

COMANN NAM PÀRANT (NÀISEANTA)



**Aithisg Bhliadhnailean
Annual Report**

2021/22

Facal-tòisich a' Chathraiche

Tha mi toilichte Aithisg Bhliadhnailean Chomann nam Pàrant (Nàiseanta) airson 2021/22 a thoirt dhuibh.

B' e seo an ceathramh bliadhna agam mar chathraiche Chomann nam Pàrant (Nàiseanta) agus b' e bliadhna thrang a bh' ann dhuinn aig ire ath-bheothachaidh a' ghalair lèir-sgaoilte.

Choinnich Comataidh Chomann nam Pàrant (Nàiseanta) ceithir tursan ann an 2021-22, le luchd-dreuchd comataidh a' coinneachadh grunn thursan a bharrachd.

Bha sinn toilichte, le taic bho Bhòrd na Gàidhlig, gun do chùm sinn oirnn le coinneamhan le priomh luchd-ùidh ann am FtG. Thug na coinneamhan seo cothrom dhuinn cùisean a thogail gus beachdachadh orra a tha cudromach nar beachd gus fas is leasachadh leantainneach a thoirt air FtG. 'S e dhà de na nithean a bh' air a chlár-gnothaich am-bliadhna an t-ath-sgrù-dadh air an Stiùireadh Reachdail air Foghlam Gàidhlig agus am feum dreuchd 'neach-cuideachaiddh cànan' a chruthachadh ann an clasaichean FtG gus taic a chumail ri fileantachd. Tha mi toilichte gu bheil adhartas ga dhèanamh leis an dà rud sin.

Bha sinn cuideachd air leth toilichte gun do ghabh an t-Oll. Ken Muir ri cuireadh gus coinneachadh rinn mar phàirt den obair aige mar chomhairliche neo-eisimeileach do Riaghaltas na h-Alba gus Ath-leasachadh Foghlaim a bhuleachadh. B' e deagh chothrom a bha seo gus beachdachadh air cho cudromach 's a tha e gum bi a' Ghàidhlig air a fighe a-steach bhon chiad dol a-mach nuair a thèid bhuidhnean foghlaim ùra sam bith a stèidheachadh. Feumaidh modal libhrigidh a bhith aig curraicealam FtG san àm ri teachd le barrachd aithne air na tha a dhìth airson làn bhogadh agus le tuigse nas fheàrr air cho cudromach 's a tha gniomhan, uaireannan taobh a-muigh na sgoile, ann a bhith a' cur ri fileantachd sa Ghàidhlig. Thuit sinn cuideachd gu bheil barrachd taic a dhìth air tidsearan tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig, gu sònraichte aig iùre làn-bhogaidh. Bu mhath leinn taing a thoirt dhan Ollamh Ken Muir airson coinneachadh rinn agus do Bhòrd na Gàidhlig a chuidich le bhith a' cur na coinneimh air dòigh.

Bha pileat nan tràth-bhliadhnaichean na leasachadh brosnachail do Chomann nam Pàrant am-bliadhna. Thathar ag aithneachadh cho cudromach 's a tha solar tràth-bhliadhnaichean ann am FtG agus tha sinn air taic a thoirt do na buidhnean tràth-bhliadhnaichean saor-thoileach tro mhaoineachadh a tha sinn air a bhith a' faighinn bho Riaghaltas na h-Alba anns na 11 bliadhna a dhíshalbh. Tha sinn den bheachd gur e adhartas nà-darrach a th' ann an sgioba tràth-bhliadhnaichean againn fhèin a bhith againn a-nis agus tha sinn an dòchas ma shoirbhicheas leis a' phileat, gun urrainn dhuinn togail air seo sna bliadhnaichean ri teachd.

Tha sinn air a bhith iomagaineach mun àireimh iosal de dh'iarrtasan a tha pàrantan air cur a-steach fo Achd an Foghlaim (Alba) 2016 agus tron Stiùireadh Reachdail air Foghlam aig Bòrd na Gàidhlig. Ach, am-bliadhna tha an luchd-obrach againn air a bhith ag obair gus taic a thoirt do na h-iomairtean brosnachaidh a ruith Bòrd na Gàidhlig ann an dà sgìre ùghdarris ionadail cuimsichte agus tha seo air a bhith air leth soirbheachail, mar a tha air a mhìneachadh nas fhaide

Chair's Introduction

I am pleased to present you with Comann nam Pàrant (Nàiseanta)'s Annual Report for 2021/22.

