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# Nuachtlitr Chomhairle na Gaelscolaíochta

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Dia daoibh go léir agus fáilte go nuacht litr Chomhairle na Gaelscolaíochta, áit a gcuireann muid nuacht agus eolas ar eárnáil na Gaelscolaíochta romhaibhse, ár bpáirtneirí agus ár gcomhghleacaithe ag cur chun cinn na gaelscolaíochta.

I hope you enjoy and find useful the information and news in this edition of the nuachtlitr. It has been a very busy time for Comhairle over the past while assisting schools and náiscoleanna, maximizing their publicity and recruitment drives, representing our growing movement at a range of sectoral and strategically important bodies and groups and pushing forward with our development work to expand and improve existing school sites and work on the development of new schools and náiscoleanna.

We are expecting three new náiscoil developments to come about this year at Armagh, Toome and Swatragh and I would like to pay tribute to those volunteer committees and committed parents doing the hard work on the ground to ensure these new developments get established. I would like to thank also, our partner bodies like Iontaobhas na Gaelscolaíochta and Foras na Gaeilge for providing seed funding to enable these new projects to get started. There is growth again this year in excess of our targets, achieving an 8.27% increase in children set to attend Bunscoileanna across the North this September, an 8% increase in those transferring at year 8 from Bunscoileanna to Irish Medium Schools and Units at post primary level.

This continuing rise in demand for Gaeloideachas underlines the need also for strong rights based legislation to provide protection and proper recognition for our language and for the thousands of young Irish speakers emerging from our educational process and school communities.

Go mbainfidh sibh uilig sult agus taitneamh as an samhradh agus an sos, tá sé tuillte agaibh.

Liam Ó Flannagáin  
Príomhfheidhmeannach  
Ildirthrímhseach



## Príomhoide Scoil na Fuiseoige ag fágáil slán

An Interview with the Principal of Scoil na Fuiseoige, Eilís Uí Néill



### Why did you become an Irish Teacher?

I studied Irish at my secondary school in Newry (Our Lady's) for the first time. I loved Irish as a subject and continued on with it to A Level. I also loved French but Irish came out on top as I had also began to visit Loch an Lúir in Donegal as a student and loved the experience. I became a ceannaire then and subsequently a teacher on the summer course. My love of Irish at this point led me to choose Irish as my main subject in St Mary's Teacher Training College. I studied Irish from 1978-1982 and in June 1982 I was asked to cover for a teacher in Bunscoil Phobal Feirste for a couple of weeks. I didn't even know the school existed and when a job was advertised that June I applied for it and my career in IME began that September. I was completely taken by the school, the children, the community, their families etc.

### Tell us about your time in Scoil na Fuiseoige and when you became Principal and how it progressed from there?

I first came to Scoil na Fuiseoige when the Department set it up as part of a Satellite unit of Bunscoil Phobal Feirste – so I had

been teaching down in Bunscoil Phobal Feirste and came up to Scoil na Fuiseoige as a senior teacher to look after the day to day running of the school. The school was in very early developmental stages at that time. There weren't very many children enrolled and they wanted to see whether or not it would be a viable option with support from the other school. At the end of the three year period we had an inspection and thankfully, it went very well. The Department of Education therefore regarded the Satellite Unit project as a success and agreed that they would give us independent status as a primary school in 1997. From that point, I had to make the decision whether to stay on and apply for the Principal's post or return to the Shaw's Road Bunscoil Phobal Feirste.

I was very happy in Bunscoil Phobal Feirste but there was just something about the children in Scoil na Fuiseoige; the area and the fact that it was a small school, as that was how I started out in Bunscoil Phobal Feirste. The families here all knew each other very well and were very close-knit and worked hard for the school and in establishing the náiscoil. So I felt that there was a support there and that if I did come up to run it – it was happening at the best time for the school. This was like going back to the start when I started in BS Phobal Feirste in 1982 getting into that small community. I just felt the same up here in the Twinbrook area.

