

Dear Sir,

National Plan for Gaelic.

Your aims are:

- To increase the numbers of speakers and users of Gaelic.
- To strengthen Gaelic as a family and community language.
- To facilitate access to Gaelic language and culture throughout Scotland
- To promote and celebrate Gaelic's contribution to Scottish cultural life
- To encourage and support wider use of Gaelic in all aspects of life in Scotland.

These plans are all well and good, and should be encouraged, but not in parts of Scotland that have never spoken a word of this minority tongue. Why should Doric of North East Scotland not have the same claim as Gaelic, nationwide? I for one would prefer to have my children taught the English language properly before school budgets are spent on minority subjects. As usual the majority of people are being told how their lives will be run by a pushy group of do gooders.

Please note that the spelling mistake is YOURS not mine. - To facilitate access to Gaelic language and culture throughout Scotland.

Yours an English speaking Scot,

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