 'parent' and a child. It takes place every Tuesday and Thursday morning on Midwest Radio as part of the 'Breakfast Show' at 7.40 am (weekly from September to January 2025). 16 children from 4 Gaeltacht primary schools have participated in the joint project so far, along with both language planning officers (more information in the press release <https://www.gaeilgeiorrais.ie/images/pr0824.pdf>). We receive very positive feedback from the Gaeltacht schools, parents, participating children as well as Midwest listeners, regarding this programme.
- Our efforts in this domain are focused on supporting the work of local Gaeltacht scheme schools and strengthening the links between Gaeltacht schools and our local Gaeltacht community. Extremely positive feedback regarding Gaeilge Iorrais language supports for Gaeltacht scheme schools and the resulting benefits was collected in the form of a survey in May 2024.

Education: Post-primary level

- A meeting took place at the beginning of the school year with each post-primary school participating in the *SASG* and a 'Program of Irish Language Activities for the School Community' template was discussed and approved with the leadership of those schools.
- LND was invited to give a presentation to the Gaeltacht education policy advisory committee in December 2024 to outline the sociolinguistic context and specific issues in this Gaeltacht area.



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- Gaeilge Iorrais supported the COGG gathering for Irish language committees from the 3 local post-primary schools and also those from Achill on 22.02.2024. There were 15 students in attendance from Coláiste Pobail (Achill), 8 from Gaelcholáiste Chomáin (Ros Dumhach), 9 from Meánscoil Mhuire (Béal an Mhuirthead), 9 from Coláiste Bhreandáin Naofa (Béal an Mhuirthead). These 41 attendees had the opportunity to discuss the role, function and duties of coiste na Gaeilge in their schools as well as participating in other practical workshops.
- Gaeilge Iorrais supported Coláiste Bhreandáin Naofa (Béal an Mhuirthead) to hold debating competition for the second year in a row - 'Comórtas díospóireachta Uí Chonaire' - in memory of a former principal of their school. A full house attended this event on 20.03.24 in Áras Inis Gluaire (c. 160 primary, post-primary students and members of the local community) with representation from the 3 post-primary schools and 5 Gaeltacht scheme primary schools in our area. The secondary school students discussed two motions relating to the Irish language in this Gaeltacht area. The motion for the junior competition was 'There is hope for the Irish language in the Gaeltacht areas of Mayo.' The motion for the senior competition was 'There is cause for complaint among the youth of this Gaeltacht area.' Further information <http://www.gaeilgeiorrais.ie/images/pr0225.pdf> and <http://www.gaeilgeiorrais.ie/images/fcd24.mp4>
- ÉNG supported transition year students (Gaelcholáiste Chomáin) with their presentation for 2024 Ardfheis na n-Óg entitled 'Is buntáiste í an Ghaeilge agus tú agus tú ag lorg poist.' Gaeilge Iorrais supported the school with the travel costs associated with the trip to Kerry to attend this event.
- The first on-site workshop since the pandemic for language assistants from Erris was held by Muintearas on 06.02.2024. All 6 language assistants were in attendance along with a representative from Gaeilge Iorrais. It was recommended that there should be another workshop / get-together and sessions on a more regular basis for language assistants from this area.
- Gaeilge Iorrais supported the Gaelcholáiste table quiz on 18.11.24 for the post-primary schools from this area. There were c.30 students in attendance from the



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Irish language committees in local post-primary schools. Gaeilge Iorrais supported the organisation, publicity and prizes for this event.

- Gaeilge Iorrais supported the joint day between Coláiste Bhreandáin Naofa (Béal an Mhuirthead) and Dumha Thuama primary school as part of Gaeilge 24 (on 12.11.24) to enhance the linguistic, educational and social connection in Irish between primary and post-primary students in this Gaeltacht area. Gaeilge Iorrais presented some of our goodies to participants on the day.
- Gaeilge Iorrais supported Meánscoil Mhuire (Béal an Mhuirthead) with their events for Seachtain na Gaeilge 2024 and also provided goodie bags.

Irish medium education at post-primary level is an integral part of the language planning process. Gaeilge Iorrais continue to build on our collaboration and efforts in this domain.