I started in 1997. I got the job as Principal and had one other staff member who came on board with me. That's how we started out – myself, one other teacher and about 16 children. Thankfully the school just grew from then. It started with a composite class, then two composite classes and gradually that developed – the classes grew, the school grew, the buildings grew and everything around it, we became a fully independent school. It flourished to become a full 7 classroom based school.





The old building of Scoil na Fuiseoige



### Where do you see Gaelscolaíocht in the next 10 years?

I think what's going to happen is what happened in 1982 when we started out and there was that one school on the Shaw's Road - one little group of families, one little area, we saw that expand and explode. What happened was the second Irish-medium school was set up, it grew and expanded and then a third school was needed and so on. What I think now is that there will be continual development, new schools opening every year, should they only start from nursery, which will grow and develop like Bunscoil Phobal Feirste and Scoil na Fuiseoige. Even the IM Units, I think they will develop and I assume that these offshoots will develop into more primary schools. I also think that secondary level has to expand as well to cope with that. I think primary levels are getting into the areas they need to be in and the secondary level schools need to expand. Coláiste Feirste is unable to cope with the growth of the schools in Belfast. The fact that Gaelcholáiste Dhoire and other secondary level IME units are setting up is probably the next biggest stage and, maybe within ten years, we will see third level education as the next stage of development. I also think the employment market has really grown in the sector. I see children that I taught now back in schools, in employment so ex-pupils are now looking for jobs in Gaelscolaíocht.

### Do you envisage a role for yourself in the IME sector in the future?

I've been involved in IME since 1982 and have done 35 years and 20 of those years as Principal of Scoil na Fuiseoige. Obviously, I feel that I am most ready for a break! For the next few years at least I want to be a Granny and look after my two grandchildren. Maybe, several years down the line that could change.

My grandchildren have Irish and I will always be speaking Irish to them and always have love for Irish and I will never lose that. However, I want to do some travelling in my retirement.

### What has been your funniest or scariest time or moment in Scoil na Fuiseoige?

I really have had some funny moments with the children. For example, I do remember one child saying to me about the clothes that I wore and asking me why do I always wear dark clothes. I asked her what she meant and she said 'but you always wear black trousers every single day' and I replied to her 'no I don't! On Monday I wear brown, on Tuesday I wear navy, on Wednesday I wear grey, on Thursday I wear black and on Friday I can choose anyone of those four colours.' The child glared at me but her whole concept of that was that I still wore a dark pair of trousers. I still remember that child and I do remember children over the years asking you those little, innocent questions and if we were to discuss what they said at a staff level we would just get a laugh out of it. Of course you get a laugh from all your staff, from your parents and that is the thing that keeps us going!

In terms of the scariest, when it was to have been told, in 1997 as a principal 'Get your plans in, you are going to get a new school' and then to realise that the Department had made a huge mistake, that it wasn't our school. The fight then began, to show them that we cannot continue as we have done in this situation- mobiles are all these children will ever see. I think we had almost 150 children, full 7 classes, and gradually I started to see a situation where new schools were being built around us (Irish and English Medium schools) and we started to lose pupils for the first time.

Basically, when I spoke to the parents they were very honest, and said my child cannot do another year in these huts, in those toilets, in that canteen, and I want more for my child. Thankfully, other parents would have said that they don't understand what the children are losing out on, it is about the relationships, the teachers, the staff and the education they are receiving. At that stage, I had done 30 years, only ever in mobile buildings but now, thankfully, I can say I have done my last 5 in a beautiful brick building.

### What would be the proudest moment or event of your time as Principal?

One of the initial moments of pride would have been in 1997 when I did have that decision to make; would I go back to the school that I was so happy in and just pick up life there as a teacher again or stay in Scoil na Fuiseoige, I made that decision to stay. That moment when the Department of Education agreed that this school could be a success, from that point on in 1997, we were granted independent status as a voluntary, maintained primary school. We then had the laying of a foundation stone and the laying of that stone was so important because that was Scoil na Fuiseoige beginning its life.

