

Donegal

Local Economic and Community Plan

2016 – 2022

Irish Language Actions

Goal 1: To Develop Donegal as a Connected Place

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| 1.8 | Donegal Gaeltacht To ensure that the Donegal Gaeltacht is a fully developed and connected part of the County as a whole. | 1.8.1 | To explore and strengthen the social, community, economic, cultural and linguistic connectivity of the Donegal Gaeltacht as an integral component of the entire County. | Irish Language Steering Group under the LCDC, ÚnaG, Roinn na Gaeltachta, Gaeltacht community organisations, DCC | M |
| | | 1.8.2 | To collaborate in order to strengthen Gaeltacht Service Centres located outside the Donegal Gaeltacht but which are important to the socio-economic life of the Gaeltacht community and to identify opportunities to improve the linguistic connectivity within the entire County. | Irish Language Steering Group under the LCDC, ÚnaG, Roinn na Gaeltachta, Gaeltacht community organisations, DCC | M |
| | | 1.8.3 | To identify 'Gaeltacht Ambassadors' to support the connection of Irish language and culture to the wider population and to the Diaspora and to use social media in the promotion of these ambassadors. | ÚnaG, Diaspora Project, Donegal Tourism, FI, DCC | S |
| | | 1.8.4 | To prepare and implement a countywide language plan and other language plans in respect of particular groups/ organizations/ themes or geographical remit. | Irish Language Steering Group under the LCDC, Údarás na Gaeltachta, Roinn na Gaeltachta, Gaeltacht community organisations, DCC | S |

Goal 2: To Harness Donegal's Natural & Human Capital

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| 2.3 | <p>Linguistic Heritage To ensure that the Irish language, and our unique linguistic heritage, becomes more visible, audible and integrated into all activities in our County and that the Gaeltacht region is consolidated and developed.</p> | 2.3.1 | To further value and facilitate the use of our linguistic heritage through the use of Irish through service and delivery as Gaeilge, through signage (either Irish only, or in Irish and English) by public bodies/ agencies in activities and service delivery occurring throughout the County. | Public bodies, ÚnaG, Local tourism organisations | S |
| | | 2.3.2 | To further value and facilitate the expression of our linguistic heritage by identifying opportunities across social, community and economic sectors to integrate the use of Irish language as a standard component of day- to- day activities and in project/programme design and delivery including for example service delivery through the use of spoken Irish/in Irish, Irish only signage, or Irish and English signage. | Irish Language Steering Group, LCDC, ÚnaG, local community organisations | S |
| | | 2.3.3 | To collaborate in order to strengthen Gaeltacht Service Centres located outside the Donegal Gaeltacht but which are important to the socio-economic life of the Gaeltacht community and to identify opportunities to improve the integration of our linguistic heritage across all activities. | Irish Language Steering Group, ÚnaG, Letterkenny Town Team | S |

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| 3.2 | Linguistic Cultural Heritage To value, preserve, promote and increase the use of the Irish language across all areas of life in the County and to consolidate and further develop our County's Gaeltacht regions. | 3.2.1 | To explore methods to nurture and protect the unique culture, heritage and language of the Donegal Gaeltacht and the linguistic heritage of the County as a whole. | UnaG, Ealaín na Gaeltachta, Letterkenny Town Team, Irish language steering group, DCC | S-M |
| | | 3.2.2 | To develop cultural infrastructure in the County in order to sustain and further develop the County's Gaeltacht resource. | UnaG, Ealaín na Gaeltachta, DCC | S-M |
| | | 3.2.3 | To draw up a County Donegal Irish Language Plan, informed by the Governments 20 Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010-2030. | Irish Language Steering Group under LCDC, UnaG, DCC | S |
| | | 3.2.4 | To further value and facilitate the expression of our linguistic heritage by identifying opportunities across social, community and economic sectors to integrate the use of Irish language as a standard component of day- to- day activities and in project/ programme design and delivery. | UnaG, DAHG, DCC, other Public Services, Irish language voluntary groups, groups involved in Gaeltacht Language Planning | S-M |
| | | 3.2.5 | To establish a campaign to promote the wearing of the Fáinne (and/or other promotional symbols) in businesses, hospitality services, public services, and community services across the County so as to promote | Irish Language Steering Group under LCDC, UnaG, Gael Linn, all public services, DCC, business community | S |

