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**straitéis seacht mbliana don Ghaeilge i gContae Chill
Dara ó phobal Chontae Chill Dara.**

The way forward

**a seven-year strategy for the Irish language in County
Kildare by the people of County Kildare.**

"Má labhraíonn tú le fear i dteanga a thuigeann sé, téann sé sa cheann air. Má labhraíonn tú leis ina theanga féin, téann sé sa chroí air."

Nelson Mandela



"If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart."

Nelson Mandela

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Introduction

This is the second Irish language plan for County Kildare. This seven year plan has been developed by the non-profit organisation, *Cill Dara le Gaeilge* (CDleG), in conjunction with groups, organisations and individuals within County Kildare.

The development of language schemes for certain areas - Gaeltacht Language Planning Areas, Gaeltacht Service Towns and Irish Language Networks - is an integral part of the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media's 2010-2030 strategy. <https://www.chg.v.ie/app/uploads/2015/07/Straiteis-20-Year-Leagan-Gaeilge.pdf> The Department does not have a template available at county level.

WHO IS CILL DARA LE GAEILGE AND WHY PUBLISH AN IRISH LANGUAGE PLAN FOR COUNTY KILDARE?

Who is Cill Dara le Gaeilge?

Kildare le Gaeilge (CDleG) has been in existence since 2015. It was a subcommittee of the community group Sult na Sollán at that time, but it was established as a company in 2017 and has been going from strength to strength ever since. The first members of the CDleG were: Daithí de Faoite (chairperson), Eithne Ní Fhlathartaigh (secretary), Dara Ó Maitiú (treasurer), Siobhain Grogan, Máire Uí Chéitinn, Dónall Ó Riagáin and Treasa Uí Riagáin. Máire resigned from the board and Mairéad Ní Neachtain and Séamus Ó Ceanainn joined the board in 2021. Ger Ní Fhlatharta, Ruairí Ó hAilín and Marcas Ó Loinneacháin were appointed as members of the board in the same year.

Thanks to *the Department's Irish Language Support Scheme* (STG), we managed to employ our first full-time employee, Sarah Walsh, in autumn 2021 and after Conchúr Ó Luadhóg joined us for summer 2022, a second full-time employee, Caoimhe Ní Shúilleabháin, was employed in autumn 2022 with support from the *Irish Language Networks Development Scheme 2022-2024*.

The primary aim of Cill Dara le Gaeilge is to promote the Irish language in the county and to this end we focus primarily on four areas of work:

1. Irish in the community (*including Teaghlaigh Chill Dara – support for Irish speaking families*)
2. Language planning
3. Business Scheme (Gnó Chill Dara)
4. Cultúrlann Chill Dara (Kildare Cultural Centre).

Irish in the community

CDleG has a sub-brand, Teaghlaigh Chill Dara. There is a Whatsapp group which allows parents to share messages and resources in an unofficial forum. CDleG organises lots of events for families, from classes and support for parents whose children are attending Irish-medium schools (Tús Maith), reading sessions for children in Naas library every fortnight and events for families amongst many others.

For the general public, there is a monthly book club, as well as other events such as Pop-Up Gaeltachtaí, walks, tours and classes for all levels of learners. People with all levels of Irish are welcome to attend the events.

Language planning

Sult na Sollán published the first county language plan in 2019. CDleG published its second plan in 2024. CDleG aims to publish a new county plan every seven years from now. While the plans are published by CDleG, they are published on behalf of the public.

As part of the language planning process, Meitheal Chill Dara is organised each year in partnership with different community groups from different municipal areas. Further information on the language planning process is available on [page ???](#)

Business Scheme

The scheme Gnó Chill Dara was relaunched at the beginning of 2022, under a new sub-brand. The scheme supports businesses who wish to promote their business through the medium of Irish, or to provide services in Irish. The scheme consists of three categories:

1. Service in Irish
2. Signage
3. Marketing and Branding

Businesses are also supported to move towards achieving national recognition through Glór na nGael's "Awards" scheme (www.gradaim.ie).

Cultúrlann Chill Dara / Cultural Centre

Part of CDleG's long-term vision is to establish Cultúrlann Chill Dara, a centre which will be a resource for the whole county to promote culture and the Irish language. In the meantime we are organising many cultural events in the county.

WHY IS A LANGUAGE PLAN NEEDED FOR COUNTY KILDARE?

While Sult na Sollán / Cill Dara le Gaeilge was running a very active programme for the Irish language in the Naas / Sallins area there was no medium / long-term plan for the development of the language until 2019. They were maintaining relationships with state bodies such as Foras na Gaeilge and Kildare County Council. The groups also worked with local schools/clubs and with individual associations such as the GAA and Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann and with national Irish language organisations such as Conradh na Gaeilge and Glór na nGael.

This five-year plan would be of great assistance in providing a structure for the work of Sult na Sollán and Cill Dara le Gaeilge especially when Cill Dara le Gaeilge changed the company's focus from business to four areas in 2020:

5. Irish in the community (*including Teaghlaigh Chill Dara – support for Irish speaking families*)
6. Language planning
7. Business Scheme (Gnó Chill Dara)
8. Cultúrlann Chill Dara (Kildare Cultural Centre).

No plan is worthwhile unless it is regularly reviewed. The committee decided from the outset that the plan would be a living document and that the publication and launch of the plan was not the 'end'. Committee members regularly reviewed the plan. Once every year, they updated the plan itself and erected a new digital version on [the www.sultnasollan.ie](http://www.sultnasollan.ie) and [www.cilldaralegaeilge.ie site](http://www.cilldaralegaeilge.ie). In 2020, a new group, Gaeilge Nuada, added ideas from the people of Maynooth to the digital version.

Since the launch of the first county plan in early 2019, Glór an Churraigh was established in November 2019, Gaeilge Nuada was established in September 2020, Gaeilge an Bhradáin was established in March 2022 and Gaeilge Chois Bhearú was established in 2023. The Irish language community in County Kildare is proud that a group of communities in the five municipal districts are now working on behalf of the language and that this happened during the lifetime of the first plan. As a community group is now operating in all municipal districts, each municipal district has a section in this second county plan, but that's great progress. Two shorten the road, five groups shorten it more quickly!

THE IRISH LANGUAGE IN COUNTY KILDARE

According to census 2022 **?????** a person over the age of three in County Kildare; this equates to **???? %** of the population over three years of age in the county. Other parts of this document set out Census 2022 results and

development trends in the county as a whole.

There are seven naíonraí, nine Gaelscoileanna, two Gaelcholáistí and a university in County Kildare. It is essential, therefore, to ensure that future generations have easier access to services and opportunities for everyday activities through Irish. In County Kildare, Maynooth University demonstrates a real commitment to the Irish language and its promotion. Maynooth University has the largest Modern Irish University Department in the country as well as a Centre for Irish Language which organises TEG (Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge), a full-time Irish Language Officer, Cuallacht Cholmcille (the oldest student association for Irish in the country) and a centre dedicated to Irish culture and teaching Irish as a subject in some of the education classes.

There are a number of local groups that have been working hard in recent years to promote the language in the county and they have achieved significant success in a number of areas e.g. well-attended conversation circles, social events, Irish language conversation classes, Irish language summer courses, Irish language youth clubs, festivals, broad seachtain na Gaeilge programmes and lots of events for fluent speakers and learners alike. Much of this work being done in the community is supported by national groups such as Conradh na Gaeilge and Glór na nGael. Kildare libraries also organise Irish language and bilingual events in some of their branches.

It is vitally important to recognise that many people throughout the county work to promote the Irish language. A love of the language inspires most of them to create opportunities where Irish is spoken, to promote it as a living language and to pass it on to the next generation.

The aim of this plan is to assist with the communication and interaction between all those involved in the Irish language in County Kildare and to provide new opportunities for both regular speakers and learners.

CHALLENGES

As already stated, a group of communities was not focused on the Irish language in every municipal district in the county until 2023. Therefore, a plan has not been targeted at all parts of the county to date. This is the second plan for the county, but it will be the first time the five municipal districts will have a section in a plan. It is an ambitious plan but its modular approach focuses on planning within each individual municipal district.

No one is currently employed to take responsibility for the development of the Irish language in the county, except in the municipal district of Naas. It will be a challenge for voluntary groups in the county to implement a plan without the support of a full-time language development officer.

Funding will be a challenge to achieve the aims of the plan. There are many self-funded Irish language events/activities today. Funding from bodies such as Foras na Gaeilge, Kildare County Council and other sources such as Glór na nGael prize money and funding from Creative Ireland/Arts Council can be investigated as appropriate. Local libraries, schools and businesses also have a supporting role to play by organising events or hosting them.

STRUCTURE OF THE LANGUAGE PLAN

When Sult na Sollán started working on a language plan at the beginning of 2017, there was no other group dedicated to the Irish language in County Kildare to assist with the task. Sult na Sollán was hopeful that this would change by the time the first plan came to an end and the goal of that first plan was to have at least one other group in another municipal district in the county and that the next plan would include input from that group. To reflect this intention, a separate placeholder page was submitted for each municipal district. In order for the public around the county to have an understanding of the work that was going on, the language planning committee visited every municipal district in the county.

County Kildare (Census 2022) has a population of 246,977 and a highland of 1,695 km². As well as having a vision for the whole county, the planning committee considered it practical and manageable to divide this language plan into the five municipal districts in County Kildare: Athy, Kildare/Newbridge, Celbridge/Leixlip, Maynooth and Naas.

Preparing a Language Plan

In preparing this language plan, Gaelphobal has set out useful steps for language planning.

(<https://gaelphobal.ie/pleanail-teanga/ceimeanna-le-plean-a-ullmhu/?lang=ga>). As it is a county-by-county rather than an area-related plan – County Kildare has a population of 246,977 in Census 2022 in a distance of 1,695km² – it was not possible to follow the exact same process. However, it was important that there was a clear process, agreed by the lead organisation, Cill Dara le Gaeilge, and that the general public have an understanding of the process and that there was an opportunity for everyone who wished to could take part in the process.

Step 1: Agree the aims of the language planning process

The language planning committee and the lead organisation, Cill Dara le Gaeilge, initially agreed the aims and objectives of the language plan. The objectives are based on the needs of the county and the strengths and weaknesses of the county.

Step 2: Conduct research to understand the current situation

Census statistics were analysed to present the official figures to the public in the context of the plan.

A workshop was organised in each municipal district in the county to gather views and ideas.

The different expert groups had the opportunity to share ideas, for example in relation to parents raising children with Irish, the promotion of Irish in business.

Step 3: Analyse the research and design the measures

The feedback from the workshops in the municipal districts was edited by the local community groups and turned into language plan measures. To help with this, Cill Dara le Gaeilge's planning committee produced a template to ensure continuity in the presentation of the feedback, and it was distributed to the community groups. Meetings were held with representatives of the municipal districts to ensure that those who were central to the process around the county had the right understanding of the approach. The representatives also had a Whatsapp group to provide them with ongoing support.

Step 4: Write the language plan

All community groups filled in the same template. Once information on each municipal district had been collected it was included in the plan by the CDleG planning committee.