Another proud moment was the day Caitríona Ruane arrived in school, we all headed out to the field and she famously cut the first sod. That was definitely a very proud moment and we knew then we had made it and we would be getting our building. I can now leave the school feeling as if the legacy I do leave them with is that no one else has to fight on for buildings.



## Ag méadú linn agus ag bailiú nirt – Growing and Strengthening IMU in St Malachy's High School

The IME stream in St. Malachy's High School continues to grow from strength to strength. Following the success and growth of local naiscoileanna and bunscoileanna the desire and demand for IME in the past few years in this area has surpassed all expectations. To this end an IME stream was established in St. Malachy's and opened its doors in September 2011 welcoming five new students. Pupils in County Down had access to second level Irish - medium education for the first time, in their own country.

Six years later there are currently 52 students in the IME stream in St. Malachy's growing to 78 in September of this year

when we will welcome a further 26 Year 8 students to the stream, a growth of 50%.

This remarkable growth is testament to the hard work, vision, drive and support of all involved; parents, pupils, principal, staff, governors, CCMS and Comhairle na Gaelscolaíochta. Indeed, this success reflects the huge growth in Irish - medium Education right across Ireland and provides pupils with excellence in education at the very heart of their community.

The students are taught a wide range of subjects through the medium of Irish including Gaelige, Spanish, Employability, Citizenship, Personal Development, History,

Geography, ICT and RE. The IME students are an integral part of St. Malachy's and participate in the wide number of extra-curricular activities offered by the school.

The IME stream has close links within the community and work closely with a number of local Irish language organisations including Glór Uachtar Tíre, Conradh na Gaeilge Boirche Íochtar and Cumann Leath Cathail. The students participate successfully in various activities and competitions run by Conradh na Gaeilge, Glór na nGael and Gael Linn.

## Comhdháil Comhairle na Gaelscolaíochta Comhairle na Gaelscolaíochta's annual Conference

This year's Irish-medium Educational Conference took place in the impressive Irish language centre An Carn in Tirkane, Maghera on March 16th. Over 150 teachers and other delegates registered from Gaelscoileanna and other educational and cultural organisations, to attend a range of workshops on all aspects of teaching and learning in IM schools. The subjects ranged from Special Education Needs to Nurture Groups, Coding Resources and a session on Online Resources for IM schools.

The Conference was opened officially by Máirtín Ó Muilleoir, the ex-Finance Minister and was chaired by Comhairle na Gaelscolaíochta (CnaG) board member, Diarmuid Ua Bruadair (left), who is also the principal of Gaelcholáiste Dhoire in Dungiven.

The workshops were well attended and the feedback from delegates was positive; we would like to thank all those who delivered the workshops and all who attended for their participation in what was a very successful event.





## Scéim Sparánachta Gaelscolaíochta 2016-17 Irish-medium Bursary Scheme 2016-2017



Seán Mac Corraigh agus daltaí a fuair spáránacht i mbun foghlama i gColáiste Ollscoile Naomh Muire Bhéal Feirste Earrach 2017

The Department of Education made nearly £50,000 available in 2016-17, via the Education Authority and Comhairle na Gaelscolaíochta, to assist with costs of various courses to help staff in Irish-medium schools improve their Irish language skills. Around 65 staff including teachers, classroom assistants, náiscoil staff and ancillary staff were awarded bursaries to help with costs in

a range of courses, including Diplomas and Degrees in Irish and specialist IME courses at St Mary's University College. This is the 8th year of the bursary scheme and Comhairle na Gaelscolaíochta hopes that despite proposed cuts in Department of Education and Education Authority budgets, that funding will be available again in the coming years.

## Irish-medium Learning Community & Leaders' Group to be established

The Irish-medium Principals' Forum met in April to endorse the findings of The Irish Medium School Leaders Working Group's report, commissioned by the Department of Education, on Collaborative Practice to Drive School Improvement.

