

Response to the Plan

I would like to endorse the suggestions made by CLI Gaidhlig, especially -

a) As regards adult learners. This is particularly important in the Borders. Our organisation has over 40 members, a high number for a rural area outwith the Gaelic heartlands. This has been largely due to a few dedicated individuals and good teaching. Just one tutor trained in language-learning for adults can make a big impact. CLI days have also helped to forge a sense of linguistic community and increase levels of fluency.

b) I also endorse CLI's call for a brief version of the Plan to be made available in addition to the full version. The full plan can be very daunting for non-professionals and people with busy lives, however much we want to support the language.

I would also like to suggest that Gaelic in the Community be expanded to include some mention of tourism. At the moment, it is almost impossible to find out which B&Bs, hotels and other facilities are able to use Gaelic with visitors. Many learners and returning native speakers would appreciate having this information available to them when visiting Scotland and it would also help towards normalisation of the language in the family and workplace. There should be a <Gaelic Spoken> symbol in Visit Scotland brochures etc.

sincerely

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