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

yes

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

I'm not responding on behalf of an organisation but I have spoken to a number of other parents in the same situation, see below.

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

I am a parent of a child who has just started English medium secondary school after 7 years of Gaelic medium primary school and Gaelic medium nursery. We are already noticing the reduction of Gaelic language use and are worried that this will just be exaggerated in the years to come. Short of the "best" solution of a Gaelic medium secondary school in Edinburgh, which seems at present a dream of the future, we would appreciate some help to develop after school activities, for instance: football club, drama club, other popular subjects or games through the medium of Gaelic. This seems to me a very cost effective way to reduce the decline of Gaelic being used after the success of the Primary educational efforts. I would like to see a Gaelic speaking development worker for after school activities coming into post, working with Gaelic speaking children of different ages at James Gillespies High School, Edinburgh (which is the school taking all children from the Gaelic medium primary wing at Tollcross Primary School, Edinburgh).

Having good quality after school activities in Gaelic on offer also provides the children/teenagers with opportunities to develop spoken "out-of-school" language, in a "cool" setting. This might even lead to exchange with other teenagers from different parts of the country in form of summer camps, (sport/music/hill climbing, water sports/ dance/etc) Sradagan is quite successful but only caters for children up to age 12. It would be wonderful to see similar developments for teenagers country wide.

I agree for my views to be made public: Yes

I agree for my name and area to be made public: Yes