Irish language activities for Families

- **Ceol & Spraoi** – 23 families have registered for this all-Irish event so far, which caters for parents and preschoolers. On average, *c.4* families (or about 8 parents and children) attend regularly. We had 10 sessions during 2024 (January-April). A total of 92 have attended these sessions so far.
- **Cuideachta** - 5 local families are registered for the 'Cuideachta' scheme in conjunction with Tuismitheoirí na Gaeltachta (a slight decrease from the 6 families that were registered in 2023);
 - The first event in 2024 took place on February 10th in UISCE na hEachléime centre (sports and games for families). 5 families attended the event; 8 parents and 11 children.
 - Second event (farm visit) was held in Cuan Oilí on 21.04.2024. 6 parents and 10 children from the 5 registered families attended.
 - The third event took place in Ceathrú Thaidhg on 08.06.2024 (picnic and visit to the playground). 5 families attended the event; 6 parents and 11 children.
 - The fourth event (Christmas crafts) in SOLAS, Eachléim on 16.11.2024. 3 families were present (3 parents and 5 children).

Other events for families which Gaeilge Iorrais supported in collaboration with Tuismitheoirí na Gaeltachta;

- Cinema Gaelach on 12.01.2024 (Irish language version of 'The Smurfs' film). c.60 people in attendance from 19 different families.
- Cinema Gaelach on 01.03.2024 (Irish language version of the 'Lego Ninjago' film c.50 people from 14 families in attendance, including 32 children and 15 parents.
- Cinema Gaelach on 15.11.2024 ((Irish language version of 'Shrek'). c.90 people present at this event, including 27 parents and 63 children.
- Gaeilge Iorrais made 'An Pota Stóir' available locally again this year which involves the sale of Irish language Christmas goods that are supplied from Tuismitheoirí na Gaeltachta.
- Gaeilge Iorrais had a new scheme this year to encourage and support families from this area to attend Oireachtas na Samhna. 4 applications were received under the scheme. 4 scholarships were awarded and 3 families from this area attended the Oireachtas through the Gaeilge Iorrais scheme. Four of the children took part in various competitions and a traditional music and singing session was organised with Erris families at the festival. Breis eolais <https://gaeilgeiorrais.ie/images/pr0924.pdf>

Activities such as those listed in this section give local families the opportunity to use and practice Irish in informal contexts. As one parent told us; 'it's nice to use and hear Irish outside of school.' This section also reflects the demand for Irish language events for families in this Gaeltacht area. We hope to build an even stronger base for events for families based initiatives in Erris and on a regular basis in collaboration with Tuismitheoirí na Gaeltachta when they have a full-time development officer on site in this area. They are to advertise this position again in the new year.



Social activities for young people

- Club UISCE (Gaeilge Iorrais @ Coláiste UISCE) was founded by Gaeilge Iorrais in 2020 and is going from strength to strength. We organised 6 days of activities for young people during 2024 (March - October 2024). We filled a total of 186 spaces and on average 31 local children attended each of these days.
- Very positive feedback was collected from Club UISCE participants during the 2024 season. This Irish-medium club is in great demand and we hope to continue to build on it in 2025. The positive feedback and research we have collected shows that all participants value the opportunity (i) to come together in a positive and fun environment (ii) to undertake activities that they enjoy on land/at sea and (iii) to socialise and learn through the medium of Irish. Each of the children self-reported that their Irish had improved during club UISCE this year.
- Parents feedback concurs with these findings. For example, as one parent remarked 'I am so grateful as a parent that my daughter can avail of such a fantastic facility which embraces the Irish language outside of the classroom environment.'
- Approximately 80 families are currently registered with Gaeilge Iorrais for Club UISCE: c.40 young people usually take part in the club on a regular basis (c.26 from primary schools + c.15 teenagers). The club is very popular at primary school level with regular participation from 5 Gaeltacht primary schools and 2 Gaeltacht post-primary schools in particular.
- This is what Laoise Ní Dhúda (Gaeilge Iorrais) said about this club;

The goal of Gaeilge Iorrais is to boost the use of Irish among these young people and to provide them with opportunities for socialization in Irish. These activities are free of charge but spaces are limited and subject to our Irish language policy. We started out with 18 young people in 2019, which shows our growth in this area.



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- Gaeilge Iorrais awarded 8 scholarships to 8 post primary scheme students from the three local secondary schools to attend the pioneering leadership course run by Coláiste UISCE in July 2024. There was much demand for these scholarships and we received 11 applications for 6 spaces. 7 attended in the end.
- Gaeilge Iorrais launched another scholarship scheme for local young people, to attend water sports training courses in Coláiste UISCE. Gaeilge Iorrais awarded 8 scholarships in total, to students from each of the 3 post primary schools in our area. In the end, 6 students attended surfing skills, sailing skills and windsurfing skills courses.
- Very positive feedback was collected from all the local participants in these scholarship schemes.

