

4. THE EDUCATION SYSTEM

Throughout the consultation process there has been a tremendous amount of recognition for the high standard of Irish & education being achieved by the naíonraí, primary schools and secondary schools in Gaeltacht Mhúscraí.

It should also be noted that all 7 schools have signed up for the Polasaí Oideachas Gaeltachta 2017 – 2022 and that the timing of both the Language Plan & the Gaeltacht Education Policy are propitious.

Beart / Action 4.1 – Céilí Dancing – Primary Schools

This action involves organising Céilí Dancing classes in each primary school as part of their Physical Education curriculum. The classes would culminate in a 'Big Céilí' with all 5 schools participating. This is a wonderful way to promote the Irish language and our culture at the same time.

Beart / Action 4.2 – Swim Gala – Primary Schools

This action involves organising a Swim Gala in the Cúil Aodha swimming pool for Rang 3 – Rang 6. This will strengthen the connection between the students of the 5 national schools and promote the Irish language amongst the children while also having fun.

Beart / Action 4.3 – Pilot Scheme – Schoolyard Language Practice

At the beginning of the school year students can choose their 'ideal' prize to the value of €1,000 per school. The class/classroom that makes the best effort to use Irish in the schoolyard during the school year wins the prize.

Beart / Action 4.4 – Secondary School's Table Quiz

This action proposes that an annual table quiz will be organised for Coláiste Ghobnatan and Scoil Mhuire. Each team will be made up of a mix of students from both schools. This is an excellent way to promote Irish amongst the students while having fun and strengthening the link between the students of both schools. The quiz venue would rotate between the 5 villages on an annual basis.

Beart / Action 4.5 - Language Awareness for Parents of children in the Naíonraí

To compile an information leaflet that would give guidelines to parents regarding the level of Irish required throughout the school year. This will allow parents to play a more interactive role in their child's Irish language journey at home.

For parents with little or no Irish workshops will be developed around creative ways to introduce Irish into the home.

Beart / Action 4.6 – 3rd Level Students

To carry out workshops with 3rd level students from Gealtacht Mhúscraí to find out what they wish to contribute to the Language plan and what the language plan can do for them.

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