



# COMHALTAS

Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

## Working Plan for the Irish Language

Plean Gníomha don Ghaeilge

### 2011-2013

CCÉ Submission to the  
Department of Community, Equality and Gaeltacht Affairs

## Target

To put into effect a comprehensive focused review on the use of Irish in all aspects of the work of Comhaltas for the purposes of establishing the extensive use of Irish in the organisation. It is also of great importance to explore and develop an understanding of how the further potential use of Irish can be formulated into a comprehensive plan. This review will comprise an important part of Comhaltas' strategy to prioritise *An Ghaeilge* during 2011, the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of CCÉ.

### *Measurable Indicators*

- By the middle of 2011 a wide-ranging review will be initiated and completed in relation to the use of Irish in the units and in all the types / range of Comhaltas activities, compiling the basic elements/foundations to the use of Irish.
- By the end of 2011 a comprehensive plan will be drafted, based on this review. This plan will outline projects and ways of further developing the use of Irish amongst the various units of Comhaltas and at all types of Comhaltas activities.
- By 2012 a comprehensive work programme will be published, with specific outlined targets for the years 2012 and 2013
- A 10% increase between 2011 – 2013 in the use of Irish in all Comhaltas in Ireland and an increase in the number of people that speak Irish/put Irish into practice and an increase in the number of undertakings/ activities in which Irish is the primary language of communication

## Target

To engage with the GAA for the purposes of establishing closer co-operation between the two organisations.

### *Measurable Indicators*

- **2011:** That a subcommittee representing Comhaltas and the GAA be formed for the purposes of drafting a plan, outlining co-operation between the two organisations to develop the use of Irish in both organisations. This plan will have appropriate targets

over a realistic time frame.

- **2012:** That a collaborative pilot scheme between Comhaltas ‘Meitheal’ and the GAA be established.

## Target

To organise training courses for *Treoraí na Gaeilge* officers to assist them in further developing their skills and practices.

### *Measurable Indicators*

- **2011:** 6 such Training Courses to be organised
- **2012:** 10 such Training Courses to be organised
- **2013:** 10 such Training Courses to be organised

## Target

To put into practice the review (c.f. Target #1/Gníomhacht ) process and organise training Courses for The Treoraí na Gaeilge and Irish Language Committees. Such courses will focus on the suggested activities (c.f. Gníomhacht # 3 Page. 7)\_ (*This includes initiating strategic planning for, and the co-ordination of, the promotion of the Irish language at Branch level, developing links with local media and working with local schools and other relevant interest-groups. The Treoraí na Gaeilge will develop and implement on a more widespread basis Comhaltas’ Irish Language Policy and they will also strengthen the relationship between the Coiste Gaeilge of CCÉ at National Level and the various branches of the movement. )*

## Targets

- To ‘normalize’ the use of Irish in those Comhaltas activities, as a detailed priority in the Organisations strategic planning.
- Comhaltas intends to give a more active role to the *Coiste Gaeilge*, and to involve the Ardchomhairle in the promotion of Irish as ‘*gnáththeanga na craobhacha*’

### *Measurable Indicator*

A national policy will be framed to identify the basic Irish language needs of the branches.

### **Targets**

- That Irish would be used in all, written communications, press statements, announcements and at all Comhaltas public events.
- To increase the number of bilingual Newsletters as published by the Meitheal Groupings between the years 2011-2013
- That an Ghaeilge amháin, Irish only will be used on Commemorative Monuments and trophies by the end of 2011.
- That Treoir and the CCÉ Annual Report gradually increase its proportion of Irish language articles during the years 2011-2013
- **2011-2013:** That an initiative be introduced to encourage every member of Comhaltas to use the Irish Language version of their name in their everyday lives, this initiative to be implemented by the end of 2013.

### *Measurable Indicators*

- **2011:** That a survey of Treoir readers in relation to content in the Irish language will be completed.
- **2011:** Extra Irish language pages (content) in Treoir.
- **2012:** Extra Irish language pages (content) in Treoir.
- **2013:** Extra Irish language pages (content) in Treoir.
- **2011:** That 20% of the membership will be using the Irish language version of their name.
- **2012:** That an additional 20% of the membership will be using the Irish language version of their name.
- **2013:** That an additional 20% of the membership will be using the Irish language version of their name.
- **2013:** That all commemorative Monuments and trophies will be in Irish only.

## Target

- **2011-2013:** That a significant increase in the number of regular browsers of / visitors to the CCÉ bilingual website be brought about, showing the clear difference between opt for the Irish Language version and those who opt for the English Language version.

### *Measurable Indicators*

- **2011:** That the number of website browsers (visitors) using the Irish language option would reach 19,800
- **2012:** That the number of website browsers (visitors) using the Irish language option would reach 21,000
- **2013:** That the number of website browsers (visitors) using the Irish language option would reach: 22,000
- **2011:** 5% Growth in the Irish Language content on ‘Comhaltaslive’
- **2012:** Further 5% Growth in the Irish Language content on ‘Comhaltaslive’
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## Target

- That each of the eight Regional Centres will have its own bilingual website

### *Measurable Indicators*

- **2011:** seven regional websites to be established and operating side by side with the national Comhaltas website Comhaltas.ie
- **2012 /2013:** Significant increase, year by year, to the number of ‘hits’ website visitors/browsers to these sites.