Social Events for Young People

- Gaeilge Iorrais co-ordinated a day trip to an Irish language television studio for local Gaeltacht primary school pupils to record an episode of Anfa TV programme on 24.02.2024 in conjunction with Fíbín in Galway. 44 children from the 7 Gaeltacht schools attended this special day. Further information at <http://www.gaeilgeiorrais.ie/images/pr0224b.pdf>
- Gaeilge Iorrais supported a music session for young and old during Seachtain na Gaeilge (in conjunction with CCÉ Craobh Chlann Lir Iorrais). A small féirín was presented by Gaeilge Iorrais to each of the children who attended. A crowd of c.50-60 people attended on the night.
- Gaeilge Iorrais supported a hurling blitz on 02.03.2024 in conjunction with Gaeltacht Iorrais hurling club and Moytura GAA. 30 children attended and 15 were from here. This was a kind of exchange scheme with an Irish language club from another Gaeltacht area and cultural activities complimented this event.
- A taste of all the SnaG 2024 events in this area at <http://www.gaeilgeiorrais.ie/images/fsng24.mp4>



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- Our Irish-medium events are very popular and worthwhile. 50 children from the 7 Gaeltacht primary schools in Erris registered for Ceardlann na n-Óg on 18.05.24. 48 Gaeltacht primary school children from 27 different families attended this Gaeilge Iorrais event in Áras Inis Gluaire. The children took part in various workshops in the traditional arts i.e. traditional music, sean-nós singing, storytelling and dance. We collected very positive feedback about this event.
- Gaeilge Iorrais continues to lobby and support the establishment of 3 new youth clubs in this area affiliated to Óige na Gaeltachta. Casual hours for an Irish speaking youth worker (part funded by Gaeilge Iorrais) were advertised a few times since November 2023 to no avail.
- Following from this and lobby by Gaeilge Iorrais regarding the provision of a youth services in Irish for the young people of this area, a number of meetings took place this year. Gaeilge Iorrais is involved in a pilot project/application in conjunction with MSLETB, Muintearas and Foróige to employ a full-time youth worker with Irish in this Gaeltacht area.
- Irish medium art classes for local children organised by Gaeilge Iorrais are very popular. A series of 4 classes were held on a pilot basis in Ceathrú Thaidhg during May 2024. 12 children from this Gaeltacht primary school (from 6 families) registered and 7 were on a waiting list. Another series of art classes were held in the Seanscoil in October 2024 based on positive demand and feedback from participants. 12 spaces were filled with children from 2 Gaeltacht primary schools in this area.
- A series of 4 art classes were held in An Eachléim during May 2024. 9 children (from 6 families) from this Gaeltacht primary school area participated. A further round of art classes was held in Eachléim Halla in November 2024 based on positive demand and feedback from participants. 11 spaces were filled with children from 2 Gaeltacht primary schools in this area. We intend to make these art classes available in other areas where there are Gaeltacht primary schools during 2025 due to demand.



- Gaeilge Iorrais organised an event to celebrate all the children who took part in fleadh during 2024 on 14.08.24 in Áras Inis Gluaire. c. 70 attended this memorable event. Gaeilge Iorrais presented special awards to each of the 5 children from this Gaeltacht who took part in Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2024 and other goodies were awarded to all the children who took part in fleadh this year. Further info listed above and at <http://www.gaeilgeiorrais.ie/images/pr0724.pdf>
This marks only the second time in many years that children from our Gaeltacht area (CCÉ Craobh Chlann Lir Iorrais) took part in fleadhanna at county, provincial and all-Ireland level, as well as participating in Oireachtas na Samhna.

