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I think the draft plan describes the position Gaelic is in very well. I have contributed to a group response from Clann Gàidhlig, but I would like to see Bòrd G pushing for a compulsory subject in the curriculum of all schools which would be called "Scottish Studies" or something similar, that would include Gaelic/Scots, Scottish literature, Scottish History, heritage/culture, Scottish music, discoveries etc. Far from being introspective and promoting chauvinism or narrow nationalism, I think it would do the reverse. Then at least youngsters will have been introduced to part of their own culture that is avoided; ignorance and miss information are the twin enemies. The majority will not take up Gaelic, but a subject like this will capture the interest and imagination of the few, who can then choose to study it further on in their education.

It would be a variation on the GLPS scheme, and primary school teachers could be given the training to teach the subject without being fluent speakers, thus avoiding that obstacle to expansion of GME,

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