This has been my fourth year as chair of Comann nam Pàrant (Nàiseanta) and it has been a busy year for us during the recovery phase of the pandemic.

The Comann nam Pàrant (Nàiseanta) committee met on four occasions in 2021-22, with office bearers meeting on a number of additional occasions.

We were pleased, with the support of Bòrd na Gàidhlig, to have continued our meetings with the main stakeholders in GME. These meetings allow us to raise issues for discussion that we feel are important for the continuing growth and development of GME. Two of the items on the agenda this year have been the review of Statutory Guidance on Gaelic Education and the need to develop the post of 'language assistant' in GM classes in order to support fluency. I am pleased that progress is being made with both of these.



Prof. Ken Muir

We were also delighted that Prof. Ken Muir accepted an invitation to meet with us as part of his role as independent advisor to the Scottish Government for the implementation of Education Reform. This was a great opportunity to discuss the importance of having Gaelic embedded into the establishment of any new educational agencies from day one. The

future GME curriculum requires a delivery model with greater recognition of the demands of total immersion and a better understanding of the importance of activities, which may be extra-curricular, which will improve fluency in Gaelic. We also raised the need for more support for Gaelic medium teachers especially in the total immersion phase. We would like to thank Prof. Ken Muir for meeting with us and Bòrd na Gàidhlig who helped facilitate the meeting.

The early years pilot has been an exciting development for Comann nam Pàrant this year. The importance of early years provision in GME is recognised and we have supported the voluntary years groups through funding that we receive from Scottish Government for the past 11 years. It seems a natural progression to now have our own early years team and we hope that if the pilot is successful, we can build on this in future years.

We have been concerned at the low number of requests submitted by parents under the Education Act (Scotland) 2016 and Bòrd na Gàidhlig's Statutory Guidance on Education. However, this year our staff have worked to support the promotional campaigns that Bòrd na Gàidhlig ran in two targeted local authority areas and this has had some success, detailed later in our report. We still feel that the process as laid down in the Act is overly complicated for parents and look forward to this being addressed in the coming year as part of the review of Statutory Guidance, referenced above.

air adhart san aithisg againn. Tha sinn fhathast a' faireachdann gu bheil am pròiseas mar a tha e air a mhìneachadh san Achd ro iom-flillte do phàrantan agus tha sinn toilichte gun cuirear aghaidh air seo sa bhliadhna ri teachd mar phàirt den ath-sgrùdadh air an Stiùireadh Reachdail, air an deach iomradh a thoirt gu h-àrd.

Tha feum nas mothà buileach air solar ùr ann an ùghdar-rasan làimh ri Glaschu leis gu bheil barrachd iarrtas na th' ann de dhàiteachan airson FtG ann an Glaschu (seach gu bheil a' chomhairle a' cur àireamh cuibhrichte de 140 sgoilear ann an BS1) a' fagail nach bi iarrtasan bho ùghdarrasan eile soirbheachail. Bha e uabhasach dith-mhisneachail gun do dh'fhàilig air 7 teaghlaichean a tha a' fuireach ann an Glaschu air àite fhaighinn ann am FtG an-uiridh agus tha sinn san aon t-suidheachadh am-bliadhna le 19 teaghlaichean an-dràsta air an liosta feitheimh. Feumar aghaidh a chur air an neo-ionannachd seo eadar FtG agus FtB ann an reachdas.

B' e dìth inbhe cho-ionann cuspair an taisbeanaidh a rinn sinn bho chionn ghoirid dhan Bhuidhinn Thar-phàrtaidh air a' Ghàidhlig. Fhuair sinn cuireadh bruidhinn mun UNCRC agus air ar lèirsinn airson dòigh-obrach stèidhchithe air còraichean a thaobh FtG. Tha sinn taingeil do BhnaG gun tug iad cothrom dhuinn bruidhinn ris a' Bhuidhinn Thar-phàrtaidh agus san àm ri teachd tha sinn an dòchas gun cuir na pàrtaidhean poilitigeach uile taic ri bile chànanan a neartaicheas an reachdas làithreach agus a bheir inbhe cho-ionann ri Gàidhlig agus Beurla ann an Alba.