Opportunities to Learn & Use Irish

- There are currently 2 diploma in Irish courses accredited by the University of Galway underway in Erris, with the support of Gaeilge Iorrais.
 - A new diploma course commenced in Belmullet this year at B1 level due to demand. There are 17 adult learners in this new class, 16 of whom are from this Gaeltacht area. Gaeilge Iorrais set up a scholarship scheme to support the local participants to undertake this third level course locally.
 - A further 12 people from this area started the new B1 Diploma in Irish class in Belmullet last year (2023/24). Gaeilge Iorrais provided a scholarship scheme to support local participants in this class. There are 14 in this class this year (2024/25, year 2 of B1 course).
 - 14 people started in the A2 Diploma in Irish class in Belmullet (2022/23) with the support of Gaeilge Iorrais scholarship scheme. There were 12 in the A2 class this year (2023/24) and all sat the end of the year exams. Gaeilge Iorrais held a celebratory event for the A2 Diploma in Irish class on 10.04.2024 in Áras Inis Gluaire upon completion of exams.
 - A further 26 local people have achieved a Diploma in Irish at B2 and C1 level in recent years with the support of Gaeilge Iorrais.



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- Gaeilge Iorrais supported the new 'Comhrá agus Seanchas' initiative in Ceathrú Thaidhg in conjunction with Comhar Dún Chaocháin. There have been over 10 events so far in 2024 with approximately 8-10 attendees at each.
- Gaeilge Iorrais supported the 'Maidin Bhéaloideas' event organised by the Irish language office, Mayo County council and www.duchas.ie in Ceathrú Thaidhg on 09.03.2024. Approximately 15 attended this event.
- Gaeilge Iorrais organised a special public lecture 'Léacht Lá Bealtaine' with Síle and Seamus Ó Mongáin on 01.05.24 in Áras Inis Gluaire. Síle and Seamus gave an informative presentation on the collection 'Amhrán ó Iorras' by Micheál Ó Gallchobhair and an insight into sean-nós singing in the Erris Gaeltacht. Young singers were also in attendance on the night, singing some of the local songs they have learned during the sean-nós singing program. There were c.30 people present at this event. Further information <https://www.gaeilgeiorrais.ie/images/pr0324.pdf>
- A sean-nós singing circle for adults began on 11.11.2024 with the support of Gaeilge Iorrais. A core group of c.10 regularly attend this class.
- A conversation class / oral practice for the B1 Diploma group commenced on 11.11.24 with the support of Gaeilge Iorrais and due to demand from students.

Social Events for Adults

- Gaeilge Iorrais held 4 Irish language social nights in three different venues throughout this Gaeltacht. An average of c.20-25 adults attended these events.
 - Gaeilge Iorrais social night (01.12.2023), 18 attended the first part of the evening and almost 100 joined to attend the local Comhaltas session afterwards.
 - Social night in UISCE as part of SnaG (07.03.2024) 20 people in attendance. Games, activities, comhrá and refreshments.
 - A social night in the GAA clubhouse Glenamoy as part of SnaG on 14.03.2024. There were 20-24 people in attendance. Comhrá, refreshments and games.



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- Gaeilge Iorrais supported the launch of the new local book 'Gráinne Giorria' in Áras Inis Gluaire on the 23.03.24 @ 1pm. Over 60 attended.
- Mayo County Council's Irish Language Office organised an Irish language tent as part of Lá Mhaigh Eo (04.05.2024), which took place in Belmullet for the first time this year. A few hundred people took part in events in this Irish language tent on the day which was supported by Gaeilge Iorrais (events such as Spraoi na n-Óg, Coimicí Gael, folklore, singing, dancing). More [information](http://www.gaeilgeiorrais.ie/images/lm024.png) <http://www.gaeilgeiorrais.ie/images/lm024.png> and [video](https://www.facebook.com/gaeilgeiorrais/videos/462305446245669) <https://www.facebook.com/gaeilgeiorrais/videos/462305446245669>
- Gaeilge Iorrais supported a music, singing and trad session @ SOLAS for the summer solstice (21.06.24) c.90 people young and old were in attendance.
- Gaeilge Iorrais organised a guided walk in Irish around the Benwee Loop (06.07.2024). 10 attended.
- Gaeilge Iorrais supported a joint event with Erris Park Run and the Oireachtas (#parkrunabú on 17.08.24). 100 people in attendance.
- Gaeilge Iorrais supported the organisation and presentation of the shared event 'Mayo Dialects: Records, Books and Learning Resources' which took place in Belmullet on 24.09.2024 in conjunction with the Irish Language Office, Mayo County Council. c.30 people attended and many worthwhile suggestions emerged as to the next steps in this area of work.
- Culture Night 2024 in the Seanscoil on 20.09.24 in association with Comhar Dún Chaocháin Teo – c.40 attended for the night with knitting, baking and music session with local musicians.
- More information and posters about these events can be found at <http://www.gaeilgeiorrais.ie/index.php/feachtais-campaigns>

Publicity on Various Media

- Continuously increasing awareness, branding, publicity and understanding regarding the role and work of Gaeilge Iorrais in this area. For example; Gaeilge

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Tá Gaeilge Iorrais maoinithe ag Údarás na Gaeltachta ón Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán faoin bpróiseas pleanála teanga sa Ghaeltacht.