## Target

That during the years 2011-2013 Comhaltas will review the level of Irish Language usage at CCÉ activities and subsequently draft a comprehensive plan to significantly increase the level of usage of the Irish language at all Comhaltas activities. (c.f. Ghníomhaíocht # 1 )

## *Spriocanna*

- Ag baint tairbhe as lárnacht na Gaeilge mar théama le linn an Bhliain Chomóradh Seasca Blian, feachtas bolscaireachta inmheánach a reachtáil chun tathaint ar níos mó daoine páirt a ghlacadh sa Chomórtas.
- Tá sé mar aidhm againn don mheántearma nascanna comhcheangailte níos mó a chothú le scoileanna ar fud na tíre agus tathaint orthu páirt a ghlacadh sa Chomórtas.

## **Targets**

- Following from the central importance of An Ghaeilge as a theme of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Comhaltas. That an energetic internal initiative be taken to increase the numbers of Comhrá Gaeilge competitors.
- That links with the schools around the country will be strengthened so as to raise the level of participation in the comhrá Gaeilge competitions.

## *Measurable Indicators*

- **2011:** 10% Growth in the numbers of competitors in the Comhrá Gaeilge competitions.
- **2012:** Further 5% growth in the numbers of competitors in the Comhrá Gaeilge competitions.
- **2013:** Further 5% growth in the numbers of competitors in the Comhrá Gaeilge competitions.

## **Target**

- Following from the central importance of An Ghaeilge as a as a theme of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Comhaltas that an energetic internal initiative be taken to increase the numbers of people participating in Seachtain an Gaeilge, and visiting Ionad na Gaeilge at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann.

### ***Measurable Indicators***

- **2011:** 10 That an extra 10 County Fleadhanna will have an Ionad na Gaeilge
- **2012:** That a further 10 County Fleadhanna will have an Ionad na Gaeilge
- **2013:** That a further 12 County Fleadhanna will have an Ionad na Gaeilge

### **Target**

- That an Ghaeilge is given a higher central and wider-reaching profile during Scoil Éigse

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- That an Ghaeilge is given a higher central and wider-reaching profile in ‘Seisiún’

### ***Measurable Indicators***

- **2011:** A 5% increase in the use of Irish / amount of time during which Irish is used during Seisiún
- **2012:** A further 5% increase in the use of Irish / amount of time during which Irish is used during Seisiún
- **2013:** A further 5% increase in the use of Irish / amount of time during which Irish is used during Seisiún

### **Target(s)**

- **2011:** That a training seminar be organised for tutors of the Focal ar Fhocal Scheme
- **2011:** That these trainees visit branches demonstrating methodology the Focal ar Fhocal scheme so as to ensure that this system/scheme is implemented effectively in new branches.

### ***Measurable Indicators***

- **2011:** That the number of participating members and branches in the ‘Focal ar Fhocal’ Scheme is doubled.
- **2012:** A further 10% increase, on 2011, in the the number of participating members and branches in the ‘Focal ar Fhocal’ Scheme.
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- **2011:** To finalise a partnership with the Department of Community, Equality and Gaeltacht Affairs to broaden the use of Focal ar Fhocal as an exemplar/model for use in other organizations.
- **2012:** That one extra foreign-based organisation would be using Focal ar Fhocal.
- **2012:** That two extra foreign-based organisations would be using Focal ar Fhocal.

### **Target:**

That Comhaltas engage with the primary Gaelic interest groups is initiated for the purposes of establishing new effective means of nurturing co-operation.

### ***Táscairí feidhmíochta***

- **2011:** Comhaontas foirmeálta comhoibrithe a shíniú le heagras Gaeilge amháin.
- **2012:** Comhaontas foirmeálta comhoibrithe a shíniú le heagras Gaeilge amháin.
- **2013:** Comhaontas foirmeálta comhoibrithe a shíniú le heagras Gaeilge amháin.

### **Targets:**

- That a new bilingual project/initiative be developed in relation to the teaching of music, singing and dancing to schoolchildren.
- To agree to work in conjunction with Gaelscoileanna Tta. for the purposes of developing a music- teaching scheme with Gaelscoileanna as the priority target-group.



### *Táscairí feidhmíochta*

- **2011:** Tionscnamh nua dátheangach a fhorbairt maidir le múineadh an cheoil, amhránaíochta agus rince i measc daltaí scoile.
- **2011:** Scéim phíolóta curtha i leith Gaelscoileanna curtha ar bun i réigiún amháin.
- **2012:** 10 Gaelscoil cláraithe sa scéim.
- **2013:** 10 Gaelscoil breise cláraithe sa scéim.

### **Target:**

- To establish a standard whereby Irish is used in the delivery of regular Comhaltas services and is also used in the everyday communications of Comhaltas
- To conduct a survey to ensure that the use of Irish in the everyday work of Comhaltas is a fundamental element to forward planning in Comhaltas.

### **Target:**

- **2011 – 2013:** that a significant increase in the number of local Irish music radio programmes that are regularly broadcast through the medium of Irish.

### *Measurable Indicators*

- **2011:** to increase the amount of time dedicated to Irish language content on local radio programmes and to develop extra all-Irish programmes
- **2012:** A growth of 10% in the all-Irish language content broadcast of local radio programmes
- **2012:** A further 5% growth on the all-Irish language content broadcast of local radio programmes

## **Target:**

- **2011:** That the Regional Centres have a clear responsibility for the implementation of the Plean Gníomha an Chomhaltais don Ghaeilge from early 2011.
- **2011-2013:** That the Regional Centres establish and develop regional archives, appropriate training seminars, and establish & develop local community partnership fora.

## **Measurable Indicators**

- 2011-2013 That local archives will be established and operational in the eight Meitheal Regions
- To fulfil and comply fully with the Measurable Indicators as outlined in this documents c.f. Gníomhachtaí # 1 to # 20.