Tha Comann nam Pàrant (Nàiseanta) taingeil do Bhòrd na Gàidhlig airson taic ionmhaisail, agus do Chomunn na Gàidhlig airson taic rianachd leantainneach. Tha mi cinnteach gum bi buill uile na comataidh, coltach riumsa, airson taing mhòr a thoirt dhan sgioba dhicheallach againn a tha air ag obair cho cruaidh airson an cuid oidhirpean gus taic a chumail rinn am-bliadhna.

Anns a' bhliadhna ri teachd cumaidh sinn oirnn ag obair gu dlùth le buill eile de Chomann nam Pàrant agus buidhnean co-cheangailte gus taic a chumail ri teaghlaichean tron ùine ath-bheothachaidh bho Chovid-19.

Bu mhath leam taing a thoirt do na pàrantan air fad anns na buidhnean ionadail aig Comann nam Pàrant a tha air a bhith ag iomairt airson, agus a' toirt taic do dh'fhoghlam tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig am-bliadhna. Tha sinn a' tuigsinn gu bheil mòran dhleastanasan air pàrantan agus thathar a' cur luach mòr anns an ùine agus san obair a bheir iad do CnP aig ire ionadail agus nàiseanta.

Mu dheireadh, 's e buidheann shaor-thoileach de phàrantan a th' anns a' chomataidh againn a tha deònach an ùine aca fhèin a thoirt seachad airson chumail dhan bhuidhinn. Tha mi a' toirt taing mhòr dhan a h-uile ball airson na rinn iad am-bliadhna, agus airson an oidhrip, an ùine agus an dealas.

Eilidh NicFhionghain,
Cathraiche Chomann nam Pàrant (Nàiseanta)
An t-Ògmhios 2022

Provision in new authorities adjacent to Glasgow is needed even more as the over subscription for GME (due to the council capping P1 at 140 pupils) means that placing requests from other authorities will be unsuccessful. It was extremely disappointing that 7 families living in Glasgow failed to get a place in GME last year and we are in a similar situation this year with 19 families currently on a waiting list. This lack of equality between GME and EME has to be addressed in legislation.

Lack of equal status was the theme of our recent presentation to the Cross-Party group on Gaelic. We were invited to speak on the UNCRC and our vision for a rights-based approach to GME. We are grateful to BnaG for the opportunity to address the Cross-Party and going forward hope that all political parties will support a languages bill that will strengthen current legislation and introduce equal status for Gaelic with English in Scotland.

Comann nam Pàrant (Nàiseanta) is grateful to Bòrd na Gàidhlig for their financial support, and to Comunn na Gàidhlig for continuing administrative support. I'm sure all committee members will join me in extending a wholehearted thank you to our hardworking and dedicated team for all their efforts in keeping us supported this year.

In the coming year we will continue to work closely with other members of Comann nam Pàrant and associated bodies to support families throughout the recovery period.

I would like to thank all the parents in the local Comann nam Pàrant groups who have campaigned for, and supported, Gaelic medium education this year. We realise that parents have many commitments and the time and effort they give to CnP at both local and national level is hugely appreciated.

Finally, our committee is a voluntary body of parents who willingly give up their personal time to support the organisation. I sincerely thank all members for their input this year, and for all their effort, time and commitment.

Helen Mackinnon,
Comann nam Pàrant (Nàiseanta) Chairperson
June 2022



Eilidh NicFhionghain

Ar n-obair

Ged a chaidh cuingealachaidhean a lùghdachadh mean air mhean thar na bliadhna, tha sinn air cumail oirnn ag obair gu bhiortail gu ire mhòr le coinneamhan agus tachartasan eile air an cumail air-loidhne. Agus sinn a' tighinn a-mach às a' ghalair lèir-sgaoilte, tha sinn an dùil gun lean sinn oirnn le pàtral obrach measgaichte oir, ged a tha sinn a' coimhead air adhart ri barrachd eadar-obrachaidhean aghaidh-ri-aghaidh a bhith againn, faodaidh tachartasan air-loidhne a bhith nas ruigsinniche do phàrantan agus leigidh iad leinn ruighinn air luchd-èisteachd nas fharsaing.

Our work

Although restrictions were gradually eased over the year we have continued to work mainly virtually with meetings and other events held online. As we emerge from the pandemic, we envisage that we will continue with a hybrid working pattern as, although we look forward to having more face-to-face interactions, having online events can be more accessible for parents and allow us to reach a wider audience.