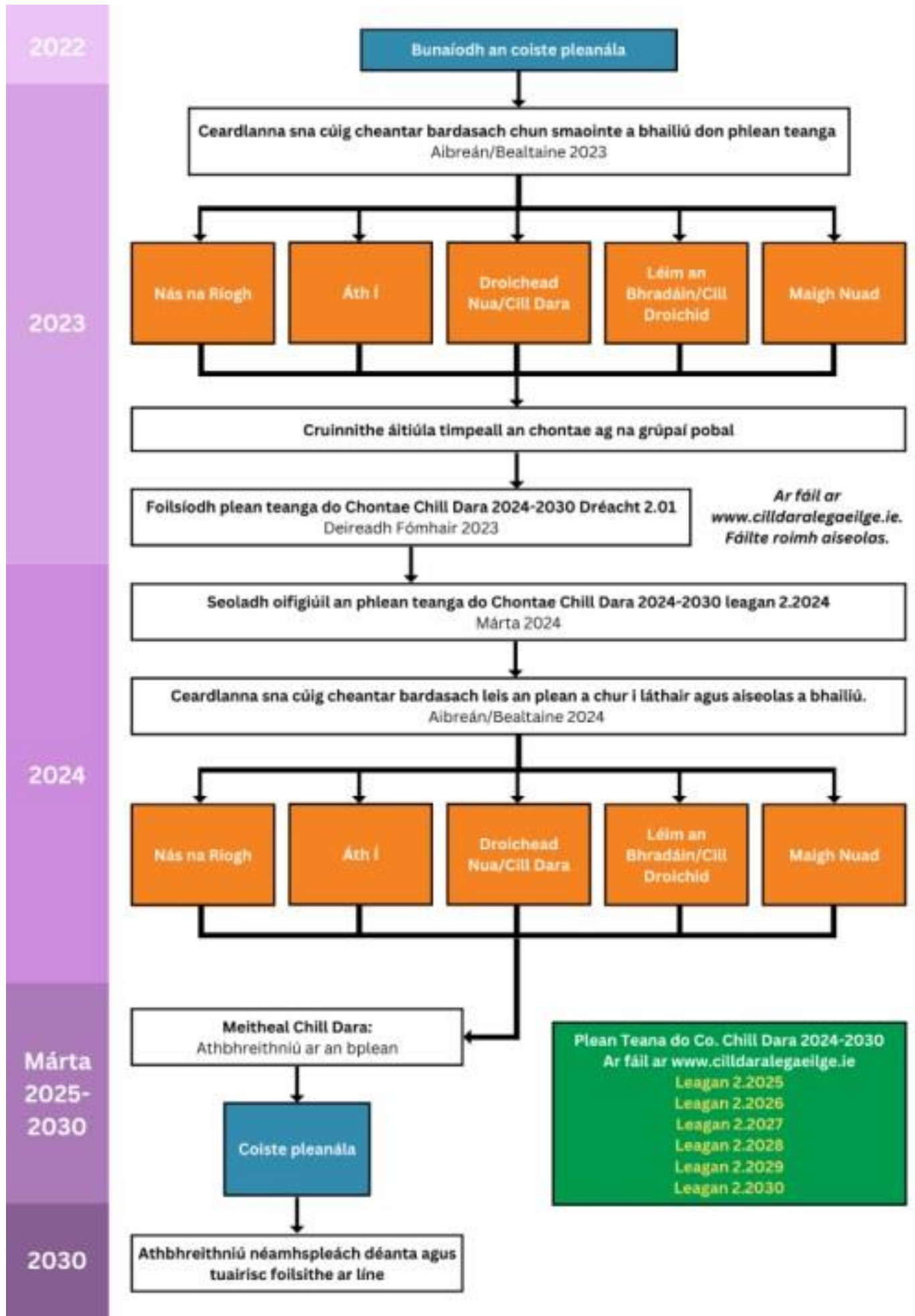
Step 5: Public consultation

The draft plan was presented to the public online, a publicity campaign was put together and everyone in the county was given the opportunity to send feedback to the committee. A publicity campaign was set up to inform people about the plan. A few 'well-known' people helped promote this campaign. This public consultation provided another opportunity for the public to have their say on the language plan before it was completed.

Step 6: Submit the language plan for approval

Following the inclusion of recommendations from the public consultation in the final version of the language plan, it was submitted to Bord Chill Dara le Gaeilge for approval. As there is no national process for language plans, no one else would need to officially approve the plan.

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High level goals in this seven-year language plan

1. **Structured planning** – to provide a unified and structured layout for all parties in County Kildare who are interested in supporting and developing the Irish language, and to set out a clear vision, targets and action plan for a seven year period.
2. **Foster active engagement with state bodies / voluntary organisations** – establish / develop ongoing relationships with state bodies and voluntary organisations operating in County Kildare and for the purpose of improving services for Irish speakers/learners and increasing the visibility and status of the Irish language.
3. **Public participation** – involve as many people/groups as possible in the Irish language community in County Kildare. The approach to writing the plan process should be comprehensive and provide opportunities to learn, speak, promote or enhance the visibility of the Irish language.
4. **To establish networking and collaboration between those who are working in the Irish language** – there are many people throughout the county who work the Irish language individually or as part of a group. This plan aims to help these individuals/groups network and provide opportunities to collaborate, exchange information and support each other.
5. **Restoring Irish as a community language** - creating more opportunities where Irish could be part of everyday community events. These events may be entirely in Irish or bilingual or even feature some Irish in the form of signage/greetings etc.
6. **Employ at least two other Irish Language Development Officers in the county** - It is hoped that at least two other Irish language development officers will be employed in County Kildare during the seven year period of the plan, one of whom is working with young people.
7. **That the Naas / Sallins area be recognised as an official Irish language network before the end of the plan period** – This area is at the intermediate stage in Foras na Gaeilge's Irish Language Networks Development Scheme from 2021. A language plan will be launched in the next few years (date to be determined) for the Irish language area.
8. **Cultúrlann** – Cill Dara le Gaeilge believes that the Naas/ Sallins area would be particularly suitable as a centre for Cultúrlann Chill Dara.

The public document Project Ireland, Investing in our Culture, Language and Heritage 2018-2027 provides an insight into the State's strategy to develop the Irish language and cultural centres in Gaeltacht service towns and Irish language networks. Further information is available at: https://www.chg.gov.ie/app/uploads/2018/04/capital_plan_april3-8.pdf

It should be noted that language planning is carried out in the context of local, social and economic planning. It is the view of the planning committee that Kildare County Council has a duty to include the Irish language in the context of any local plan.

The long-term vision of this plan is to provide a framework for people who wish to live their lives through Irish in County Kildare. We emphasised the Irish language in the family, Irish-medium education, Irish language opportunities for young people outside of the education system, being able to access a wide range of businesses that provide services in Irish and that a wider range of social, cultural and sporting events will be available in the county through Irish or bilingually.

Community participation

The Language Plan will be launched in April 2024 at a special event in (date and location to be determined).

Members of the public who wish to register their interest in this language plan or who would like to give feedback on this language plan are welcome. This can be done in Irish or English by emailing pleanteanga@cildaralegaelge.ie.

The future of the Irish language depends on people using and promoting it. The planning committee is acutely aware that they do not know everything that individuals and groups in the county are doing. If you do not see your project or action mentioned in this plan please take the opportunity to contact Kildare with Irish so that the opportunity is mentioned in the next version of the plan (pleanteanga@cildaralegaelge.ie). This is the committee's second attempt to create a plan. They have done their best to reach out to as many people as they could.

Since the launch of the first county language plan, a gathering for the Irish language community in the county, Meitheal Chill Dara, has been organised as part of Seachtain na Gaeilge each year. This coming together provides an opportunity for the public to share information and review progress. Information can be found on www.cildaralegaelge.ie

Vision for County Kildare within the timeframe of this plan

1. The people of County Kildare will have opportunities to learn, re-learn and use the Irish language.
2. Service providers in the local authority and the public service will recognise people's right to services through Irish and respect their right by ensuring that people in County Kildare can deal with them in Irish.
3. Within seven years, there will be greater co-operation between people and groups across the county as a whole with the common aim of promoting the Irish language. Cill Dara le Gaeilge and the planning committee recognise that there are many groups and people in County Kildare who have some Irish dealing with and promoting the Irish language. We hope that as this seven-year plan is implemented, we will develop a stronger network that will enable us to support and collaborate.


Key aims for County Kildare

The following key aims have been identified and the direction of this strategy is set to be seen:

- There will be a 3% increase in the number of daily and weekly speakers in the county.
- At least four full-time employees will be employed in County Kildare to promote the Irish language. These people will be employed with the support of organisations such as the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, Foras na Gaeilge and/or Kildare County Council.
- By the end of the seven years at least one area in County Kildare will be recognised as a Language Network Area. There will be an increase **???? %** of numbers attending Irish-medium schools.
- There will be a development plan for Cultúrlann Chill Dara.
- Kildare County Council will employ a full-time Irish Language Officer to promote the Irish language.
- Kildare County Council will promote the availability of its services through Irish.
- The County Council will support groups that provide services and opportunities through Irish in practical ways e.g. by publicising and/or providing venues and grants.
- The Irish language will be more visible in Kildare County Council's social media and digital communications, subject to the conditions of the Official Languages Act (amendment) 2021.
- Organisations throughout the county, such as the GAA and Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, will team up with other branches of their own organisations to organise at least one event per year through Irish.
- Local voluntary organisations will be encouraged to organise events through Irish for their own members.
- www.cilldaralegailge.ie will be the main source of information for Irish language events in the county.
- It will also seek to register Irish language events in County Kildare on www.cilldaralegailge.ie, www.kildare.ie/events, www.intoKildare.ie, Gaelgoer.ie and www.peig.ie.
- There will be an increase of at least 200% in the members registered with the business scheme, Gnó Chill Dara.
- Irish speaking families will have opportunities to come together regularly.
- Teenagers / young people will have opportunities to socialise through Irish more often.




Measures and actions at county level





(All municipal districts will have measures in this document. The table below contains only the measures at county level.)

MEASURE	ACTION/ACTIONS to ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
Status				
At least four full-time persons employed in County Kildare to promote the Irish language.	Cill Dara le Gaeilge will apply to the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to employ a Youth Officer.	Year 1?	CDleG	
	In 2023 Kildare County Council (KCC) secured a budget for the employment of an Irish Language Officer, but at the beginning of December 2023 no one had been appointed yet.	Year 1	CCCD	
At least one area in County Kildare to be recognised as a Language Network Area.	Since 2022, the Naas/Sallins area has been registered at the intermediate stage in the Irish Language Network Development Scheme (SFLG) and Maynooth is registered at primary level. As part of the process to achieve network status a language plan will be written for the area and approved by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.	????		
Irish in the Family				
Raising Awareness of Teaghlaigh Chill Dara	An awareness campaign will be undertaken with naíonraí and Irish-medium primary schools about the brand, Teaghlaigh Chill Dara	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	A campaign will be launched to find young families in the county who have the ability to speak Irish and are willing to make the effort to use Irish as a family language.	Year 2 +		
Continue the 'Tús Maith' scheme to help and support families who wish to use more Irish at home	Classes will be held for parents who already have a little Irish. Classes will be held for parents who have no Irish.	Year 1 +	CDleG	Opp. to speak
	Interactive workshops will be developed for parents.		CDleG	

