

Hello.

As an adult (senior!) learner in a non-Gaelic area (Aberdeenshire) I rely heavily on broadcast material to help expand my understanding and knowledge of our Gaelic culture.

It is encouraging to note the plans for a Gaelic digital TV service and especially that it should have universal access. The BBC already provides some useful material.

However, it is disappointing to note that there is no reference to Scottish Television as one of the players in this area. Do they have no part to play before the advent of a Gaelic service? Grampian Television used to broadcast an excellent variety of Gaelic programme series around 6pm on Sunday evenings during the winter/spring months. It is especially disappointing to see that these programmes have disappeared since Grampian was taken over by allegedly Scottish TV.

Given that 45% of Gaelic speakers live outside the traditional Gaelic areas, surely a 'national' broadcasting authority should be encouraged to produce a Gaelic language plan?

Regards, Bill Burns