This report has now been delivered to the Department of Education and the Education Authority, and seeks their support to put the recommendations in place. The main aim of the group is to establish an IM learning community and Leaders' Group, to push forward School Improvement in the IME sector.

The next steps involve the establishment of regional working groups who will select members to serve on the Leadership Group, which will then draw up the plans for delivering the proposals set out in the report.

It is hoped that in the near future a co-ordinator will be appointed to administer the work of the Learning Community; in the meantime CnaG will provide an officer to facilitate the workings of this new initiative.



Attendees at February's IM Principals' Forum



(Gavin Boyd, Education Authority CEO, addressing a meeting of the Irish-medium Principals' Forum to discuss the report of the Irish-medium School Leaders' Working Group, in February of this year.

## Ar Scáth a Chéile!

“These events are just an indication of the ongoing outreach and engagement”

As the school-year winds down, several post-primary schools within the Irish-medium sector are continuing with their outreach programmes, with events planned at both Gaelcholáiste Dhoire (Dungiven) and Ardscoil Naomh Maolmhaodhóg (Castlewellan) set to host pupils from over a third of the schools in the sector.

In mid-June, Primary 5 pupils from Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí, Magherafelt right across to Gaelscoil Uí Dhochartaigh (and many in between!) will join with staff and pupils at Gaelcholáiste Dhoire for a mix of educational workshops and fun-filled activities over two days. With a range of activities planned from musical and science-based to boghdóireacht (archery), a great day is guaranteed for all involved!

At the end of June, just before the summer break, Ardscoil Naomh Maolmhaodhóg will host Primary 5 – 7 pupils from the gaelscoileanna in County Down for an Irish-language Sports Day. With a healthy mix of competition and fun, coupled with the opportunity to meet other young Gaeilgeoirí from around the county, the event is sure to be a great success.

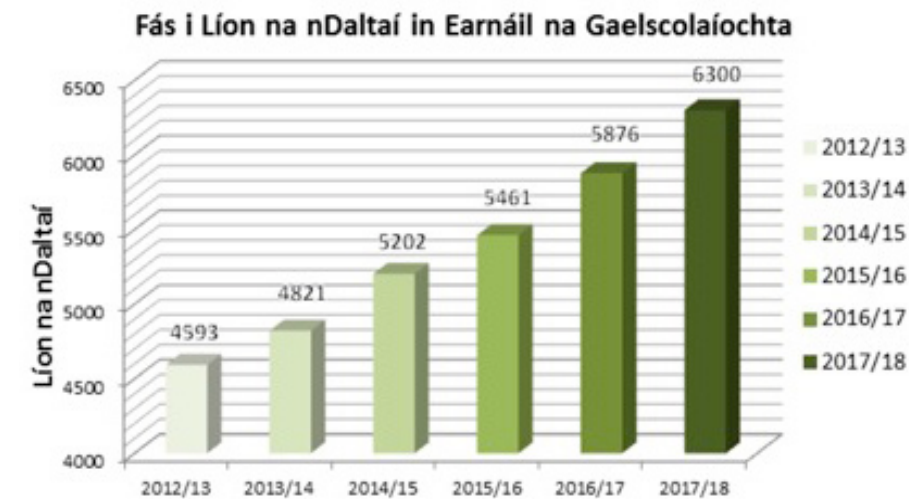
These events are just an indication of the ongoing outreach and engagement which is taking place throughout the year at Gaelcholáiste Dhoire and Ardscoil Naomh Maolmhaodhóg and the success of which is reflected in the ever-increasing numbers of pupils enrolling at the two schools. As the old saying goes, “Is ar scáth a chéile a mhaireas daoine” – no man is an island!