	The 'Tús Maith' scheme will be reviewed and updated if necessary.	Year 2	CDleG	
	Information on the supports available will be distributed to parents who wish to raise their children through Irish.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
Raise awareness of the benefits of raising children through Irish by providing information to young people from secondary/university degrees onwards	We will work with Maynooth University to develop a workshop for students of the university on the benefits of raising children through Irish.	Year 2	CDleG	
	Ensure that relevant information is available online on www.cilldaralegaelge.ie	Year 1 +	CDleG	
Organising events and activities through Irish for families outside of the school environment	Four trips will be organised each year aimed at families raising children through Irish.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	Parents and toddler / young children groups will be held regularly in conjunction with Teanga Tí, a scheme run by Glór na nGael.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	Regular events will be organised in partnership with the libraries eg. film evenings, a play group.	Year 2 +	CDleG	
Irish in the Community				
The existence of a development plan for Cultúrlann Chill Dara.	A feasibility study, business plan and cultural design will be prepared with the assistance of a professional service provider.	Year 2	CDleG	
	CDleG will work with KCC to secure land in the Naas/Sallins area (language network area) for the cultural centre.	Year 1	CDleG	
Irish in Business				
A minimum of 200% increase in members registered with the business scheme, Gnó Chill Dara.	Stories about what the businesses are doing in the scheme to promote the Irish language will be published in the media on a regular basis.	Year 1 - 7	CDleG	
	Cill Dara le Gaeilge will publicise local businesses with Irish to the public outside the county eg. Oireachtas na Gaeilge.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
Encourage more local businesses to use The Irish language by providing	Businesses that actively promote the Irish language will be publicly recognised.	Year 1 +	CDleG	

information and a support network				
	Continued co-operation will be fostered with Kildare Chamber of Commerce. Presentations will be made to businesses in the Chamber of Commerce to give them an understanding of the scheme.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	The community groups in each municipal district in the county will seek out appropriate businesses for the scheme.			
	Irish language classes / workshops will be held for businesses to help them provide a better service through Irish.	Year 2	CDleG	
	A discount for Gaelchultúr's classes will be provided to members of Gnó Chill Dara	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	Social events will be organised for members of Gnó Chill Dara.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
To encourage customers to support businesses that use Irish, particularly those registered with Gnó Chill Dara and to encourage them to use Irish in their business.	Increase the use of social media, www.cilldaralegailge.ie and local media to raise awareness of the Gnó Chill Dara.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
Encourage Gnó Chill Dara members to gain national recognition through 'Glór na nGael' 'Gradam' scheme	CDleG will support businesses in the following three areas: 1. Signage, 2. Branding and Marketing and 3. Service in Irish	Year 1 +	CDleG	
Irish-medium Education				
Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad (GCMN) to have a permanent building.	In 2022, the Department of Education and Skills committed to building a new building for the GCMN. CDleG will assist in the campaign to acquire the new building.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
The numbers attending Irish-medium schools should increase by ??? %	In addition to the work being done by schools themselves, there will be a schools' recruitment section on the www.cilldaralegailge.ie website along with a link to the schools' website.	Year 1	CDleG	
	Workshops on Irish-medium education will be provided.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	Information on Irish-medium education will be available on the www.cilldaralegailge.ie .	Year 1	CDleG	

	In the event of the appointment of a youth officer, he/she will support the two Gaelcholáistí in the county in relation to the Foróige leadership programme (<i>Leadership for Life</i> – now available in Irish).	Year 2		
	If a youth officer is appointed, he/she will organise a magazine with interesting topics for young people with the Gaelcholáistí - four issues per year.	Year 2		
Irish in English-medium schools	If a youth officer is appointed, he/she will organise a scheme with schools to encourage the use of Irish – 'Irish speaker of the month', for example.	Year 1		
Adults learning Irish	Classes will be provided online and face-to-face and in different locations around the county.	Year 1 +	CDleG and grúpaí áitiúla	
	Conversation circles and Pop-Up Gaeltachtaí will take place regularly around the county.	Year 1 +	CDleG and grúpaí áitiúla	
	CDleG will help publicise Irish language courses that are available to various organisations.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
Community Groups				
The GAA, with branches of their own organisation, will organise at least one event per year through Irish.	CDleG will support the work being done by the Joe McDonagh Foundation (a Glór na nGael scheme), for example by publicising the scheme and assisting with the annual blitz competition.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann will work with branches of their own organisation to organise at least one event per year through Irish.	Representatives from CDleG will meet with CCÉ representatives at least once a year, but more often if the opportunity arises. CDleG will assist in the promotion of the Irish language at Fleadh Cheoil Chill Dara each year.	Year 1 +	CDleG / CCÉ	
Encourage local voluntary organisations to organise events through Irish for their own members.	CDleG will contact these organisations at least once every year to offer support in organising events in Irish.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
To make Irish more visible in some of the community groups around the county.	When they have the means, CDleG will organise a scheme to offer financial support for signage in Irish eg. Scéim Visibility na Gaeilge (Irish Language Visibility Scheme).	Year 1 +	CDleG	

Youth in the Community				
Setting up more youth clubs around the county	Where a Youth Officer is appointed, youth clubs will be established in at least two new areas each year for the first few years.	Year 2		
	Where the Youth Officer is appointed, he/she will organise a radio programme / podcast in partnership with KFM.	Year 2 / 3 +		
	Where a Youth Officer is appointed, he/she will organise workshops for teenagers to develop new skills such as photography or film making.	Year 2		
	Where a Youth Officer is appointed, an open forum for young people will be established in the county and a meeting will be organised at least once a year to discuss matters relevant to them.	Year 3 +		
PUBLIC SERVICES				
Promotion of the Irish language by Kildare County Council	Kildare County Council will employ a full-time Irish Language Officer to promote the Irish language.	Year 1	CCCD	
	If the funding is available, Kildare County Council will support the development of the use of Irish by providing five scholarships to secondary school students to attend summer courses in the Gaeltacht.	Year 1 +	CCCD	
	Subject to funding, Kildare County Council will launch its new scheme, Fáinne, to encourage the use of spoken Irish among primary school pupils in all primary schools in County Kildare.	Year 1 +	CCCD	
	Subject to funding, Irish language classes will be provided to Kildare County Council staff each year.	Year 1 +	CCCD	
	Kildare County Council will promote the availability of its services through Irish.	Year 1 +	CCCD	
	Kildare County Council will support groups that provide services and opportunities through Irish in practical ways e.g. through the provision of publicity, venues, grants.	Year 1 +	CCCD	
	The Irish language will be more visible in social media and in Kildare County Council's digital communications, subject to the	Year 1 +	CCCD	

	conditions of the Official Languages Act (amendment) 2021.			
	KCC will work with CDleG to secure land in the Naas/Sallins area (Irish language network area) for the cultural centre.	Year 1	CCCD / CDleG	
Networking with other Irish language communities				
	A meeting will be organised 2 / 3 times a year with representatives of Irish language groups around the county to share ideas / information.	Cill Dara le Gaeilge	Year 1 +	
Publicity and Awareness				
www.cilldaralegaelge.ie will be the main source of information for Irish language events in the county.	www.cilldaralegaelge.ie site will be developed to provide a common calendar accessible to the main Irish language groups.	Year 1 +		

Success criteria for County Kildare

At the end of the seven years:

1. At least four people will be employed full-time in County Kildare promoting the Irish language.
2. At least one area in County Kildare will be recognised as an Irish Language Network.
3. A regular programme of Irish language and bilingual events will take place in County Kildare libraries.
4. 75% of the key objectives for County Kildare in the above section will be achieved.
5. Kildare County Council will have a full-time Irish Language Officer

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Section 3.1

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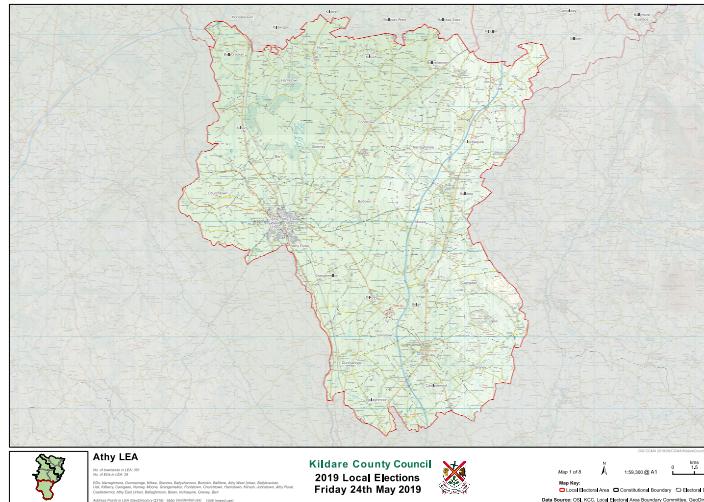
Municipal District



INFORMATION FROM MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS FOR COUNTY KILDARE LANGUAGE PLAN 2024-2030

1. Vision for Athy Municipal District within the timeframe of this plan (2024-2030)).

'Gaeilge Chois Bhearú' is a newly formed group so our vision for the Athy Municipal District relates to the development of the group. Within the timeframe of this plan (2024-2030) we would like a strong Irish language group to be developed in Athy, with officially-elected officials each year so that it is possible to organise Irish language events and classes easily. This work will be built on the development of a strong group of officials to assess and enhance the needs of the language in Athy at all times.



1. Context for the Athy Municipal District.

- A) Information from the census to be entered here
- B)
 1. Wednesday morning conversation circle @ 10:30 – 12:00 in Athy Library
 2. Gaelscoil Átha Í
 3. Various events organised by Gaeilge Chois Bhearú from time to time, such as the walk to Toberara which was organised in June.

2. Key objectives for the Athy Municipal District for the next seven years.

- To make The Irish language more visible in the town's shops and public places
- Increased opportunities to use Irish in the area outside of the education system
- A network and information for parents who wish to raise their children through Irish

3. Key principles for the Athy Municipal District

We have identified the following key principles as important to achieve our core aims:

- Identify and support people who are interested in the language
 - in the learning of Irish
 - in promoting the Irish language at home/work
- Connect with Gaelscoil Átha Í, the local GAA and other local schools and groups to find a wider community with an interest in the language
- To improve the visibility of the Irish language on signage and local media
- Foster a stronger link with Cill Dara le Gaeilge and other Irish language groups in the county
- Evaluate the effectiveness of this plan on an ongoing basis

The 11 areas of action for Athy Municipal District:

- Irish in the Family
 - Providing classes for parents
 - Support people who want to raise/raise their children through Irish
 - Organising bilingual events for families outside of school
- Irish in the Community
 - To support people in the area who have an interest in the Irish language
 - Promoting the Irish language at local festivals and events
- Irish in Business
 - Support and encourage businesses to have Irish language advertisements/materials in their businesses
- Irish-medium Education
 - To foster and support a link with the Gaelscoil
- Irish in English-medium schools
 - Demonstrate the benefits of Irish to secondary school students (there is no Gaelcholáiste in Athy)
 - Information on providing local Irish language events for English-medium schools
- Adults learning Irish
 - Organising Irish language classes for adults
 - Information on the Irish language in Cois Bhearú and spreading the conversation circle
- Community Groups
 - Gaeilge Chois Bhearú will work with community groups who wish to promote the language
- Youth in the Community
 - Use the link between Athy Library and primary/secondary school children in the area and promote the Irish language while they are there

- Raise awareness of the language in Athy GAA
- Connect with youth groups in the area

- Public Services
 - Encouraging people to use public services through Irish

- Networking with Irish Language Communities
 - A visit to a Gaeltacht area will be organised
 - Events will be organised with other Irish language groups in the county where possible

- Publicity and Awareness
 - Events, classes and other news relating to the language will be publicised on local social media pages as well as signage around the town

Measures and actions for the 11 areas

6.1 IRISH IN THE FAMILY

MEASURE	ACTION/ACTIONS to ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORYCATEGORY
Providing classes for parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classes for parents who already have a little Irish Classes for parents who have no Irish 	2-3 bliana	Gaeilge Chois Bhearú/Gaelscoil Átha Í	Opp. to learn
Support people who want to raise/raise their children through Irish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inform parents about online/in-person support groups through Irish Establish a support group for parents whose children are attending Gaelscoil Átha Í 	1-2 bhliain	Gaeilge Chois Bhearú	Opp. to speak
Organising bilingual events for families outside of school	1. Gaeilge Chois Bhearú will organise such events and information will be circulated on social media and through the schools	1-2 bhliain	Gaeilge Chois Bhearú	Opp. to speak/Opp. to learn/Visibility