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Iorrais issued 11 press releases since the beginning of the year (January – November 2024) which are still available for perusal on our website

www.gaeilgeiorrais.ie. See also, for example,

<https://www.facebook.com/gaeilgeiorrais/videos/1291890292111924>

- Continue the coordinated awareness and publicity campaign across the various media. For example:
 - Gaeilge Iorrais has 1,744k followers on our Facebook page (up from 1,200 in 2020)
 - Gaeilge Iorrais has 1,144 followers on Instagram, we had 552 followers in 2022 (up from 270 in 2020).
 - Gaeilge Iorrais has 197 followers on Twitter (increase from 100 in 2020 and 169 in 2022)
 - Gaeilge Iorrais set up a new TikTok account in 2023. We have posted 47 short videos to date, have 274 followers and 1,125 'likes'.
- 'Labhair Gaeilge Liom' campaign (22 videos released so far). Over 150 participants have participated in the campaign to date.
- All are welcome to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and TikTok (@Gaeilge Iorrais) as we hope to expand our audience and reach over time (e.g. we currently have in excess of 1,750 followers on Facebook).
- Ní Dhúda continued with the popular regular radio slot as part of 'The Tommy Marren Show' on Midwest Radio once a month which lasts 10-15 minutes
<https://shows.acast.com/the-tommy-marren-show-on-midwest-radio>
- Gaeilge Iorrais supported the live broadcast of Iris Aniar (RnaG) in SOLAS on Wednesday 27.03.24 with representatives from Gaeilge Iorrais also on the programme <https://www.rte.ie/radio/rnag/iris-aniar/2024/0327/1440241-iris-aniar-de-ceadaoin-27-marta-2024//>



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- Gaeilge Iorrais supported the live broadcast of Iris Aniar (RnaG) in Chill Chomáin GAA on Friday 06.09.24 with OPT ÉNG on the programme
<https://www.rte.ie/radio/rnag/iris-aniar/2024/0906/1468706-iris-aniar-de-haoine-6-mean-fomhair-2024/>
- Gaeilge Iorrais supported a recording with Iris Aniar (RnaG) in Eachléim primary school on Wednesday 06.11.24 <https://www.rte.ie/radio/rnag/clips/22460065/>
- We have developed our own newsletter on MailChimp and issue a monthly newsletter since March 2021. A copy of our newsletters and link to register for this newsletter are on our website and also shared on social media. There are currently 411 on our mailing list, a 44% increase since 2022. See, for example, <https://mailchi.mp/8681b52ac3e6/nuachtlitir-ghaeilge-iorrais-deireadh-fmhair-2022-eagr-10572010>
- We continue to add to our Gaeilge Iorrais branded material which supports our publicity efforts, helps to foster our Gaeltacht identity and can be used locally as Irish language prizes.
- Ní Dhúda gave a presentation on the role and work of Gaeilge Iorrais to supervisors of rural social schemes in the Mayo Gaeltacht areas in March 2024.
- Ní Dhúda gave a keynote speech at the Language Planning Conference 2024 regarding our efforts in this Gaeltacht area working with young people as part of the language planning process.
- Gaeilge Iorrais continues to support and consult with the committee in Belmullet to facilitate the process of preparing a language plan for Belmullet and achieving status as a Gaeltacht service town.



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There has been a resurgence of interest and opportunities to use the Irish language in our Gaeltacht area, on foot of our significant progress over the past six years. This new era for the Irish language has been remarked on locally also:

I would like to congratulate Gaeilge Iorrais on the great work that you're doing. You're providing ample opportunities for the local community to practice and further the use of the Irish language here.

Gaeilge Iorrais is looking forward to building on these successes and aims to create even more opportunities to use the Irish language locally in 2025, with the support and participation of our community. Gaeilge Iorrais would like to thank everyone that has taken part in our activities and supported this work to date. We look forward to even more participation this year. Any further suggestions and/or recommendations from the Erris 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 or oifig.gi@gmail.com Follow us on social media @Gaeilge Iorrais, check out our website www.gaeilgeiorrais.ie and register for our newsletter for regular updates.