## Irish-medium Education (IME) continues to thrive across the North

The Irish-medium Education sector continues to grow strongly with numbers increasing year upon year across the north with around 6,300 pupils set to avail of IME. The figures from the Education Authority provide clear evidence of the continuing and sustained growth within the IME sector, reflecting not only the success of the pupils and teachers within the sector but also, the growing appeal of IME. The evolution of the IME sector is clear for all to see with a 37% increase in enrolments over a five-year period, and it is anticipated that those numbers will continue to rise with over 90 IME providers across Nursery, Primary and Secondary levels.

The new school year will see three new IM Nurseries open across three counties with families in Antrim, Armagh and Derry all set to benefit from further access to Irish-medium education from an early age. In addition to preschool developments, more than 700 children will enter Rang 1 (Primary 1) across 36 IM primary schools and units in September – the biggest Primary 1 intake yet in the IME sector.



The growth in enrolments is typified by the consolidation of the IM primary sector in particular. There has been a significant growth in enrolments (34%) and admissions (20%) over a five-year period. This has resulted in many Gaelscoileanna surpassing the minimum enrolment thresholds as they reach

their natural size. This is further highlighted through comparison of the average Primary 1 Class (19 Pupils) and the average Primary 7 Class (12 Pupils) which indicates a further school-cycle of growth, notwithstanding of any further advances within the sector.

## Líon na ndaltaí ag fás i gCathair Dhoire Irish Medium Education on upward trend in Derry City



Rang 1	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18*
BS Cholmcille	12	17	10	11	14	18
GS Éadain Mhóir	14	15	20	23	27	34
GS na Daróige	11	12	13	7	11	12

Irish-medium education (IME) is continuing to rise across the north of Ireland and Derry City is no exception. Figures received by Comhairle na Gaelscolaíochta from the Education Authority provide clear evidence of the continued and sustained growth of the IME sector. This growth reflects not only the success of the pupils within the sector but also the ever-growing number of parents seeking to avail of the benefits of bilingual education for their children. Irish-medium schools have continued to grow in recent years also. Principals of the 3 local schools in Derry have been working together alongside Comhairle na Gaelscolaíochta for the past year to ensure provision continues to develop in the area. This growth is highlighted with the transition from Pre-school to Primary school up by a remarkable 72.22% in this academic

year and further anticipated growth of up to 81.01% for 2017/18. Below is an example of continued growth in rang 1 over the past 5 years.

In September 2016 over 700 children entered P1. This is the highest number ever in the IME sector – P1 enrolments are up from 447 children in 2011, a rise of 57% in the IME primary schools alone! Speaking on behalf of Comhairle na Gaelscolaíochta, Conor Stiobhard (Advisory Officer) stated that: ‘Comhairle na Gaelscolaíochta is delighted at the continued development and progression in Irish-medium education. As we look forward to the on-going development in the IME, it is a source of great comfort to the sector that an increasing number of families are enjoying the benefits of bilingual

education and the Irish language not only here in Derry but throughout the north.’ The growth in IME is clear for all to see, with a 45% increase in total enrolments over a five-year period. September 2016 witnessed 6000 children being educated daily through the medium of Irish and it is anticipated that those numbers will continue to rise – there are currently 88 IME providers across Nursery, Primary and Post-primary levels. As the vast majority of IME schools are independent and either multi or non-denominational, increasing numbers of children are being attracted from all communities and backgrounds – undoubtedly, the benefits of bilingualism are having a positive influence on parents and that is why they are making IME the first choice of education for their children.



## Naíscoileanna úra ar na bacáin 3 new Naíscoileanna moving ahead for 2017

**“The establishment of these new Naíscoileanna is a testament to the hard work and determination of local people”**

Naíscoil na Cáille, Armagh, Naíscoil na Fíobha, Toomebridge and Naíscoil an Ghreanacháin, Swatragh, are all now registering children for the new preschool's opening in September 2017. This is a significant achievement for the 3 local committees and their communities as they begin another milestone of providing the choice of IM Education at preschool level. “The establishment of these new Naíscoileanna is a testament to the hard work and determination of local people to provide the choice of



Conor Stiobhard, Pictured with the Committee of Naíscoil an Ghreanacháin.