6.2 IRISH IN THE COMMUNIITY

MEASURE	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
To support people in the area who are interested in the Irish language to start using it	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informing more people about the Gaeilge Chois Bhearú Dissemination of news about the Irish language events and work of Gaeilge Chois Bhearú Provide information on Irish language classes in the area online and around the town (eg. putting posters in the library, shops and sending to local organisations) 	1-2 bhliain	Gaeilge Chos Bhearú	Visibility
Promoting the Irish language at local festivals and events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irish language groups will be organised to attend these events 	1-5 bliana	Gaeilge Chois Bhearú	Visibility/Opp. to speak

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In all cases, Gaeilge Chois Bhearú will speak to the organisers of the event to discuss opportunities for the Irish language 			
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6.3 IRISH IN BUSINESS

MEASURE	ACTION/ACTIONS to ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	OWNEROWNER
Encourage businesses to have Irish language advertisements/materials in their businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To inform local businesses about Irish language business schemes eg. Gnó Chill Dara 	1-2 bhliain	Gaeilge Chois Bhearú/CDIeG	Visibility/Opp. to speak

6.4 IRISH-MEDIUM EDUCATION

MEASURE	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
To foster and support a link with the Gaelscoil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informing the Gaelscoil about the Irish language events of Chois Bhearú The Gaelscoil will be asked to circulate news to Gaeilge Chois Bhearú regarding suitable events they will be organising 	0-1 bhliain amháin	Gaeilge Chois Bhearú/Gaelscoil Átha Í	Visibility/Opp. to speak

6.5 IRISH IN ENGLISH-MEDIUM SCHOOLS

MEASURE	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORYCATEGORY
Demonstrate the benefits of Irish to secondary school students (there is no Gaelcholáiste in Athy)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organise a workshop(a) with all secondary schools in the area to discuss careers and opportunities with Irish 	3-5 bliana	Gaeilge Chois Bhearú	Opp. to learn/Visibility
Information on providing local Irish language events for English-medium schools	1. Create a newsletter regarding the work of Gaeilge Chois Bhearú and send of to every school in the area from time to time	1-2 bhliain	Gaeilge Chois Bhearú	Visibility

6.6 ADULTS LEARNING IRISH

MEASURE	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
Organising Irish language classes for adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classes for adults who already have a little Irish Classes for adults with no Irish 	2-3 bliana	Gaeilge Chois Bhearú	Opp. to learn
Information about Gaeilge Cois Bhearú and spreading the conversation circle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information on the Irish language events of Gaeilge Chois Bhearú and the conversation circle will be posted on local social media pages on many occasions, and posters will also be erected in the town 	0-1 bhliain amháin	Gaeilge Chois Bhearú	Visibility

6.7 COMMUNITY GROUPS

MEASURE	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
Gaeilge Chois Bhearú will work with community groups who wish to promote the language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For example, Athy GAA, youth groups, Men's Shed, Women's Shed, and more. Meetings will be organised with them at least once a year to discuss Irish language opportunities, or to organise special Irish language events 	1-3 bliana	Gaeilge Chois Bhearú	Visibility/Opp. to speak/Opp. to learn

6.8 YOUTH IN THE COMMUNITY

MEASURE	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
Use the link between Athy Library and primary/secondary school children in the area and promote the Irish language while they are there	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary school children – organise a reading session or event through Irish once a month/quarter depending on how often they are in the library Secondary school children – organise an Irish language session based on different abilities to improve their speaking, reading & writing skills 	2-5 bliana	Leabharlann Átha Í/Gaeilge Chois Bhearú	Opp. to learn/Visibility

Raise awareness of the language in Athy GAA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular meetings will be organised with Athy GAA to discuss Irish language opportunities and to organise special events, such as training through Irish 	1-5 bliana	Gaeilge Chois Bhearú	Visibility/Opp. to speak
Connect with youth groups in the area	1. Gaeilge Chois Bhearú will engage with youth groups in the area to discuss Irish language opportunities with them	1-5 bliana	Gaeilge Chois Bhearú	Visibility/Opp. to speak

6.9 PUBLIC SERVICES

MEASURE	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
Encouraging people to use public services through Irish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gaeilge Chois Bhearú will be available to support anyone wishing to avail of public services through Irish Gaeilge Chois Bhearú will retain information on language rights so that this information can be easily given to people 	1-2 bhliain	Gaeilge Chois Bhearú	Opp. to speak/Visibility

6.10 NETWORKING WITH OTHER IRISH LANGUAGE COMMUNITIES

MEASURE	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
A visit to a Gaeltacht area will be organised	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gaeilge Chois Bhearú will organise at least one annual visit to a Gaeltacht area Information on the trip will be disseminated throughout the town 	1-2 bhliain	Gaeilge Chois Bhearú	Opp. to speak
Gaeilge Chois Bhearú will organise at least one annual visit to a Gaeltacht area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gaeilge Chois Bhearú will engage with other Irish language groups in County Kildare and events will be organised with them at least once a year 	1-2 bhliain	Gaeilge Chois Bhearú	Opp. to speak

6.11 PUBLICITY AND AWARENESS

MEASURE	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
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<p>Events, classes and other news relating to the language will be publicised on local social media pages as well as signage around the town</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gaeilge Chois Bhearú will create an email address and social media pages (Facebook, Instagram & Twitter) to spread news • The pages will be updated regularly • A special newsletter will be created and sent out at least once a year 	<p>1-2 bhliain</p>	<p>Gaeilge Chois Bhearú</p>	<p>Visibility</p>
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7. Implementation of the Language Plan for Athy Municipal District

What are the success criteria for Athy Municipal District?

This section of the language plan is coordinated by the Irish language group GaeilgChois Bhearú.

The plan will include:

1. Forming a permanent committee for the Gaeilge Cois Bhearú and electing officers
2. Gaeilge Chois Bhearú is a brand new group, so we tried to set ambitious but realistic targets as well. Our main goal is for a permanent group to advocate for the Irish language in Athy and that the language will be more visible at home as a result. If we achieve 50% of the targets in the plan, we will ensure that it has been successful.

Roinn 3.2

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Chill Dara/An Droichead Nua

Section 3.2

Kildare/Newbridge

Municipal District



INFORMATION FROM MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS FOR COUNTY KILDARE LANGUAGE PLAN 2024-2030

2. Vision for Kildare / Newbridge Municipal District within the timeframe of this plan (2024-2030).

The promotion of the Irish language in the municipal district will be achieved by creating more opportunities to speak Irish, by improving the standard of signage through Irish and by increasing the use of Irish among businesses and community organisations. Irish language events will continue in Kildare Town, Newbridge and Kilcullen and regular events will commence in other urban areas such as Monastereigh and Rathangan.

2 Context for Kildare / Newbridge Municipal District.

Opportunities already available

Monday Coffee – Kildare Town, weekly

Wednesday Lunch – Newbridge, weekly

Pop-up Gaeltacht of the month – Newbridge, monthly

Saturday Breakfast – Kilcullen – monthly

Card games in Irish – monthly

Brigid's Gaeltacht Pop-up, annual

3. Key aims for Kildare / Newbridge Municipal District for the next seven years.

Provide regular opportunities to speak Irish in the five major towns of Newbridge, Kildare Town, Kilcullen, Monasterenagh and Rathangan.
To improve standards of signage in Irish by monitoring and making recommendations to the authorities.
Use concerts and sessions as tools to promote the Irish language

4. Foundations for the Kildare / Newbridge Municipal District.

That Irish be visible and heard in the community around the area.
To create and increase opportunities to speak Irish in the area.
Establish a permanent centre for Glór an Curraigh in the area.
Create links with institutions and organisations involved in the Irish language in the area.
To support people in the community who wish to speak and learn more Irish.

The 11 areas of activity for Kildare / Newbridge Municipal District:

- **Irish in the Family**
 - Provide live lessons for parents.
 - Create links between families who want to raise their children through Irish.
 - To promote the Irish language in sports clubs and other organisations where teenagers take part.
 - Create a group of parents and children.

- **Irish in the Community.**
 - The primary goal is to make Irish visible and heard regularly in the community.
 - Create and maintain regular events in Irish. (Conversation circles, Pop-Up Gaeltachtaí etc.)
 - Create links between events such as music sessions and history walks.
 - Organise card games in Irish.
 - To support religious services in Irish.
 - Create and present plays in Irish.
 - Organise book clubs through Irish.
 - Organise trips to Gaeltacht areas and other community groups active in the Irish language.
 - irish on local radio.

- **Irish in Business.**
 - To have more Irish to see and hear in the businesses of the area.
 - To disseminate information about Irish and business.
 - Provide a scheme of assistance to businesses to provide services through Irish e.g. labels, signage,
 - Advise businesses on translation and spelling.

- **Irish-medium Education**
 - Language assistants in schools, to help with the reading and speaking of Irish.

- **Irish in English-medium schools**
 - Teaching other subjects through Irish in primary schools.

- Cancellation of time reduction.
- **Adults learning Irish**
 - Share information about classes that are available live and online.
 - Organise a book club or film club in the library or bookshop.
 - An increase in the use of Irish between us.
 - The number of people in The Curragh Valley grew so that there would be a mix of standards in the group.
 - To give people with rusty Irish opportunities to raise their confidence.
 - Analyze pros/cons, live/virtual classes.
- **Community Groups**
 - Increase in the number of Irish language officers.
 - Irish language events linked to the major events in the community e.g. Derby, St Brigid's Day, June Fest.
 - Asking for two languages in public signage.
- **Youth in the Community**
 - Establish a youth club for young Irish speakers.
 - Presenting a badge to young people.
 - Irish in sports clubs
 - Organise events through Irish for young people,
- **Public Services**
 - Monitoring compliance with the Official Languages Act in the area.
 - Service through Irish sought from Public Services.
- **Networking With other Irish Language Communities**
 - Organisation of joint proceedings.
 - Invitations to other groups to participate in events
- **Publicity and Awareness**
 - Use of local social and traditional media.

- Publicity through local businesses and organisations

6 Measures and actions for the 11 areas

6.1 IRISH IN THE FAMILY

MEASURE	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
Providing classes for parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classes for parents who already have a little Irish • Classes for parents who have no Irish 	1-2 bhliain	Glór an Churraigh	Opp. to speak
Connect families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create links between families who want to raise their children through Irish. 	Year 2-Year 3	Glór an Churraigh	Opp. to speak.
Talking opportunities for teenagers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To promote the Irish language in sports clubs and other organisations where teenagers take part. 	Year 2- Year 5	Na cumainn spóirt sa cheantar	Opp. to speak
Creating parents and toddlers groups.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create parents and toddler groups in the towns of the area. 	Year 1- Year 7	Glór an Churraigh and grúpaí thuismitheoirí.	Opp. to speak.

