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Is the vision of the draft Plan one in which you can share?:

Yes. However I don't think the Act went far enough and should be revisited to give Gaelic an equal legal status with English in Scotland. Gaelic should be a statutory requirement in key areas of national life rather than an "voluntary aspect" Dual signing in public buildings and government services should be mandatory.

In the light of your response to the above question, are the proposed sectoral projects essential to the meeting of the action area aims for 2012? If not, why not?:

Yes but don't go far enough. For example, dual language signing should be used on the national road network, as in the Republic of Ireland, to increase the national presence of Gaelic in everyday life.

Are the outcomes for the twenty themes and the priorities for tackling them correctly outlined and prioritised? If not, why not?:

Glad to see increasing efforts at producing Gaelic words for introduced language rather than simply introducing English words or Gaelicised English words.

In the light of your response to the above question, what projects do you view as being essential to implementing these priorities (some examples are offered in Appendix I)?:

There needs to be a centralised, national acquisition approach to, for example, Gaelic web-based and TV-based materials for native and learner speakers. All children, regardless of linguistic background should have access to some Gaelic language, culture and heritage learning in school as part of their Scottish studies in Environmental Studies.

And are the right organisations identified as being the primary players in implementing these priorities?:

Yes- but what powers are there to ensure the collaboration and active involvement of the partners?

If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, how do you see yourselves contributing to the success of the National Plan?:

Do you have any other comments on the draft National Plan which you would like to submit?:

The Republic of Ireland offers financial support for summer schools where students can be immersed in Gaelic. This seems like a great way to treat the language, history, culture and modern Gaelic life as a whole and allow students to use the language da-to-day where they might not have a Gaelic-speaking family.

I agree for my views to be made public: ON