Brosnachadh foghlam tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig agus solar ùr

Aig deireadh na Samhna, chùm Bòrd na Gàidhlig agus Comann nam Pàrant, còmhla ri riochdairean bho ùghdarrasan ionadail, dà choinneamh air-loidhne, tè airson Siorrhachd Rinn Friù agus tè airson Fiobha. Bha na coinneamhan poblaich seo ann gus fiosrachadh a thoirt seachad air Foghlam tro Mheadhan na Gàidhlig (FtG) agus gus tomhas an robh ùidh ann am FtG anns gach sgìre. Bha taisbeanaidhean goirid ann agus an uair sin cothrom ceistean a chur air na h-oifigearan a bha an làthair. Bha mu 30 an làthair aig gach coinneamh, measgachadh de phàrantan agus de luchd-ùidh. Bha ùidh agus dealas aig pàrantan gum faodadh FtG a bhith ann, ged a chaidh beagan dhraghan a thogail, gu sònraichte mu far am biodh an solair suidhichte, gu sònraichte ann am Fiobha aig a bheil an sgìre cho mòr.

A' leantainn air a' choinneimh ann am Fiobha, tha sinn air conaltradh leantainneach a chumail leis a' chomhairle agus mun taic againn do thràth-bhliadhnaichean san sgìre, ach gu ruige seo chan eil àireamhan gu leòr againn ann am bliadhna sgoile sam bith airson iarrtas a chur a-steach. Ann an Siorrhachd Rinn Friù lean sinn oirnn a' conaltradh le pàrantan agus chaidh co-dhùnadh iarrtas a chur a-steach airson clas BS1/2 coimeasgaichte. Tha na sgoilearan BS2 an-dràsta ann am FtG ann an sgìre ùghdarras ionadail eile ach thuirt teaghlachian gum b' fheàrr leotha gum biodh a' chlann aca a' frithealadh sgoil taobh a-staigh sgìre an ùghdarrais ionadail aca fhèin. Tha a' chomhairle air prìomh thidsear fhastadh airson clas a thòisicheas ann am Bun-sgoil an Iar, Pàislig san Lùnastal am-bliadhna.

Promotion of Gaelic medium education and new provision

At the end of November, Bòrd na Gàidhlig and Comann nam Pàrant, along with local authority representatives, hosted two online meetings, one for Renfrewshire and one for Fife. These public meetings were to provide information on Gaelic Medium Education (GME) and to gauge if there was an interest for GME provision within each area. There were short presentations followed by an opportunity to put questions to the officials attending. At both meetings there were about 30 in attendance, a mixture of parents and interested parties. Parents were interested and enthusiastic about the prospect of GME, although some concerns were raised, mainly around the location of provision, especially in Fife which has such a large geographical area.

As a follow up to the meeting in Fife, we have continued dialogue with the council and our support for early years in the area, but as yet do not have sufficient numbers in any one year to submit a request. In Renfrewshire we continued to liaise with parents and the decision was taken to submit a request for a P1/2 composite class. The P2 pupils are currently in GME in another local authority area but families indicated that they would prefer that their children attend a school within their own local authority area. The council have appointed a principal teacher for a class starting in West Primary, Paisley this August.



Ann an Siòrrachd Rinn Friù an Ear thug sinn taic do dh'iartras phàrantan airson FtG. Bha fiosrachadh san iarrtas mu 14 duine cloinne le teaghlachaean aig an robh tìdh ann am FtG. Anns a' chiad ire measaidh sgriobh a' chomhairle chun a h-uile pàrant a bha air an ainmeachadh air an iarrtas agus fhuairead iad freagairtean a' dearbhadh gun robh tìdh aig 11 pàistean, agus nas cudromaiche, gun robh 5 anns an aon bhliadhna sgoile (2023). Rinn iad an uair sin co-dhùnadh a dhol air adhart do làn mheasadh agus chaidh fios a chur gu Comann nam Pàrant mar cho-chomhairliche reachdail. Chaidh an fhreagairt againn a chur a-steach dhan chomhairle taobh a-staigh na h-ùine a chaidh iarraidh agus tha i ri fhaighinn air an làraich-lin againn. Às dèidh làn mheasadh, cho-dhùin a' chomhairle gun cuireadh iad FtG air dòigh ann an Siòrrachd Rinn Friù an Ear bhon Lùnastal 2023. Cho fad's as aithne dhuinn cha deach co-dhùnadh sam bith a dhèanamh a thaobh far am biodh seo suidhichte.