6.2 IRISH IN THE COMMUNITY

MEASURE	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
Irish Language Events.	Create and maintain regular events in Irish. (Conversation circles, Pop-Up Gaeltachtaí etc.)	Year 1	Glór an Churraigh	Opp. to speak
Links to other events.	Create links between events such as music sessions and history walks.	Year 1- Year 3	Glór an Churraigh	Opp. to speak
Card games	Organise card games in Irish in various Pubs	Year 1- Year 3	Glór an Churraigh	Opp. to speak
Religious services	To support religious services in Irish.	Year 1- Year 7	Glór an Churraigh, Na húdaráis reiligiúnacha	Opp. to speak

Drama	Create and present plays in Irish.	Year 1- Year 5	Glór an Churraigh, Eagraíochtaí drámaíochta	Opp. to speak, Visibility
Book clubs	Organise book clubs through Irish in the towns of the area.	Year 1- Year 5	Glór an Churraigh, Leabharlanna	Opp. to speak and foghlamtha
Links with Gaeltacht areas	Organise trips to Gaeltacht areas and other community groups active in the Irish language.	Year 1- Year 7	Glór an Churraigh	Opp. to speak and foghlamtha
Gaeilge ar raidio áitiúil	To put pressure on local radio to broadcast more content in Irish.	Year 4- Year 7	Glór an Churraigh, Na heagraíochtaí Gaeilge sa chontae.	Opp. to speak, Visibility

6.3 IRISH IN BUSINESS

MEASURE	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
Information for businesses	To disseminate information about the Irish language and business scheme, Gnó Chill Dara.	Year 1- Year 7	Glór an Churraigh	Visibility
Provide support	To assist businesses in providing services through Irish e.g. labels, signage, Irish lessons for staff	Year 3- Year 7	Glór an Churraigh	Visibility
Advice to businesses.	Provide advice to businesses on translation and spelling and to help them register as an Irish language business.	Year 1- Year 7	Glór an Churraigh	Opp. to learn, feileálacht

6.4 IRISH-MEDIUM EDUCATION

MEASURE	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
Language assistants in schools	Organise a campaign to recruit language assistants in schools, to help with the reading and speaking of Irish with the aim of making Irish spoken as the language of the school.	Year 2- Year 7	Glór an Churraigh	Opp. to learn

6.5 IRISH IN ENGLISH-MEDIUM SCHOOLS

MEASURE	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
Cancellation of time reduction	Organise a campaign calling for the decision to reverse the decision to reduce Irish teaching time by half an hour	Year 1- Year 2	Glór an Churraigh, Grúpaí pobail	Opp. to learn

6.6 ADULTS LEARNING IRISH

MEASURE	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
Publicity about classes	Share information about classes that are available live and online.	Year 1- Year 7	Glór an Churraigh	Opp. to learn
Book and film club	Organise a book club and a film club in the library or bookshop.	Year 1- Year 2	Glór an Churraigh An leabharlann	Opp. to speak.
Increase the number of people speaking Irish	Increase the number of people in Glór an Churraigh by 100%.	Year 1- Year 7	Glór an Churraigh	Opp. to speak.
Opportunities for people with 'rusty' Irish.	To give people whose Irish is 'rusty' opportunities to raise their confidence.	Year 1- Year 7	Glór an Churraigh	Opp. to speak.

6.7 COMMUNITY GROUPS

MEASURE	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
Increase in the number of Irish language officers	To recruit an Irish language officer in each municipal district.	Year 1- Year 7	An Chomhairle Chontae.	Opp. to speak and Visibility
Public Signage.	Help organisations in the community implement bilingual advertising	Year 1- Year 7	Glór an Churraigh	Visibility
The Irish language and major community events	Irish language events linked to the major events in the community e.g. Derby, St Brigid's Day, June Fest.	Year 1- Year 7	Glór an Churraigh	Visibility Opp. to speak

6.8 YOUTH IN THE COMMUNITY

MEASURE	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
Setting up a youth club	Set up a Youth Club for young Irish speakers, Create events for young people/teenagers outside of school.	Year 3- Year 7	Glór an Churraigh.	Opp. to learn and speak.
Presenting a badge.	Presenting a badge to young people with Irish	Year 3- Year 7	Eagraíochtaí ag plé le Gaeilge sa cheantair.	Visibility
Irish in sports clubs	Organise training sessions in sports clubs through Irish such as Cúl Campa, e.g. a bone club through Irish	Year 3- Year 7	Cumainn Spóirt and Glór an Churraigh	Opp. to speak, Visibility.
Organising events through Irish for young people.	Film and Plays through Irish. Hip-hop dance club, ballet and all.	Year 4 – Year 7	Cumainn spóirt, Glór an Churraigh	Opp. to speak, Visibility

6.9 PUBLIC SERVICES

MEASURE	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
Monitoring the implementation of the Official Languages Act and Irish language policies.	Monitor compliance with the Official Languages Act in the area and address the authorities if necessary.	Year 1- Year 7	Glór an Churraigh	Visibility
Services through Irish	Seeking service through Irish from Public Services and private bodies.	Year 2- Year 7	Glór an Churraigh	Visibility

6.10 NETWORKING WITH IRISH LANGUAGE COMMUNITIES

MEASURE	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
Joint event	Organise joint events with Irish language community groups.	Year 1- Year 7	Glór an Churraigh and Grúpaí pobail Gaeilge	Opp. to speak
Invitations to attend events	Invitations to other groups to participate in events in the area	Year 1- Year 7	Glór an Churraigh and Grúpaí pobail Gaeilge	Opp. to speak

6.11 PUBLICITY AND AWARENESS

MEASURE	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
Media usage	Úsáid a bhaint as na meáin shóisialta and na meáin traidisiúnta áitiúla chun eolas a scaipeadh ar fud an cheantair.	Year 1- Year 7	Glór an Churraigh	Opp. to speak. Visibility
Publicity through local businesses and organisations	To disseminate information about the Irish language through businesses and community organisations.	Year 1- Year 7	Glór an Churraigh	Opp. to speak. Visibility

7. Implementation of the Language Plan for Kildare / Newbridge Municipal District

What are the success criteria for the Kildare / Newbridge Municipal District?

<p>Increase in the number of Irish language events in the area.</p> <p>An increase in the amount of Irish and bilingual signage in each town in the area.</p> <p>Increase in the percentage of daily speakers in the area in the next census.</p>

Roinn 3.3

Ceantar Bardasach

Chill Droichid/Léim an Bhradáin

Section 3.3

Celbridge/Leixlip

Municipal District



INFORMATION FROM MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS FOR COUNTY KILDARE LANGUAGE PLAN 2024-2030

1. Vision for Celbridge / Leixlip Municipal District within the timeframe of this plan (2024-2030).

The vision of the Irish language committee, Ghaeilge an Bhradáin, is to strengthen the Irish language in the area and to provide local people with the opportunity to use their Irish in an enjoyable, informal way.

2. Comhthéacs do cheantar bardasach Chill Droichid / Léim an Bhradáin.

Information from the census and a map of the municipal district to be entered here.

3. Key aims for the Celbridge / Leixlip Municipal District for the next seven years.

Organise Irish-language events every quarter for local people and a wide range of age groups with to give them a chance to use Irish in a relaxed and enjoyable way.

Bring together groups and organisations who wish to promote the Irish language to support each other and strengthen the Irish language in the area.

The availability of events/ services in Irish for local people.

Irish to be the language of communication in the area for those who wish to use it.

4. Foundations for Celbridge / Leixlip Municipal District.

Local people to be aware of Irish in the area.

Enjoyable events through the medium of Irish available to local people who wish to use their Irish on a regular basis.

The existence of an Irish Language Committee to promote the Irish language in the area.

To provide fun events for the children in the area to give them a chance to use their Irish.

Provide social events for all age groups to bring together people who wish to hear and use Irish

5. The 11 areas of activity for Celbridge / Leixlip Municipal District:

- Irish in the family
 - Family events through the medium of Irish

- Irish in the Community
 - Social events for people who wish to use their Irish

- Irish in Business
 - Connect with businesses who wish to promote the Irish language in the area.

- Irish-medium education
 - Link with the Irish-medium school in the area to organise events outside of school time for students in the area to put an Irish language experience outside of the classroom.

- Irish in English-medium schools
 - Linking with schools in the area to support them in the promotion of the Irish language.

- Adults learning Irish
 - Provide regular events for adults who wish to use their Irish.
 - To give adults the opportunity to improve and provide their Irish at home.

- Community Groups
 - Connect with community groups that wish to promote the Irish language.
- Youth in the Community
 - To provide enjoyable events for the youth of the area to have an Irish language experience outside of the classroom.
- Public services
 - To support local businesses that wish to promote the Irish language.
- Networking with Irish language communities
 - Link with other groups and provide opportunities to use Irish.
- Publicity and awareness
 - Irish to be seen around the area
 - Events through the medium of Irish are available and advertised in the area on a quarterly basis.

6 Measures and actions for the 11 areas

6.1 IRISH IN THE FAMILY

MEASURE	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
Providing classes for parents	Classes for parents who already have a little Irish Classes for parents who have no Irish	1-2 bhliain	Gaeilge an Bhradáin	Opp. to speak
To provide an opportunity for adults who wish to use their Irish.	Organise a conversation corner of the local GAA on a monthly basis where people can meet and use their Irish.	monthly	Gaeilge an Bhradáin	Opp. to speak
Organise a "Play Day" on an annual basis to provide Irish language events for local people.	Organise a "Play Day" on an annual basis to provide Irish language events for local people.	Bliantúil	Gaeilge an Bhradáin	Opp. to speak
"Irish Walk"	To bring families together socially to give them a chance to speak and to meet new people who wish to use Irish.	Bliantúil	Gaeilge na Bhradáin	Opp. to speak/sóisialta

6.2 IRISH IN THE COMMUNITY

MEASURE	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
Social events for people who wish to use their Irish	Events, for example. Organise a Pop-up Gaeltacht at Christmas time to give people the opportunity to come together and use Irish in an informal way.	Bliantúil		

6.3 IRISH IN BUSINESS

MEASURE	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
Connect with businesses who wish to promote the Irish language in the area.				

6.4 IRISH-MEDIUM EDUCATION

MEASURE	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
Link with the Irish-medium school in the area to organise events outside of school time for students in the area to put an Irish language experience outside of the classroom.				

6.5 IRISH IN ENGLISH-MEDIUM SCHOOLS

MEASURE	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
Link with the schools in the area to support them in the promotion of the Irish language.				

6.6 ADULTS LEARNING IRISH

MEASURE	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
	Provide regular events for adults who wish to use their Irish.			
	To give adults the opportunity to improve and provide their Irish at home.			

6.7 COMMUNITY GROUPS

MEASURE	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
Connect with groups of communities who wish to promote the Irish language.				

6.8 YOUTH IN THE COMMUNITY

MEASURE	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
To provide enjoyable events for the youth of the area to have an Irish language experience outside of the classroom.				

6.9 PUBLIC SERVICES

MEASURE	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
To support local businesses who wish to promote the Irish language.				

6.10 NETWORKING WITH IRISH LANGUAGE COMMUNITIES

MEASURE	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
Link with other groups and provide opportunities to use Irish.				

6.11 PUBLICITY AND AWARENESS

MEASURE	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
	An Ghaeilge a bheith le feiceáil thart timpeall an cheantair			
	Events through the medium of Irish are available and advertised in the area on a quarterly basis.			

7. Implementation of the Language Plan for Celbridge / Leixlip Muncial District

What are the success criteria for the Celbridge / Leixlip municipal district?

Roinn 3.4

Ceantar Bardasach

Mhaigh Nuad

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Maynooth
Municipal District



Information to come on Maynooth Municipal District....

Roinn 3.5

Ceantar Bardasach

Nás na Ríogh

Section 3.5

Naas

Municipal District



Naas Municipal District

1. Vision for Naas Municipal District

Within a seven year period it will be possible for people to do some business and some recreation weekly through Irish in the municipal district.

