

**A' lorg beachdan air Maoin Coimhairsnachd
a' Chrannchuir Nàiseanta ann an Alba
Freagairt Bhòrd na Gàidhlig
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**Seeking views on the National Lottery
Community Fund in Scotland
Bòrd na Gàidhlig Response
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Nach innis sibh na tha na nur beachd na feumalachdan sa choimhairsnachd agaibh sa bhad agus san fhad-ùine.

Tha Plana Cànan Nàiseanta Gàidhlig làithreach ag amas ri cur am meud cleachdad na Gàidhlig. Taobh a-staigh seo tha e na phrìomh phrìomhachas barrachd cothroman a thoirt do luchd-labhairt na Gàidhlig an cànan a chleachdad. Tha sin thar sreach de shuidheachaidhean. Tha iad a' gabhail a-steach ionnsachadh, eadar-obrachadh sòisealta, anns an taigh agus ann an àitichean obrach (a' gabhail a-steach buidhnean na coimhairsnachd) - airson a h-uile aois anns a h-uile sgìre na h-Alba.

Tha an taic a tha a dhìth sa bhad a' cruthachadh àiteachan agus cothroman do choimhairsnachdan dùthchail, bailteil agus air-loidhne le Gàidhlig a thighinn còmhla agus an cànan a bhruidhinn agus a dhol an sàs ann an gnìomhan cultarail Gàidhlig traidiseanta agus co-aimsireil.

Is e na feumalachdan san fhad-ùine dèanamh cinnteach gun urrainn do na coimhairsnachdan Gàidhlig a bhith beò agus a' soirbheachadh anns na diofar àiteachan sin.

A' smaoineachadh mun freagairt agaibh ris a' cheist mu dheireadh, dè a' phàirt a tha no a bu chòir a bhith aig Maoin Coimhairsnachd a' Chrannchuir Nàiseanta ann a bhith a' dèiligeadh ris na feumalachdan sin nur beachd?

Bu chòir don Mhaoin Choimhairsnachd a chuideachadh ann an cothroman a bhrosnachadh

Please tell us what you consider to be the immediate and longer term needs of your community.

The current National Gaelic Language Plan aims to increase the use of Gaelic. Within this a key priority is to allow Gaelic speakers more opportunities to use the language. That is across a range of settings. They include learning, social interaction, in the home and in workplaces (including community organisations) - for all age groups and all areas of Scotland.

Immediate support required is creating spaces and opportunities for rural, urban and online Gaelic speaking communities to come together and speak the language and engage in traditional and contemporary Gaelic cultural activities.

The longer term needs is to ensure that the Gaelic speaking communities can survive and thrive in these different locations.

Thinking about your answer to the previous question, what role do you think The National Lottery Community Fund could or should play in addressing these needs?

The Community Fund should help promote opportunities in Scotland for Gaelic speakers. That is



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| <p>ann an Alba airson luchd-labhairt na Gàidhlig. Tha sin tro bhith a' beachdachadh air mar a chuidicheas e le bhith a' toirt taic do phròiseactan le fòcas air a' Ghàidhlig agus/no pròiseactan ann an coimhearsnachdan Gàidhlig. Tha iomadh coimhearsnachd na Gàidhlig ann an sgìrean iomallach agus eileanan. Tha dùblain mòra romhpa a' gabhail a-steach crìonadh san àireamh-sluagh, gleidheadh dhaoine òga, cruthachadh obraichean le deagh phàigheadh agus cosgais àrd/glè bheag de thraigheadas is còmhdhail.</p> | <p>through considering how it can help support Gaelic focussed projects and/or projects in Gaelic communities. Many Gaelic communities are in remote areas and islands. They face significant challenges including population decline, retention of young people, creation of well-paid jobs and high cost/limited availability of housing and transport.</p> |
| <p>Tha diofar bhuidhnean a' cur feum air taic-airgid airson pròiseactan a sholaireas barrachd chothroman airson cleachdadh na Gàidhlig.</p> | <p>Various organisations require funding support for projects which provide more opportunities to use Gaelic.</p> |
| <p>Dh'fhaodadh a' Mhaoin Choimhearsnachd airgead a chuartachadh gus taic dhìreach a thoirt do dh'fheumalachdan sònraichte agus fior choimhearsnachd na Gàidhlig, a bharrachd air oifigear le Gàidhlig a bhith ann airson cosnachadh leis na coimhearsnachdan.</p> | <p>The community fund could ringfence funds to directly support the specific and real needs of the Gaelic speaking community as well as have a Gaelic speaking officer to engage with the communities.</p> |
| <p>Nach innis sibh dhuinn mu dhòighean sam bithe a tha sibh a' smaoineachadh as urrainn dhuinn ar maoineachadh a dhèanamh nas phasa faighinn thuige.</p> | <p>Please tell us about any ways you think we can make our funding easier to access.</p> |
| <p>Bu chòir don Mhaoin ath-sgrùdadadh a dhèanamh air mar a thathar a' dèiligeadh ri buidhnean Gàidhlig. Tha sin airson dèanamh cinnteach gum bi a' mhaoin so-ruigsinneach dhaibh – agus gus spèis co-ionann a thabhann don Ghàidhlig. Gu sònraichte:</p> | <p>The Fund should review its approach to dealing with Gaelic organisations. That is to ensure the fund is accessible to them - and to offer equal respect for Gaelic. In particular:</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A' gabhail ri iarrasan maoineachaidh anns a' Ghàidhlig. • A' cruthachadh conaltradh mun Mhaoin anns a' Ghàidhlig gus iomhaigh na Maoin a thogail am measg bhuidhnean agus choimhearsnachdan na Gàidhlig. • Beachdaichibh air cuireadh a thoirt do roichdaire bho Bhòrd na Gàidhlig suidhe air a' phannal maoineachaidh agus comhairle a thoirt dhuibh mur maoin mar a bhios iomchaidh. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accepting funding applications in Gaelic. • Producing communications about the Fund in Gaelic to raise the Fund's profile among Gaelic speaking organisations and communities. • Consider inviting a representative from Bòrd na Gàidhlig to sit on the funding panel and/or advise as required. |



San fharsaingeachd, tha sinn airson gum bi a' Ghàidhlig a' faighinn co-ionannachd spèis tro bhith gabhail ri dòigh-obrach sgeamaichean maoineachaidh a' Chrannchuir Nàiseanta a thaobh na Cuimris. Gu sònraichte, tha na poileasaidhean déanamh tabhartais ag obair gu dà-chànanach agus a' brosnachadh cothrom air Cuimris a bhruidhinn:

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/about/customer-service/welsh-language-scheme> agus
<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/media/Welsh-language-in-grants-policy.pdf>.

More generally, we wish to see Gaelic afforded equal respect through adopting the National Lottery funding schemes' approach to the Welsh language. In particular, the policies of grantmaking operating bilingually and increasing the opportunity to speak Welsh:

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