Thug sinn taic do phàrantan ann an Glaschu gus iarrtas airson FtG aig ire na bun-sgoile a chur a-steach. Chaidh àite a dhiùltadh do na 5 teaghlachaean a chaidh ainmeachadh air an iarrtas am-bliadhna le Comhairle Baile Ghlaschu. Dhearbh measadh túsail na comhairle gun robh 5 sgoilearan ag iarraidh FtG san Lùnastal 2022 agus tha iad a-nis a' dèanamh làn mheasadh. Chaidh fios a chur thugainn mar cho-chomhairlichean reachdail agus chithear an fhreagairt againn air an làraich-lin againn. Feumaidh a' chomhairle an làn mheasadh a chriochnachadh air 15mh Ògmhios aig a' chàr as fhaide.

Tha sinn air a bhith a' conaltradh ri teaghlachaean ann an Loch Àlainn a thaobh iarrtas a dh'fhaodadh a bhith ann airson FtG aig ire na bun-sgoile san sgoil an sin. Leis gu bheil àireamhan san sgoil beag, chan eil sinn an dùil gum bi 5 san aon bhliadhna sgoile ach tha sinn den bheachd gu bheil iarrtas le àireamhan nas lugh aiomchaidh.

Cha b' ann mar seo a bha cuisean air a' Chomraich far a bheil an sgoil mun aon mheud ach far am bi clas BS1 le sianar ann. Anns a' chiad mheasadh dhearbh a' chomhairle gun robh sianar chloinne ag iarraidh FtG aig ire na bun-sgoil agus tha iad air co-dhùnadh FtG a chur air dòigh gun a bhith a' dèanamh làn mheasadh. Tha sanasan a-nis air a dhol a-mach airson na dreuchd teagaisg seo.

In East Renfrewshire we supported a parental request for GME. The request had the details of 14 children whose families were interested in GME. In the initial assessment phase the council wrote to all parents listed on the request and received responses confirming that 11 children were interested with, most importantly, 5 in one school year (2023). They then took the decision to proceed to full assessment and Comann nam Pàrant were contacted as statutory consultees. Our response was submitted to the council within the requested timeframe and is available on our website. Following full assessment, the council decided to make provision for GME in East Renfrewshire from August 2023. As far as we are aware there has been no decision on the location of provision.

We supported parents in Glasgow to submit a request for GMPE. The 5 families named on the request had all been refused a place this year by Glasgow City Council. The council's initial assessment confirmed that there were 5 pupils requesting GME for August 2022 and they are now carrying out a full assessment. We were contacted as statutory consultees and our response can be seen on our website. The council have until the 15th of June to complete the full assessment.

We have been liaising with families in Lochaline regarding a possible request for GMPE in the school there. As numbers in the school are small, we do not anticipate that there will be 5 in any one school year but believe that a request with much smaller numbers is justified.

This was not the case in Applecross where the school is a similar size but this school year there will be a P1 class of 6 children. In the initial assessment the council confirmed that there were 6 children requesting GMPE and have decided to secure provision without undertaking a full assessment. The teaching post is now advertised.



Às dèidh dhuinn sgrùdadh ion-dhèantachd a chur a-steach mu àrainn Ghàidhlig 3-18, cho-dhùin Comhairle na Gàidhealtachd san Dùblachd sgrùdadh ion-dhèantachd nas doimhne a bharantachadh gus sgrùdadh a dhèanamh air na ceumannan a dh'fheumar a ghabhail gus leudachadh seasmhach a thoirt air foghlam tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig 3-18 ann an Inbhir Nis. Chaidh 'Iarrtas airson Fiosrachadh' an uair sin a chur air làrach-lin Cùmhnantán Poblach na h-Alba. Tha sinn a' dèanamh fiughair ri bhith a' conaltradh ri pàrantan agus leis a' chomhairle gus taic a chumail ri leasachaidhean ùra ann an Inbhir Nis.