2. Context and background to Naas Municipal District.

Census figures provide an overview of the context. (Illustrations to go here after Christmas)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE IRISH LANGUAGE IN THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NAAS TODAY

1. Gaelscoil Nás na Ríogh was founded in 2002 and enrolled 410 pupils in September 2023. Gael-Choláiste Chill Dara is now based in Naas and 389 students were enrolled in September 2023. As such, over 800 young people are receiving their education through Irish in Naas Municipal District.
1. English and Irish medium schools have opportunities to take part in local Irish language events such as writing, art, short film competitions organised during Seachtain na Gaeilge.
1. Sult na Sollán, based in Sallins, is registered as a branch of Conradh na Gaeilge and is active in the promotion of the Irish language.
1. There is a regular gathering in Naas at three Irish language youth clubs – Óg Ógras (?????? members in September 2023), Ógras (23 registered members in September 2023) and Cumann na bhFiann (??????? registered members in September 2023). All clubs welcome new members.
1. In September 2023, in the Naas Municipal District, ???????? a registered member of Gnó Chill Dara, the scheme which promotes business through Irish.

1. Sult na Sollán (in Aroma Mocha coffee shop), Naas Library and Women's Shed hold weekly conversation circles in Naas. There is also a regular conversation circle in Insomnia (coffee in Naas)
1. Glór na Ríogh continues to facilitate camps throughout Easter and at the beginning of the summer in Gaelscoil Nás na Ríogh and are open to all.
1. Coláiste Naomh Eoin runs two two week summer courses for primary and secondary school students in Piper's Hill College in Naas each year.
1. Kildare Libraries, Cill Dara le Gaeilge and Piper's Hill College run Irish language courses for adults.
1. Féile na Sollán is an annual bilingual festival organised in Sallins which celebrates all aspects of Irish culture.
1. Seachtain na Gaeilge (SnaG) has an ongoing programme for Seachtain na Gaeilge (SnaG) in the Naas/Sallins area. A dedicated committee was established to promote SnaG locally in 2017 and county competitions are now organised.
1. An Irish-medium festival, Féile Sráide, has taken place annually in Naas on St. Patrick's Day since 2022.

Key objectives for the Naas Municipal District for the next seven years.

The following key aims were identified and shaped the direction of this strategy:

1. Naas/Sallins will be recognised as an Irish Language Network (Olrtheair Life Network).
2. A seven year language plan will be published aimed at the Naas/Sallins area – the network area.
3. Census 2027 will see a 5% increase in the number of daily and weekly Irish speakers compared to Census 2022.
4. At least one other person will be hired in the Naas/Sallins area to promote the Irish language.
5. There will be a development plan for Cultúrlann Chill Dara.

Foundations for Naas Municipal District. This is a list of what the municipal district wants to be at the heart of the Irish language strategy for the area in order to achieve the main aims mentioned above.

We have identified the following foundations as important to achieving our core aims:

1. Find and support people who wish to start or continue to have Irish as their main home language.
2. To develop a strong and sustainable relationship between Irish language educational institutions and the local Irish language community.
3. Connect with Gaeltacht communities and bring the richness of the Gaeltacht into our area.
4. Connect with at least one other Irish Language Network.
5. To provide educational opportunities at all levels for learners of Irish.
6. Encourage young Irish speakers to hold events.
7. To attract a wider community to the Irish language and to engage them as much as possible; we aim to promote the Irish language and culture in everyday life.
8. Build an effective and mutually beneficial relationship with national organisations that promote the Irish language.
9. To improve the visibility of Irish on public signage, other signage and in the media.
10. Review the success/effectiveness of this plan on an ongoing basis, including at least one public consultation per annum.
11. To promote the Naas/Sallins area as an attractive place to raise a family through Irish.

The 11 areas of activity:

5.1 Irish in the family

- More families will be raising children through Irish in the area
- Family events and activities to be organised through Irish outside of the school environment
- The promotion of Irish language support services as well as information on books/games/clothing etc.
- Raise awareness of the benefits of raising children through Irish by providing information to parents as soon as possible
- To assist in publicising the 'Tús Maith' scheme, a support scheme for families, operating at county level
- The possibility of establishing microGhaeltacht (a small housing community for Irish speakers) in Naas / Sallins will be investigated

5.2 Irish in the community

- The public will have regular opportunities to speak Irish
- To make the Irish language more visible in the area
- To develop co-operation with Kildare County Council to ensure that Irish is available on all public signage and that it is in line with the provisions of the Official Languages Act (amended) 2021
- There will be a clear space for newcomers to the Irish language
- One major cultural event will be held each year
- A development plan for Cultúrlann Chill Dara.

5.3 Irish in Business

- The promotion of the Cill Dara le Gaeilge business scheme (Gnó Chill Dara)
- To encourage more local businesses to use Irish by providing information and a support network
- Customers to be encouraged to support businesses that use Irish, particularly those registered with the business scheme
- Local businesses to be aware of national supportive schemes
- The promotion of the Naas Municipal District as an attractive place to do business through Irish.

5.4 Irish-medium education

- Support the existing Gaelscoil and Gaelcholáiste
- Support the establishment of a naíonra in the local area
- Support the establishment of another Gaelscoil in the area.

5.5 irish in english-medium schools

- To facilitate links between Irish-medium and English-medium schools.
- Information on local Irish language events for English medium schools to be provided.
- To encourage the use of Irish outside of the classroom.

5.6 Adults learning Irish

- Classes to be provided at a reasonable cost to learners at various levels, including those without any Irish
- Events for newcomers to the country
- To promote existing local opportunities to learn Irish
- Promote local conversation circles as a way of achieving fluency and meeting others with similar interests
- The provision of a range of activities through the medium of Irish
- To foster a practical / clear link between learning and using Irish
- Raise awareness of resources for learners
- Information on residential/business opportunities in the Gaeltacht will be disseminated and that our relationship with those who provide them will be further developed
- The creation of a support network for Irish language learners.

5.7 Community Groups

- Support to be given to community groups seeking to promote the Irish language
- Support to be given to community groups wishing to hold Irish language events
- That research be carried out on the most common pastimes and that an effort will be made to provide one or two of those pastimes regularly in Irish
- To facilitate groups interested in promoting the language to share resources and ideas
- To encourage the use and visibility of the Irish language in the GAA clubs in the municipal district in conjunction with the Glór na nGael scheme – the Joe McDonagh Foundation

5.8 Youth in the Community

- More young people to take an active part in the Irish language community
- Leadership roles for teenagers / young adults in Irish language community life
- The link between students, former students of Gael-Choláiste Chill Dara and the wider community will be strengthened
- That more fun Irish language facilities will be available for young people outside of the education system, m.sh. games
- Summer camp(s) to be organised for primary school pupils
- The establishment of youth clubs for primary and secondary school students
- Competitions for secondary school students to be organised
- To make Irish more visible in places where young people go regularly.

5.9 Public services

- To work in conjunction with local public services to ensure that all their services are available in Irish
- People to be encouraged to avail of public services in Irish
- That there will be opportunities in Naas Library to use the Irish language regularly

5.10 Networking with other Irish language communities

- At least one overnight visit to a Gaeltacht area will be organised
- At least one overnight visit to an Irish Language Network / network content will be organised
- Gaeltacht community group to be invited to visit Naas/Sallins area
- A community from Lónra Gaeilge will be invited to visit the Naas/Sallins area.



5.11 Publicity and Awareness

- A co-ordinated approach between groups running Irish language activities and events will be used to ensure that they receive increased publicity
- A wide range of forums will be used to publicise events to ensure that as many people as possible see them
- That relationships be developed between local Irish language organisations and all local schools so that students and parents are aware of Irish language matters in the area.

6 Measures and actions for the 11 areas

6.1 IRISH IN THE FAMILY

We will support the county goals as well as the goals set out below.

MEASURE from 5.1	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
More families will be raising children through Irish in the area	A campaign will be launched to find young families in the county who have competence in Irish and are willing to try to turn Irish into a family language.	Year 2 +		
Family events and activities to be organised through Irish outside of the school environment	A group of parents and children will be held regularly in conjunction with Teanga Tí, a scheme run by Glór na nGael.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	Reading sessions for young children will continue every fortnight in conjunction with Naas Library.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	Social events will take place eg. film night, a show by Tadhg Mac Dhonnagáin, Sadhbh Rosenstock.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	Where a Youth Officer is appointed, a Family Day (a day of workshops and family events) will be planned and held in the area.	Year 1 +		
The promotion of Irish language support services as well as information on books/games/clothing etc.	Our existing resources will be expanded and a service will be developed so that we can make them available to families. A list of resources will be made available at www.cilldaralegailge.ie .	Year 1 +	CDleG	
Raise awareness of the benefits of raising children through Irish by providing information to parents as soon as possible	A workshop will be organised for Transition Year students in Gael-Choláiste Chill Dara about the benefits of raising children through Irish.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	A full Transition Year module on the benefits of raising a family through Irish will be designed and delivered.	Year 1 +	GCCD	
To assist in publicising the 'Tús Maith' scheme, a support scheme for families, operating at county	A free event will be organised for parents and prospective parents about raising children through Irish and the benefits of	Year 1 +	CDleG	

level	bilingualism.			
The possibility of establishing microGhaeltacht (a small housing community for Irish speakers) in Naas / Sallins will be investigated	A survey will be organised to understand public interest in the concept of micro-Irishness in the area. If there is a lot of interest, they will help them get to know each other and take the next steps.	Year 1 - 7	CDleG	

6.2 IRISH IN THE COMMUNITY

We will support the county goals as well as the goals set out below.

MEASURE 6 5.2	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
The public will have regular opportunities to speak Irish	The weekly conversation circles taking place in the area will continue.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	There will be a monthly Pop-up Gaeltacht in the area.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	Additional social opportunities will be created. For example, 5 aside soccer through Irish, card games for adults etc.	Year 2 +	CDleG	
To make the Irish language more visible in the area	We will continue to engage with Kildare County Council / Creative Ireland to ensure wider use of the Irish language at publicly funded festivals.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	Where possible, local event organisers will be contacted to ensure that Irish is used in: 1. Publicity material, 2. The events themselves.	Year 2 +	CDleG	
	Local event organisers will be assisted in identifying areas where Irish can be used and will be provided with appropriate support.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	Notices for events will be placed in public places, eg. shops and library and online.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	Meetings will be held in Áras Chill Dara in the middle of the day so that Kildare county councillors and employees are aware that Irish is used as the language of communication for many people.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	From time to time, CDleG will have a pop-up shop or exhibition in a prominent location in the town centre.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
To develop co-operation with	Public signage in the district will continue to be reviewed. In any	Year 1 +	CDleG	

Kildare County Council to ensure that Irish is available on all public signage and that it is in line with the provisions of the Official Languages Act (amendment) 2021	case where there is non-compliance with the Official Languages (Amendment) Act 2021, Kildare County Council will be contacted and, if necessary, The Language Commissioner.			
There will be a clear space for newcomers to the Irish language	Bilingual events will be organised from time to time to celebrate the Irish and other cultures in one event.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	Classes will be provided for newcomers to the country provided funding is available.	Year 1 +		
One major cultural event will be held each year	A concert or other cultural event will be organised in a larger location eg. the Moat Theatre.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
A development plan for Cultúrlann Chill Dara.	With the help of professional service providers, a feasibility study, a business plan and design will be prepared for the cultúrlann.†	Year 2 ?	CDleG	
	CDleG will work with KCC to secure land in Naas/ Sallins (network area) for the cultural centre.	Year 1 +	CDleG	

6.3 IRISH IN BUSINESS

We will support the county goals as well as the goals set out below.

