

3. CHILDCARE PRE-SCHOOL & FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

The Naíonraí play a valuable role in our community and they have received high praise for the standard of education that is being achieved throughout the Gaeltacht through the medium of Irish.

Beart / Action 3.1 – Childcare Centre in Gaeltacht Mhúscraí

A Childcare Centre run through the medium of Irish does not exist in Gaeltacht Mhúscraí at present. Children are educated through Irish in the Naíonraí, primary schools and secondary schools and herein lies a gap for children of pre-naíonra age.

A committee needs to be established to start the process and a Feasibility Study must be carried out as soon as possible.

- **The centre will have a robust language policy from the outset.**
- **Other services can be provided i.e. after school care, homework clubs, breakfast clubs.**

Beart / Action 3.2 – CD + Illustrated booklet produced by Múscraí's Community (0-5 years)

- To produce a music CD that includes a mixture of songs including Sean-nós songs, Pop songs & Nursery rhymes – similar to 'Sicín Mise go Sona Sásta'.
- The talent will be sourced locally and the songs will use the Múscraí dialect.
- An illustrated booklet will also be produced that will explain the lyrics through a mixture of words and pictures.

Beart / Action 3.3 - Parent and Toddler Groups

While the Childcare Centre is being developed there is an urgency to commence workshops in the Parent & Toddler groups in Reidh na nDóirí, Cúil Aodha & Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh. This will involve a range of fun workshops through the medium of Irish: i.e. useful phrases, céilí dancing.

Beart / Action 3.4 – After School Club, Spraoi na Laoi, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh

To develop the services being provided by the After School Club in Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh.

- To examine if there a demand for a Breakfast Club?
- To develop a decisive Irish Language Policy within the organisation.
- Actions 2.1, 2.2 & 2.3 will provide facilitators to run a variety of activities in the Club 'as Gaeilge' throughout the year.

Beart 3.5 – Irish Speaking Child-minders

Examine the proposal to compile a 'directory' of Irish speaking Child-minders.

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