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| | | | the visibility of services in Irish to customers, visitors, tourists, users of the language, and the public in general. | | |
| | | 3.2.6 | To support and promote the growth of the annual Seachtain na Gaeilge festival in March each year | Irish Language Steering Group under LCDC, DCC, ÚnaG, Gaeltacht Community Organisations, GAA, Schools, Irish language groups, business community | S |
| | | 3.2.7 | To develop the role of the business sector in the promotion and maintenance of Irish in the Gaeltacht and in Gaeltacht Service Centres located outside the Gaeltacht through the implementation of suitable language action plans. | Letterkenny Town Team, ÚnaG, business community | M |
| | | 3.2.8 | To explore the potential for the development of local language plans in conjunction with community development organisations and other key stakeholders in the region. | ÚnaG, Community Organisations, Letterkenny Town Team, DCC | M |
| | | 3.2.9 | To raise the profile of the Gaeltacht as a cultural tourism location and as a unique holiday destination as an area to learn, use, hear and speak An Ghaeilge. | ÚnaG, Donegal Tourism | S-M |
| | | 3.2.10 | To ensure the development of the Irish Language by investing in workshops | UnaG, Irish Language Groups, DCC | S-M |

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| | | | and classes in creative writing at local level. | | |
| 3.5 | Tourism To consolidate and further develop cultural and creative resources as integral parts in the development of a sustainable tourism sector | 3.5.5 | To raise the profile of the Gaeltacht and the Donegal Islands as cultural tourism locations and as a unique holiday destination as areas to learn, use and speak An Ghaeilge. | ÚnaG, Comhar na nOileán, Irish language organisations, Donegal Tourism, local tourism organisations | S-M |
| 3.6 | Wild Atlantic Way To further develop and promote the cultural, creative, heritage and historic resources of County Donegal along the route of the Wild Atlantic Way. | 3.6.4 | To enrich the experience of the Wild Atlantic Way by supporting and promoting host communities' cultural expression, in the traditional and the contemporary arts, both in English and in Irish. | DCC, FI, Ealaín na Gaeltachta, UnaG, Local Development Co's, The Arts Council, DAHG | S-M |
| 3.10 | The Donegal Islands To nurture and harness the culture and creative resources of the Donegal Islands. | 3.10.1 | To explore and nurture methods to protect the unique culture, heritage and language and dialect of the Donegal Islands. | ÚnaG, Ealaín na Gaeltachta, Comhar nOileán, Irish language organisations, DCC | S-M |
| | | 3.10.2 | To explore the potential for developing a centre for Irish Cultural Studies on the Islands and identify the infrastructure requirements necessary to support such a venture. | ÚnaG, Ealaín na Gaeltachta, Comhar nOileán, Irish language organisations, DCC | M-L |
| 3.15 | Vibrant Cultural Sector To sustain and develop a vibrant cultural sector in the County, including both individual artists and | 3.15.1 | To support organizations and individual practitioners delivering in all art forms including music, performance arts, visual arts and | ÚnaG, Ealaín na Gaeltachta, Local Development Co's, DCC, The Arts Council, DAHG, cultural organisations | M |

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| | professional arts organisations which embraces all art forms including; performance arts, visual arts, literature; traditional and contemporary; new artistic work; in Irish, in English and in the languages of Donegal's new communities. | | literature, traditional and contemporary, and in Irish, in English and in the languages of Donegal's new communities. | and practitioners | |
| | | 3.15.2 | To target the development of specific art forms in order to ensure the continued vibrancy and diversity of the sector such as playwriting and film script-writing in Irish and English, film-making, music composition, contemporary dance, youth arts and arts and digital technology. | ÚnaG, Ealaín na Gaeltachta, Local Development Co's, DCC, The Arts Council, DAHG, cultural organisations and practitioners | M |

Goal 4: To Promote Sustainable, Inclusive and Healthy Communities

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| 4.8 | Island Communities To work for the sustainability of the Island communities | 4.8.3 | To support and sustain the Irish language and dialect characteristics of the Island communities with a focus on heritage including but not exclusively a music/song archive. | ÚnaG, Comhar na nOileán, Island Co-ops, IFA, C&V groups | M |
| 4.10 | Donegal Gaeltacht Communities To support the sustainability of Donegal Gaeltacht Communities | 4.10.1 | To promote employment opportunities in order to support, maintain and sustain Irish speaking communities in the Gaeltacht. | ÚnaG, Roinn na Gaeltachta, ETB, C&V groups, DSP | M |
| | | 4.10.5 | To support sustainable Gaeltacht Communities by promoting and encouraging the use of Irish language as a right in the Gaeltacht Service Centres located outside the Donegal Gaeltacht and which are important centres of service provision to a wider catchment which includes the residents of the Donegal Gaeltacht as well as to plan for language development and provision of basic language skills development. | ÚnaG, Acadamh GMIT, Irish Language Steering Group, ÚnaG, Letterkenny Town Team, ETB, all school bodies | S-M |
| | | 4.10.6 | To support more inclusive and sustainable Gaeltacht communities through the delivery of locally led programmes to build leadership and engagement, and mobilising countywide support, actions and volunteers. | Irish Language Steering Group, LCDC, ÚnaG, local community organisations, Volunteer Centre, ETB, all school bodies | M |
| | | 4.10.7 | To provide opportunities to access and deliver pathways to employment; | DSP, ETB, Acadamh GMIT, Muinteras, Local | M |