MEASURE from 5.3	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
The promotion of the Cill Dara le Gaeilge business scheme (Gnó Chill Dara)	Two new businesses in the municipal district will be added each year to the business scheme, Gnó Chill Dara.	Year 1 - 7	CDleG	
	Classes / workshops focused on the language of business will be provided for businesses.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	A survey will be held with local businesses about the support they need.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	A pop-up shop with Irish-language goods will be organised from time to time.	Year 2 +	CDleG	
	'Random Facts' about Gnó Chill Dara businesses will be on www.cilldaralegaeilge.ie .	Year 1 +	CDleG	
To encourage more local businesses to use Irish by providing information and a support network	A survey will be held with local shops about the amount of Irish employees have.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	A campaign will be organised during Seachtain na Gaeilge to increase the use of Irish in local shops.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	Basic phrases to serve customers will be offered to the local shops.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
Customers to be encouraged to support businesses that use Irish, particularly those registered with the business scheme	Local schools will be visited at least once a year to explain the business scheme, Gnó Chill Dara, and to organise and promote competitions for customers who use Irish.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
Local businesses to be aware of national support schemes	CDleG will publicise the 'Gnó Means Business' scheme (Foras na Gaeilge) and the 'Gradaim' (Glór na nGael) scheme.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
That Naas Municipal District be promoted as an attractive place to do business through Irish.	?????????			


6.4 IRISH-MEDIUM EDUCATION

We will support the county goals as well as the goals set out below.

MEASURE 6 5.4	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
Support for the existing Gaelscoil and Gaelcholáiste	Links to the websites of Gaelscoil Nás na Ríogh and Gael-Choláiste Chill Dara (GCCD) will be www.cilldaralegaelge.ie .	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	Irish-medium schools will be kept informed of Irish language events taking place in the area	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	The relationship with the Gaelscoil and Gaelcholáiste will be strengthened by visiting classes and organising and promoting competitions.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	GCCD students will be given the opportunity to take a leadership role during Seachtain na Gaeilge, Féile Sráide (street festival) etc.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	Students in GCCD will be supported in their roles as journalists in the magazine which will be published in partnership with Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad (GCMN).	Year 2 +	CDleG	
	Publicity will be assisted when Irish-medium schools have a job to fill – by publishing the vacancy on the www.cilldaralegaelge.ie etc.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	Any suitable scheme will be used to assist Gaelscoileanna with regard to language matters, such as the language assistants scheme under the responsibility of Glór na nGael.	Year 1 - 7	CDleG	
	Cultural events will be organised in partnership with Irish-medium schools – for example, organising a visit to schools by traditional musicians throughout the day.	Year 2 +	CDleG	
Support the establishment of a naíonra in the local area	A network dedicated to establishing a new naíonra will be established in the Naas/ Sallins area. (An email can be sent to eolas@cilldaralegaelge.ie to show an interest in this project).	Year 2 +	CDleG	
	The planning process for the establishment of a new naíonra will commence.	Year 2 +	CDleG	
Support the establishment of a new Gaelscoil in the surrounding area	A new network dedicated to establishing a new Gaelscoil will be built in the Sallins/Clane area (An email can be sent to eolas@cilldaralegaelge.ie to express an interest in this project).	Year 1 - 7	CDleG	

	The planning process for the establishment of a new Gaelscoil will begin.	Year 1 - 7	CDleG	
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6.5 IRISH IN ENGLISH-MEDIUM SCHOOLS

MEASURE 6 5.5	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
To facilitate links between Irish-medium and English-medium schools	Relationships between Irish-medium and English-medium schools will be fostered eg. flashmobs, the battle of the bands and competitions.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	Visits will be made to local schools and co-operation between schools will be promoted to promote the Irish language.	Year 2 +	CDleG	
	Teachers in every local school will be invited to the Seachtain na Gaeilge committee.	Year 1 +	CDleG / SnaS	
Information on local Irish language events for English medium schools will be provided.	Information on local Irish language events will be given to English medium schools.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	Where a youth officer is appointed, he/she will organise Irish language events in English-medium schools and visit English-medium schools to raise awareness of the local Irish language community and the activities they carry out.			
	English language schools will be supported to hold Irish language events.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
To encourage the use of Irish outside of the classroom.	A survey of local schools on their Irish language events will be carried out during Seachtain na Gaeilge and all year round.	Year 2 +	CDleG	
	A guest speaker will be arranged/organised to visit schools to inform/encourage the pupils about Irish language activities and initiatives taking place outside of the classroom.	Year 2 +	CDleG	
	A list of suitable speakers for schools will be compiled and posted on www.cilldaralegaelge.ie	Year 2 +	CDleG	
	Opportunities will be created for teachers in English-medium schools to use and improve Irish to increase their confidence in their language ability.	Year 3 +	CDleG	

6.6 ADULTS LEARNING IRISH



MEASURE ó 5.6	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
Classes to be provided at a reasonable cost to learners at various levels, including those without any Irish	Cill Dara le Gaeilge will provide two or three terms of Irish conversation classes each year at at least two levels of ability, depending on demand.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	Irish language classes will also be available in Piper's Hill College as part of their adult education programme.	Year 1 +	Coláiste Chnoc an Phíobaire	
	When Irish Language Network status is granted to the Naas/ Sallins area, in that area, a limited term of classes on the Irish language and culture will be made available to adults who do not speak Irish.		CDleG	
	Provided the funding is available, Irish language classes will be provided to Kildare County Council employees each year.			
There will be events fo organised for new arrivals in the country	Language and cultural classes / workshops will be organised for people who have moved to Ireland.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
To promote the existing local opportunities to learn Irish	A section will be created on www.cildaralegaeilge.ie to provide opportunities and learning resources for adults.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
Promote local conversation circles as a way of achieving fluency and meeting others with similar interests	Local conversation circles will be publicised in newsletters, social media and other on www.cildaralegaeilge.ie .	Year 1 +	CDleG	
The provision of a range of activities through the medium of Irish	Each year one new opportunity will be provided to learn/improve non-Irish language related skills through the medium of Irish eg. cooking.	Year 2 +	CDleG	
To foster a practical / clear link between the learning and use of Irish	A workshop on learning a particular skill will be organised. The first part of the workshop will teach the terms of that skill, and in the second part the new vocabulary will be applied m.sh. learning the terms of chess and its terms.	Year 2 +	CDleG	
	A regular conversation circle will be organised for learners who are at an early stage in their language journey.	Year 2 +	CDleG	



Raise awareness of resources for learners	Resources for learners will be publicised in newsletters, on social media and on www.cilldaralegaelge.ie . eg. Duolingo, Nuacht Mhall (news read slowly), TG4, Cúla 4, RnaG etc.	Year 2 +	CDleG	
Information on residential/courses in the Gaeltacht will be disseminated and that our relationship with those who provide them will be further developed	A relationship will be fostered with those providing Gaeltacht residential courses/experiences	Year 2 +	CDleG	
	Information on Gaeltacht residential courses/experiences will be distributed in newsletters, on social media and on www.cilldaralegaelge.ie .	Year 2 +	CDleG	
The creation of a support network for Irish language learners.	People who will be willing to support co-ordinating and developing the support network will be identified, for example by creating a Whatsapp group to share resources.	Year 1 +	CDleG	

6.7 COMMUNITY GROUPS

MEASURE ó 5.7	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
Support to be given to community groups seeking to promote the Irish language	A booklet of terms/idioms will be produced for groups of communities and clubs.	Year 2 +	CDleG	
	Workshops will be held for sports team trainers to help them incorporate a few words into training courses.	Year 2 +	CDleG	
Support to be given to community groups wishing to hold Irish language events	Publicity, translation and funding support will be provided to community groups	Year 1 +	CDleG	
Research be carried out on the most common pastimes and that an effort will be made to provide one or two regularly in Irish	A survey will be distributed to adults in the area who have some Irish about their favourite pastimes. Research will be carried out on the basis of these findings about people who can provide the most common pastimes in Irish.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
To facilitate groups interested in promoting the language to share resources and ideas	A workshop will be held once a year to discuss the opportunities for the promotion of the Irish language.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
The use and visibility of the Irish language in the GAA clubs in the municipal district in conjunction with the Glór na nGael scheme – Joe McDonagh Foundation	The great work that Glór na nGael is doing will be supported.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
That the use and visibility of the Irish language be included in Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, Killeel/Eadestown branch	The weekly conversation circle will continue and newcomers will be welcome there	Year 1+	CCÉ Chill Chéile / Bhaile Éide	
	The 'Phrase of the Day' will continue on the Whatsapp group for Irish language learners in the branch	Year 1+	CCÉ Chill Chéile / Bhaile Éide	
	Irish will be incorporated in social media accounts of the branch	Year 1+	CCÉ Chill Chéile / Bhaile Éide	

6.8 YOUTH IN THE COMMUNITY

MEASURE ó 5.8	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
More young people to take an active part in the Irish language community	Facilitators of youth clubs and facilitators in schools in the area will be known and contacted regularly.	Year 2 +	CDleG	
	Social nights will be held eg. nights of filming, concerts for young people.	Year 2 +	CDleG	
	Where a Youth Officer is appointed, he/she will organise events for teenagers. m.sh. water sports			
Leadership roles for teenagers / young adults in Irish language community life	If a Youth Officer is appointed, they will explore the opportunity for KFM or another radio station to present a monthly programme by teenagers.	Year 2	CDleG and KFM 	
The link between students, former students of Gael-Choláiste Chill Dara, other schools and the wider community will be strengthened	Regular engagement with GCCD staff will continue.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	A network of school leavers will be established to organise regular social events through the medium of Irish.	Year 2+	CDleG	
	School leavers who wish to be more active in the promotion of Irish in the district are welcome and encouraged to be associated with at least one language project or committee.	Year 2 +	CDleG	
That more fun Irish language facilities be available for young people outside of the education system eg. games	GCCD will be supported to hold events for past students of the school.	Year 2 +	CDleG	

	A collection of games will be available in places such as libraries.	Year 1 – 7	CDleG and Leabharlann Nás na Ríogh	
Summer camp(s) to be organised for primary school pupils	If a Youth Officer is appointed, he/she will research the opportunities and gaps in opportunities for young people. Camp(s) will be organised to give them additional fun opportunities.			
The establishment of youth clubs for primary and secondary school students	If the Youth Officer is appointed, he/she will establish youth clubs for teenagers or assist in the establishment of clubs.			
Competitions for secondary school students to be organised	Competitions will be organised and the work of the winners will be showcased in a public forum eg. in Naas Library or at the Féile Sráide on St. Patrick's Day.	Year 1 +	CDleG / SnaS	
To make Irish more visible in places where young people go regularly	The survey of Irish-medium schools in the area will be shared about their favourite pastimes. Research will be carried out on the basis of these findings about people who can provide the most common pastimes in Irish. m.sh. swimming classes, drama club etc.	Year 2 +	CDleG	

