

dreachd dhen Stiùireadh air Planaichean Gàidhlig

draft Guidance for Gaelic Language Plans

Cuirear fàilte air beachdan mu rud sam bith co-cheangailte ri dreachd an Stiùiridh. Dh'fhaodte gum bi na ceistean a leanas nan cuideachadh dhuibh no dhan bhuidhinn agaibh nuair a tha sibh a' breithneachadh air an dreachd, ach chan fheum sibh coimhead ri na puingeann seo nuair a tha sibh a' cur bheachdan a-staigh.

Your response is welcome on any aspect of the draft Guidance. The following questions may be of help to you or your organisation in developing your response, but your submission need not be directed by these.

A bheil sibh riaraichte leis a' mhìneachadh air spèis cho-ionann air duilleag 8?

Are you satisfied with the interpretation of equal respect on page 8?

Yes, but what about Polish / Bengali etc?

You are not going to get support such as given to Asian, Caribbean or African languages as you are not as politically correct as them nor have their "clout". Market the Gaels as an ethnic minority and jump on that bandwagon - you might strike a rich flow of p.u. money!

An deach dèiligeadh ri cùisean a thaobh ìre an t-solarachaidh san dòigh cheart air duilleagan 9-10?

Are the issues concerning the level of provision on pages 9-10 adequately tackled?

Generally yes

A bheil a' chomhairle anns gach earrainn soilleir agus na chuideachadh?

Is the advice in each section clear and helpful?

Rather convoluted at times. The English could do with some improvement, for example the use of words principle/principal on Page 17 "public meetings" paragraph. If the promoters of the draft Plan cannot get the English right, how does the public know they have the Gaelic right? Sloppy drafting!

A bheil molaidhean gu leòr bho dhuilleag 14 mu shusbaint nam planaichean Gàidhlig, agus a bheil iad freagarrach a thaobh dhleastanasan leasachaidh na Gàidhlig?

Are the suggestions from pages 14 for the content of a Gaelic language plan comprehensive enough and appropriate to the requirements of Gaelic development?

In the main "yes" although "Vitality" is going to be hard to project and promote.

A bheil na h-àireamhan às a' cheud air duilleagan 18-20 is duilleag 22, a tha a' toirt buaidh air poileasaidhean solarachaidh agus dleastanasan fastaidh, ciallach agus freagarrach?

Are the percentages proposed on pages 18-19 and page 22 for the triggering of various policy provision and employment requirements, realistic and appropriate?

I imagine the percentages are a calculated "best guess" and I am not able to guess any better, what is unknown is the effect of large numbers of English people, also Poles, Romanians, Slovaks, Belgians etc on these percentages, which seem to suppose an all-native - Scottish population. When parts of the Highlands are largely filled by these immigrants, especially from South of the Border, your percentages would be unattainable, for people ^{from} cent with UK whose first language is not English, it is going to take enough time and government funds to get them to learn English, let alone Gaelic. Your target percentages, applied to all the categories of people above, therefore seem unrealistic.

Ma tha sibh a' cur bheachdan a-staigh às leth buidhinn, an toireadh dreachd an Stiùiridh taic is comhairle gu leòr dhuibh le bhith a' deasachadh a' phlana Ghàidhlig?

If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, would the draft Guidance adequately assist in drawing up a Gaelic language plan?

Not applicable

Ma tha sibh a' cur bheachdan a-staigh às leth buidheann nach eil a' tighinn fo Achd na Gàidhlig, a bheil sibh a' smaoinichadh gum biodh an Stiùireadh seo na chuideachadh le bhith a' deasachadh plana Gàidhlig neo-reachdail?

If you are responding on behalf of an organisation not covered by the Gaelic Act, do you feel that this guidance would be of assistance in drawing up a non-statutory Gaelic language plan?

Not applicable