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| | | | education, training and lifelong learning; literacy, numeracy and communications skills; and CPD in the education sector through Irish where appropriate. | Development Co's, LYIT | |
| 4.11 | Irish Language To add to the number and proportion of Irish speakers within the total population of the County and beyond, including the diaspora | 4.11.1 | To provide a network of Irish language learning opportunities for adults across the County, for parents, and for visitors and tourists interested in learning the language and promote the programmes available to local groups. | ÚnaG, Local Development Co's, C&V groups, Irish Language Steering Group under LCDC, ETB, Irish language organisations, Acadamh GMIT, NUI Maynooth | M |
| | | 4.11.2 | To provide supports to networks providing opportunities for Irish language use. | Irish language organisations, C&V groups | M |
| | | 4.11.3 | To support and promote the Gaeltacht Summer Colleges for the youth of the County and beyond (e.g. Scholarships, Marketing etc) | ÚnaG, Irish language organisations, C&V groups , Irish Colleges, Irish Language Steering Group under LCDC | S |
| | | 4.11.4 | To maintain, support and promote the development of the Irish-medium educational sector in the County, including preschools, Gaelscoileanna, Gaeltacht schools, secondary level Gaelcholáistí, and Third Level institutions | Irish Language Steering Group under LCDC , DES, Gaeltacht-based and Irish-medium schools and institutions, ÚnaG, Irish language organisations, DAHG, COGG | S-M |
| | | 4.11.5 | To seek to establish more Irish language local voluntary groups across areas of the County where none | Local Development Co's, Irish language organisations, Irish Language Steering | M |

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| | | | currently exist, to support those that do exist, and to engage with community and sporting groups who wish to promote the language within their current programme of activities by means of adopting a language plan. | Group under LCDC, ÚnaG, C&V groups | |
| | | 4.11.6 | To maintain and increase the number, range and depth of public services that are offered in the Irish language, first and foremost to the Gaeltacht community, and also to the Irish-speaking community in other parts of the County. | Local Development Co's, C & V groups, public bodies, ÚnaG, Gaeltacht community groups, Irish language organisations | M |
| | | 4.11.7 | To support, sustain and increase the number of families throughout the County who use Irish as the daily language of communication, both within the Gaeltacht and outside it, by a. Providing advice and support and encouragement to young families to use the Irish language at home b. Providing Gaeltacht-based and/or Irish language-based holidays and activities for families | Irish Language Steering Group under LCDC, Irish language groups, Local Development Co's, ÚnaG, DAHG, Gaeltacht Community Groups engaged in language plans | M |
| | | 4.11.8 | To support and promote existing and new Irish language youth organisations, and to support the promotion of the Irish language activities within existing youth clubs and groups that are currently | Irish Language Steering Group under LCDC, GAA, Afterschool clubs, Youth organisations, Irish language organisations, ÚnaG | M |

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| | | | operating primarily in the English language. | | |
| | | 4.11.9 | To support and promote the use of Irish language in decision making forums. | DCC, other relevant agencies | S-M |

Goal 6: To Develop the 'Donegal' Brand

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| 6.2 | People and Place To promote the people and place of Donegal as a resource for the Donegal Brand. | 6.2.2 | To ensure that the Irish language and Gaeltacht element are included in all discussions and developments in relation to the promotion and marketing of Donegal. | Irish Language Steering Group under the LCDC, ÚnaG, | S-M |

Goal 7: To Promote Entrepreneurship, Investment and Enterprise

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| 7.10 | Language To sustain and promote the Irish language, harnessing its economic potential across the County | 7.10.1 | To promote and encourage the use of the Irish Language throughout the County as a linguistic and cultural asset adding to the tourism experience through the preparation and implementation of a County Language Plan. | Irish Language Steering Group under the LCDC, ÚnaG, Roinn na Gaeltachta, Gaeltacht community organisations, D | M |
| | | 7.10.2 | To support and promote the use of the Irish language in existing and emerging enterprises throughout the County through a campaign to: a) Support the provision of services to customers who wish to use Irish in their socio- economic activity and/ or b) As the language of communication among the employees of the enterprise. | Irish Language Steering Group under the LCDC, ÚnaG, Roinn na Gaeltachta, Gaeltacht community organisations, DCC | M |
| | | 7.10.9 | To support Donegal's Irish Colleges to enhance digital marketing and online promotion. | ÚnaG, Irish Colleges, LYIT, ERNACT | S |
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