6.9 PUBLIC SERVICES

MEASURE ó 5.9	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
To work in conjunction with local public services to ensure that all their services are available in Irish	Responsibility for the provision of services in Irish will be explored in each of the following: Kildare County Council, HSE, An Garda Síochána, Motor Tax Office, libraries, Citizens Information services.	Year 2 +	CDleG	
	We will investigate what public services are available in Irish in the area.	Year 2 +	CDleG	
People to be encouraged to avail of public services in Irish	A local campaign will be organised to inform people about the services available through Irish.	Year 2 +	CDleG	
	Services in Irish will be advertised on www.cilldaralegaeilge.ie, www.kildare.ie and other suitable digital, broadcast or print media.	Year 2 +	CDleG	
	A presentation to Gaelscoil Nás na Ríogh's parents' at their AGM will be made to encourage them to avail of the services available.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	An awareness campaign will be organised with second level students about Irish language services and their right to avail of public services through the medium of Irish.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	An event will be organised for the community of Gael-Choláiste Chill Dara to encourage them to avail of the services available	Year 1 +	CDleG	
There will be opportunities in Naas Library to use Irish regularly	Naas Library will organise regular conversation circles.	Year 1 +	CCCD	
	All libraries will be supported and encouraged to provide a certain level of service through Irish.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	All libraries will seek to add to their collections of Irish language books.	Year 1 +	CCCD	
	Each festival (eg. Kildare Readers' Festival) will include at least one event in Irish.	Year 1 +	CCCD	
	Gaelscoil Nás na Ríogh's parents' AGM will have a presentation to encourage them to avail of the services available.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	An awareness campaign will be organised with second level	Year 1 +	CDleG / GCCD	

	students about their Irish language services and their right to avail of public services through the medium of Irish.			
	An event will be organised for the community of Gael-Choláiste Chill Dara to encourage them to avail of the services available.	Year 1 +	CDleG / GCCD	

6.10 NETWORKING WITH IRISH LANGUAGE COMMUNITIES

MEASURE 6 5.10	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
At least one overnight visit to a Gaeltacht area will be organised	At least one overnight visit will be organised to a Gaeltacht area aimed at sharing social and cultural experiences as well as best practice in language planning for the Irish language.	Year 2 +	CDleG	
At least one overnight visit to an Irish Language Network will be organised	At least one overnight visit will be organised to an Irish Language Network aimed at sharing social and cultural experiences as well as best practice in language planning for Irish.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
Gaeltacht community group to be invited to visit Naas/Sallins area	A community group from the Gaeltacht will be invited to visit the Naas/Sallins area. A series of cultural events will be organised to suit the visiting group.	Year 2 +	CDleG	
A community from an Irish Language Network will be invited to visit the Naas/Sallins area	An Irish Language Network community will be invited to visit the Naas/Sallins area. A series of cultural events will be organised to suit the visiting group.	Year 1 +	CDleG	

6.11 PUBLICITY AND AWARENESS

MEASURE ó 5.11	ACTION/ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE TARGET	PERIOD OF TIME	OWNER	CATEGORY
A more co-ordinated approach between groups running Irish language activities and events is used to ensure that they receive more publicity	Local groups organising local Irish language events will work more closely together to publicise each other's events – for example, by sharing each other's events on social media, in newsletters or in messages on WhatsApp.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	A relationship with national groups will be fostered to promote Irish language events.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
A wide range of forums will be used to publicise events to ensure that as many people as possible see them	Irish language events will be advertised quarterly in local media.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	www.cilldaralegaeilge.ie will be developed and updated to include archives and links to more Irish language events organised by others. Regular events on the common calendar will be www.cilldaralegaeilge.ie .	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	The use of social media to publicise events and resources will continue to expand eg. Facebook, Twitter, Meetup, Instagram, Flickr, YouTube.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	Large banners and corry boards will be used to increase the visibility and dissemination of information about Irish language events.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
That relationships be developed between local Irish language organisations and all local schools so that students and parents are aware of Irish language matters in the area.	A person in each local school who will act as a link will be distributed to co-ordinate the distribution of information on the publicity of Irish language events and activities.	Year 1 +	CDleG	
	The use of local school newsletters to publicise Irish language events will be increased.	Year 1 +	CDleG	

7. Implementation of the Language Plan for the Naas Municipal District

The success of the plan will be achieved by:

1. Naas/Sallins Area to be recognised as an Irish Language Network.
 2. Increase in the percentage of daily and weekly Irish speakers combined (outside the education system) in census 2027 figures compared to census 2022 figures.
 3. At least one additional person to be employed on a full-time basis in the Naas/Sallins area to promote the Irish language.
- Each goal has a period of time. The planning committee sought to set ambitious targets if they were achievable. If 70% of the targets set out in the plan are met, we will ensure that it has been successful.

THE IRISH LANGUAGE IN COUNTY KILDARE – history

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It is estimated that the Celts came to Ireland around 500BC – meaning that Irish is probably spoken in our district for about 2,500 years. That's not a small thing!

To our knowledge, it was not a community language until Christianity came to Ireland and Latin was then used in one area of life – worship of God. Some Latin words came into Irish e.g. sagart from sacerdos and comaoín from communio. Interestingly, many of the beautiful Gaelic manuscripts are in Latin.

Soon we were further disturbed – one that was not as gentle as the arrival of St. Pádraig and his companions – the arrival of the Vikings. They initially came as raiders but then began to live - particularly at the eastern coast. Irish received a number of words from them e.g. beoir from the word birra. But the place names they left behind were names such as Howth, Ireland's Eye – (eye is the Viking word for island) – Waterford, Helvic, in the Waterford Gaeltacht, and a fine one in Kildare – Leixlip. The Irish version of the place (i.e. Leixlip) means the same as the Viking version).

It wasn't long before the Vikings disappeared that others came to Ireland – the Anglo-Normans – when Strongbow and his group landed on Banagher Beach in South Wexford in 1169. The leaders of this group spoke French and the infantry spoke a kind of old English. The infantry in South Wexford were given land to compensate for their services and, interestingly enough, their English dialect remained the community language until the mid-19th century in that area. It's called Yola. The King of England granted land to the Anglo-Normans in Kildare as well as elsewhere. The planters mixed with the Irish, married each other and soon became 'as Irish as the Irish themselves'. Words derived from their French can be found in Irish – especially in Munster Irish e.g. garsún instead of boy, and séipéal from the French chapelle The canvas boat that the people of Connemara call a currach is called a naomhóg by the people of Corca Dhuibhne – from the French navette.

This came and went. Despite English people speaking English, which was more similar to modern English, Irish continued to be the main community language in Kildare.

We have examples of Kildare Irish from certain periods e.g. Beatha Bhríde (from 429 to 535 AD).

The Penal Laws against Catholics were in place in the 18th century – making the majority of the population – in Kildare and throughout the country – marginalised. But the Irish language and the culture that accompanied it lived in grassroots homes. Renowned scholar Dónall Ó Corcara gives an insight into this in his acclaimed book *The Hidden Ireland*. Kildare was heavily planted due to excellent quality land and proximity to Dublin. 'Weren't the

people of the big houses speaking English like Kerdifstown House, Carton House or Newberry Hall?', some people would ask. Yes, they would be right. The owners and their families spoke English. But let's not forget that there was a small army of domestic servants and farm servants. at every large house. There were! And their mother tongue was Irish and the tenants who rented small holdings from the landlord.

But things were changing. After the Battle of Culloden in 1745 the Stewart's rebellion was practically over and Bonnie Prince Charles moved with him to the continent. The threat to England's crown was over. The Penal Laws were not applied so strictly afterwards. In fact, in 1782 a Catholic Act was passed which relieved some of the penal laws previously in force that all Catholic priests still had to have a licence. This led to the emergence of a petite Catholic bourgeoisie class - people like big farmers, shopkeepers and merchants. They wanted the authorities and their Protestant neighbours to accept them. They were loyal to the Crown, they said. And what better way to show that loyalty and respect than to speak English as a normal language? It was then that the decline of The Irish language began in Kildare and throughout the country.

The first branch of Conradh na Gaeilge was founded in County Kildare in Naas in 1901. Rev. T. Gorry is mentioned as President and Máire Ní Raghallaigh as secretary. Another branch was established in Maynooth a little later that same year and a branch was established in Sallins in 1906. The Rev. The chairperson was P. Maguidhir and Éamonn Ó Ceallaigh was secretary. The League expanded in the county in the following years and branches were established in places such as Celbridge, Newbridge, Athy and Kill.

It is important to say a word about Máire Ní Raghallaigh, the first secretary of Naas branch of Conradh na Gaeilge. She was the daughter of Patrick O'Reilly, a primary school teacher born in Drumcondra, Co. Meath, who published several collections of poems and songs. Máire and her father moved to Kildare. They are both buried in the graveyard at Barrowstown. Máire was a member of Conradh na Gaeilge's Executive Committee from 1921 onwards. She was told in Banba (July 1903), '.... she is working tirelessly, and it is important to say that she has done more for the language than all the other Kildare people have put together. It is unlikely that another branch in Ireland is stronger at the moment than the Naas Branch. Mary is the branch representative for two years to the Ard-Fheis. Craft Membership was set up under the care of the Branch around last November. . . . This Comhaltas was run by the young women of the Branch.... However, much of the work falls on Mary, as she is the secretary of this Comhaltas from the beginning'. Conradh na Gaeilge set up a bookshop in Dorset Street in Dublin. Mary was appointed manager of the shop – a position she held until her death in 1941.

In an article written by Domhnall Mac Cárthaigh (a teacher in The Christian Brothers Primary School in Naas) for the Leinster Leader in the 1980's he said that the work of Irish went backwards in the late 2000s and remained at a very low level in the 30s and into the 40s. However, the Book Club in Naas had a reading group in the 50s. (This was a club to make new Irish language books available at a low price to the Irish language community and to encourage them to read and discuss the books. It was led by Comhdháil Náisiúnta na Gaeilge).

In the 60's the Irish language flourished in Naas with the establishment of a committee for Glór na nGael. An Irish-medium playschool was established in the Town Hall, the Irish language was put to the forefront of the shops and four people involved in Glór na nGael undertook a new creative project. They bought sites close together on the Rathasker Road and built houses. It could be called a micro-Ghaeltacht. Fifteen children were raised there with Irish as their main language. In 1973, a group from Muintir Chrónáin – an Irish language group operating in Rathcoole and Clondalkin – undertook to establish a Gaelscoil. The policy was warmly supported by people from Naas, especially Nodlaig Ó Cianáin, and in 1975 Scoil Chrónáin opened its doors. While those who objected to the establishment of the school were unscathed, saying that the school would fail in the absence of interest there were soon more children attending it than there were at the parish school.

This came and went. Today there are Gaelscoileanna in Naas, Celbridge, two in Maynooth, Newbridge, Athy, Kildare, Kilcock and on the Kildare side of the county boundary in Blessington. And Gaelcholáistí are now in Naas and Maynooth.

There are other Irish language measures, which are closely associated with County Kildare. The various books of the bible were being translated into contemporary Irish by the Catholic authorities. (The Church of Ireland had an Irish version of the New Testament from 1685, translated by William O'Donnell, Archbishop of Tuam and a translation of the Old Testament, made by William Bedell, from the end of that century). In 1945, the Catholic ecclesiastical authorities decided that a translation of the entire Bible in modern Irish was necessary, they established a commission for it a few years later and the Monsignor was entrusted with the task. Pádraig Ó Fiannachta at Maynooth University. Monsignor Pádraig collected what had been done until then, found other translators and translated many more. Most of this work was done here in Kildare – in Maynooth University. Eventually the bible was published in its entirety in Irish in 1981. It was in the Leinster Leader in Naas that he was printed and I can say that whenever the Mons met. Pádraig me when he returned to Corca Dhuibhne, he was always asking me how Stan Hickey, the Leinster Leader who made the most of the printing, was. A claim to fame for Kildare!

Glór na Ríogh was founded in 2006 to serve the wider community of Gaelscoil Nás na Ríogh and the people of the town. Sult na Sollán was established in 2009 to serve the wider community of Sallins and Naas. Cill Dara le Gaeilge was established as a not-for-profit company in 2017 to serve the people of Naas/ Sallins and the people of the county. Sult na Sollán wrote the first county plan for Kildare in 2019 and, after that, Cill Dara le Gaeilge accepted that responsibility. Cill Dara le Gaeilge is the lead organisation for the Irish language in the county and

supports groups around the county.



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