Irish-medium education for local parents and children in the Armagh, Toomebridge and Swatragh areas. This shows what can be achieved when local people have a vision of what is possible and take the necessary development steps with the support of Foras na Gaeilge,

lontaobhas na Gaelscolaíochta and Comhairle na Gaelscolaíochta” stated Conor Stiobhard, Advisory Officer with Comhairle na Gaelscolaíochta who has been working with the local Naíscoileanna.

## Comhairle na nDaltaí agus an Tionscadal ar Stair Bhunscoil Phobail Feirste

### Student Council School History Project at Bunscoil Phobail Feirste

The student council of Bunscoil Phobail Feirste are embarking on a very interesting school history project as they approach their 50th anniversary at the school. Their young leadership group interviewed 2 of the school founders, Seán & Máire Mhic Sheáin (pictured below). Before this interview (which was filmed by Irish Language TV Company ‘Meon Eile’)

The council took part in a journalism workshop with past pupil and current journalist with the Belfast Media Group, Brónagh Ní Thuama. Their special guests, Maire & Seán, were very impressed by the interviewing skills the children had learned and were also entertained by a special assembly organised by KS2 staff and students. They enjoyed a morning of poetry, song and dancing. **Lá speisialta ar fad a bhí ann!**



The big project Interview with Sean and Máire



## Comhghairdeas Gaelscoil Uí Dhochartaigh “PATHS MODEL SCHOOL STATUS” achieved!

**Gaelscoil Uí Dhochartaigh has recently been successful in obtaining PATHS MODEL SCHOOL STATUS but what is PATHS?**

PATHS are Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies. It has been adapted for use by Barnardo's NI and is for use with primary school children. It is designed to facilitate the development of self-control, emotional awareness and interpersonal problem-solving skills of primary school children. The programme consists of a variety of lessons, and additional materials and charts.

The purposes of PATHS® are to enhance the social competence and social understanding of children, as well as to facilitate educational processes in the classroom.

A handbook accompanies each year group and the class teacher endeavours to teach two PATHS lessons each week. As part of these lessons a Pupil of the Day is awarded to one person and a compliment system is used – other children and the teacher compliment the Pupil of the Day. In addition, the children learn ways to problem solve and the importance of expressing their feelings. As part of their PATHS journey Gaelscoil Uí Dhochartaigh appointed Playground Pals from P6. The Playground Pals help the younger children to implement the PATHS strategies that they have learnt in the classroom, in the playground. Younger children begin to use problem solving strategies and self-control.

Undoubtedly, these are skills that we all need and should prove vital to all our pupils throughout their lives. In March we applied for PATHS Model School Status and we are delighted to announce that we were successful. We will receive the award on 8 June at a PATHS conference in the Town Hall, Renfrewshire Glasgow, Scotland. Mark Greenberg (PATHS Developer) and Dorothy Morelli (Chief Executive PATHS Education Worldwide) highly commended Gaelscoil Uí Dhochartaigh's application. They expressed gratitude for the high standard of PATHS work that is being carried out in the school through the medium of Irish.

## Deiseanna Fostaíochta sna luathbhlianta - Employment opportunities in Irish-medium Early Years Sector

### Looking for a job to use your Irish Language skills on a daily basis and work with young children?

Comhairle na Gaelscolaíochta has launched an information campaign to let young people who are studying GCSE and A Levels know about job opportunities in Irish-medium Preschool settings.

Many young people are unaware that through further training via childcare courses such as Childcare Partnerships or Training for Success Apprenticeships you can become a qualified Pre-school Assistant or Pre-school Leader. There are free training schemes via these schemes for 16-17 year olds as well as for the 18-24 age groups.

As pre-school is often a child's first experience of Irish this means you can also become part of a new growing immersion education system that gives children fluency in Irish and likewise a great boost to their educational prospects. Working in Pre-school settings has also created career paths for young people working in early years through progressing to further study with some becoming primary school teachers at a later stage.



