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Tá dea-scéala ag *Cill Dara le Gaeilge* inniu, tá Oifigeach Feidhmiúcháin nua ceaptha san eagraíocht. Thosaigh Conchúr Ó Luadhóg sa ról nua i Mí an Mheithimh. Is é Conchúr an dara hoifigeach lánaimseartha atá ag obair chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn mar theanga pobail i gContae Chill Dara. Beidh Conchúr ag obair go lánaimseartha le *Cill Dara le Gaeilge* don samhradh.

Is iar-mhac léinn de *Ollscoil na hÉireann, Má Nuad* é Conchúr, le neart taithí i saol ár dteanga. B'é Conchúr an t-iar Uachtarán ar an gCumann Gaelach in *Ollscoil na hÉireann, Má Nuad* - Cuallacht Cholmcille agus le bliain anuas, bhí sé ag obair le *Conradh na Gaeilge* ar cúrsaí óige agus teicneolaíochta. Tógadh Conchúr i nDún na nGall, áit inár fhreastal sé ar bhunscoil agus mheánscoil lán Gaelach. Le déanaí, luadh Conchúr i gceist ar an Teastas Sóisearach, mar pháirt de ghrúpa Gaeilgeoirí ar TikTok darbh ainm @AnGhaeltokt.

Beidh ról cinnireachta ag Conchúr, ag obair le grúpaí pobail i gceantar Bardasach Nás na Ríogh chun réimse imeachtaí pobail trí mheán na Gaeilge a phleanáil agus a reáchtáil. Beidh ról lárnach aige i bpleanáil agus as feidhmiú plean teanga sa líonra mar aon le tacaíocht a chur ar fáil do ghrúpaí eile atá páirteach sa phróiseas pleanála. Tacóidh Conchúr leis an earnáil ghnó sa líonra chun úsáid na Gaeilge a chur chun cinn mar theanga cumarsáide agus mar ghléas margaíochta le seirbhísí i nGaeilge, deiseanna labhartha agus foghlamtha a fhorbairt.

Ag fógairt an ceapacháin dúirt Daithí de Faoite, Cathaoirleach, Cill Dara le Gaeilge:
"Táimid ar bís go bhfuil Conchúr tagtha ar fhoireann *Cill Dara le Gaeilge*. Tá dóchas againn fuinneamh nua a thógáil chun ceantar Nás na Ríogh/Na Solláin, áit go mbeidh aird Conchúir dírithe agus tá súil againn go gcuirfí deiseanna nua ar fáil do phobal na Gaeilge chomh maith le deiseanna a chruthú d'fhoghlaimeoirí na Gaeilge agus dóibh siúd a bhfuil spéis acu í a labhairt sa cheantar. Bíonn *Cill Dara le Gaeilge* ag obair i dtreo stádas líonra oifigiúil a chinntiú ón stáit do Na Solláin/Nás na Ríogh. Is céim thábhachtach í ceapacháin Chonchúir ar an turas sin."

Ráiteas ó Conchúr Ó Luadhóg:
Tá neart smaointe agam agus táim ar bís chun iad a chur i bhfeidhm. Measaim go bhfuil todhchaí lonrach agus loinneach ag an Ghaeilge i gContae Chill Dara, agus is mór an onóir é dom a bheith páirteach. Is as Dún na nGall mé ó dhúchais, agus d'fhreastal mé ar oideachas uilig trí mheán na Gaeilge. Is iar-mhac léinn mé ó *Ollscoil na hÉireann, Má Nuad*, áit inár raibh mé an-bhainteach leis an gCumann Gaelach @Cuallacht Cholmcille. Roimhe seo bhí mé ag obair le *Conradh na Gaeilge* mar pháirt den fhoireann óige, ag oibriú go cóngarach le

bunscoileanna agus meánscoileanna lán-Ghaeilge, ag cur chun cinn cúrsaí STEAM trí mheán na Ghaeilge. Tá an-suim agam sna meán shóisialta – ach go háirithe TikTok. Coinnígí súil amach dom ar na meán @CillDaraLeGaeilge amach anseo."

Oibreoidh *Cill Dara le Gaeilge* freisin le grúpaí pobail atá lonnaithe i gceantar Bardasach Nás na Ríogh a bhíonn ag eagrú imeachtaí Gaeilge agus beidh ról lárnach comhairleach agus tacaíochta ag Conchúr ar an mbonn seo.

I mí Feabhra 2019, d'fhoilsigh *Cill Dara le Gaeilge* agus *Sult na Sollán* plean cúig bliana (2019-2023) don Ghaeilge i gContae Chill Dara. Tá an plean ar fáil ar www.cilldaralegaeilge.ie

Tugtar maoiniú do *Cill Dara le Gaeilge* tríd an Scéim Forbartha Líonraí Gaeilge 2022-2024 ag *Foras na Gaeilge*.

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Cill Dara le Gaeilge announced some good news today, a new Executive Officer has been appointed to the organisation. Conchúr Ó Luadhóg joined the new role in June. Conchúr is the second full-time officer working to promote the Irish language as a community language in County Kildare. Conchúr will be working full time with Cill Dara le Gaeilge for the summer.

Conchúr is a former student of *National University of Ireland, Maynooth*, with many experiences in the life of our language. Conchúr was a former president of An Cumann Gaelach in *National University of Ireland, Maynooth* - Cuallacht Cholmcille and for the past year, he has worked with *Conradh na Gaeilge* on youth and technology. Conchúr was raised in Donegal, where he attended an Irish-Medium primary and secondary school. Conchúr was recently mentioned in a question on the Junior Certificate, as part of a group of Irish speakers on TikTok called @AnGhaeltokt.

Conchúr will have a leadership role, working with community groups in the Naas Municipal District to plan and run a range of community events through the medium of Irish. He will play a central role in the planning and implementation of language plans in the network as well as providing support to other groups involved in the planning process. Conchúr will support the business sector in the network to promote the use of Irish as a language of communication and as a marketing device to develop services in Irish, opportunities for speaking and learning.

Announcing the appointment, Daithí de Faoite, Chairperson, with Cill Dara le Gaeilge said:
"We are very excited that Conchúr has joined the *Cill Dara le Gaeilge* team. We hope to build new energy for the Naas/Sallins area, where Conchúr's attention will be focused and we hope that new opportunities will be provided for the Irish language community as well as creating opportunities for learners of Irish and those interested in speaking it in the area. *Cill Dara le Gaeilge* works towards ensuring official state network status for Sallins/Naas. Conchúr's appointments are an important step on that journey."

Statement from Conchúr Ó Luadhóg:
I have plenty of ideas and I'm excited to implement them. I consider the Irish language to have a bright and expressive future in County Kildare, and it is a great honour for me to be part of it. I am originally from Donegal, and have attended all education through the medium of Irish. I am a former student from *National University of Ireland, Maynooth*, where I was very involved with An Cumann Gaelach @Cuallacht Cholmcille. Previously I worked with *Conradh na Gaeilge* as part of the youth team, working closely with Irish-medium primary and secondary schools, promoting STEAM through the medium of Irish. I

am very interested in social media – especially TikTok. Keep an eye out for me on the media @CillDaraLeGaeilge in the future."

Cill Dara le Gaeilge will also work with Irish language community groups based in the Municipal District of Naas who organize Irish language events and Conchúr will have a central advisory and support role on this basis.

In February 2019, Kildare le Gaeilge and *Sult na Sollán* published a five-year plan (2019-2023) for the Irish language in County Kildare. The plan is available on www.cilldaralegaeilge.ie

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