**For further information contact Comhairle na Gaelscolaíochta 028 9032 1475**

Pictured above Aodán Mac Sheáfráidh informing students of Ardscoil Naomh Cholm, Baile na Scríne about nursery school employment opportunities.

# Gaeilge

## Soláthraíonn Gaelchúrsaí, an Acadamh Oiliúna Gaeilge na cúrsa seo a leanas:

- Cúrsaí sa Mhiondól, Scéimh, Ceannaireacht agus Meantóireacht.
- Dioplómaí Cúram Leanaí ag leibhéal 2 & 3.

## Tá GaelChúrsaí ag cur leis an liosta atá againn faoi láthair.

- An cúrsa Garchabhair Phéidiatraic oifigiúil iomlán. Is féidir an cúrsa seo a sholáthar in áit ar bith agus a chríochnú i gcomhar leis an chúrsa Athbheochan Chardascamhógach.
- An Dioplóma Ceannaireacht agus Bainistíocht do na Luathbhlianta Leibhéal 5 (City & Guilds). Déanfar an cúrsa seo trí fhoghlaim chumaisc ina mbeidh meascán d'fhoghlaim

dhigiteach ar líne agus teagasc agus measúnú aghaidh ar aghaidh.

- Bainistiú Imeachtaí. Clúdaíonn an cúrsa seo gach gné de reachtáil imeachta idir indéantacht imeachta, chomhoibriú, mhargafocht, mhaoiniú, rannpháirtíocht custaiméirí agus mheastóireacht.
- Cúrsa Bunsláinteachas bia.

## I measc forbairtí eile sna cúrsaí atá ar siúl tá:

- Ghearrchúrsaí sa Mhata agus Litearthacht.
- Cúrsa cosaint leanaí creidiúnaithe i nGaeilge a bhfuil aitheantas iomlán aige
- Cúrsa Focalstór Gaeilge Ghairme do bhaill foirne – foghlaim chumaisc.
- Cumarsáid a dhéanamh le Páistí a bhfuil Riachtanais Bhreise acu – gearrchúrsa.

Ba bhreá le Gaelchúrsaí smaointe/ iarratais ón earnáil Ghaeilge do chúrsaí oiliúna. Má tá tú ag obair san earnáil agus más léir duit riachtanas oiliúna ar bith déan teagmháil linn.

Tabhair do d'aire: Tá ár gcúrsaí uilig aitheanta ag an Chomhchomhairle um Cháilíochtaí (JCQ) a bhfuil na mórfhorais cháilíochta uilig ina mbaill aici, leithéidí CCEA, City & Guilds, CACHE, AQA agus ar an ábhar sin cloíonn ár gcáilíochtaí uilig le caighdeán tionscail.

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# Bearla

## GaelChúrsaí, the Irish Language Training Academy currently deliver a number of courses for the Irish Language sector including:

- Diplomas in Retail, Beauty, Leadership and Mentoring courses.
- Child Care Diplomas at level 2 & 3.

## GaelChúrsaí is adding to our current course list.

- The full official Paediatric First Aid course. This course can be completed in conjunction with our Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation course.
- The official Level 5 Leadership and Management for Early Years Diploma (City & Guilds). This course will be done through blended learning which will involve a mix of online digital learning and face-to-face teaching.
- Event Management. This course covers all aspects of running an event from event feasibility, teamwork, marketing, financing, customer engagement and evaluating.
- Basic Food hygiene course.

## Other course developments underway include:

- Maths and Literacy aimed at classroom assistants.
- An accredited and fully recognised Child protection course through Irish.
- Vocational Irish vocabulary course for staff – blended learning.
- Communicating with Children with Additional Needs – short course

GaelChúrsaí welcomes suggestions/ requests from the Irish Medium sector for training courses. If you work in the sector and are aware of an existing training need please contact us.

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