Ann an Siòrrachd Lannraig a Tuath tha sinn ag obair còmhla ri buidheann Comann nam Pàrant ionadail gus taic a thoirt dhan iarrtas bho phàrantan airson sgoil làn-Ghàidhlig. Tha faisg air 200 sgoilear ann am Bun-sgoil Condobhrat ann am foghlam tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig, agus tha e na iongnadh nach e sgoil làn-Ghàidhlig a tha seo mar-thà. Chaidh Plana Gàidhlig ùr Siòrrachd Lannraig a Tuath aontachadh le Bòrd na Gàidhlig agus tha àrainn 3-18 tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig aige mar amas àrd-ìre. Cumaidh sinn oirnn a' toirt taic dhan bhuidhinn CnP ionadail agus sinn a' dèanamh adhartas a dh'ionnsaigh ionad làn-Ghàidhlig.

Following our submission of a feasibility study into a 3-18 Gaelic campus, in December Highland Council decided to commission a more in-depth feasibility study to explore what steps need to be taken to deliver sustainable expansion of 3-18 Gaelic Medium Education in Inverness. A 'Request for Information' was then posted on the Public Contracts Scotland website. We look forward to engaging further with parents and the council in support of new developments in Inverness.

In North Lanarkshire we are working with the local Co-mann nam Pàrant group in support of the parental demand for a standalone Gaelic school. There are almost 200 pupils in Condorrat Primary in Gaelic medium education, and it is surprising that this is not already a stand-alone school. The new North Lanarkshire Gaelic Language Plan has been agreed with Bòrd na Gàidhlig and has a Gaelic medium 3-18 campus as a high-level aim. We will continue to support the local CnP group as progress is made towards a dedicated Gaelic facility.



Fiosrachadh do Phàrantan

Anns a' Ghearran, chùm sinn tachartas fiosrachaidh nàiseanta air-loidhne le taic bho Bhòrd na Gàidhlig. Bha 30 an làthair aig an tachartas, a chuala bho phannal de dhèòlaichean a' coimhead air gach ire de FtG bho thràth-ionnsachadh gu àrd-sgoil. As dèidh taisbeanaidhean goirid bho gach neach-pannail, bha na ceistean a thog na compàirtichean a' coimhead air a' mhòr-chuid de na ceistean cumanta a bhios párantan a' togail mu FtG, leithid ulla-chaidhean airson feumalachdan taic a bharrachd, beachd nan sgoilearan air a' Ghàidhlig agus a bhith a' cleachdadh na Gàidhlig taobh a-muigh na sgoile. Tha sinn fada an comain a' phannail againn airson páirt a ghabhail san tachartas seo.

Tha cuairt-litir ràitheil againn do phàrantan anns a bheil fiosrachadh mu iomairtean foghlaim nàiseanta a bharrachd air susbaint co-cheangailte ris a' Ghàidhlig agus fiosrachadh mu obair ionadail aig Comann nam Pàrant. Bidh sinn cuideachd a' sgaoileadh fiosrachadh do phàrantan tro ar duilleag Facebook, tro Instagram agus Twitter.



San t-Samhain chuir sinn làrach-lin ùraichte Chomann nam Pàrant air bhog. Tha an làrach-lin a' toirt seachad fiosrachadh brioghmhòr mun t-slige tro Mheadhan na Gàidhlig do phàrantan. Cha robh e comasach do bhuidhnean ionadail obair brosnachaidh FtG pearsanta aghaidh-ri-aghaidh a dhèanamh ann an sgoiltean agus coimhersnachdan. Mar sin, tha ar làthaireachd air-loidhne glè chudromach ann a bhith a' co-roinn an fhiosrachaidh as ùire do phàrantan a tha a' beachdachadh air Foghlam tro Mheadhan na Gàidhlig. Air an làraich-lin tha bhiodh an rinneadh an-uirdh far an cluinn sinn bho chleachdaichean, párantan agus iadsan a tha an sàs ann am FtG aig ìre ro-sgoile, bun-sgoile agus àrd-sgoile. Tha fiosrachadh conaltraidh agus fiosrachadh mun t-solar Gàidhlig air fad ann an Alba air liostadh, air an seòrsachadh a rèir Ùghdarrais Ionadail. Tha ceanglaichean ann cuideachd ri làraichean-lin cuideachail eile agus ris na goireasan againn gus taic a thoirt do theaghlaichean Gàidhlig a ghabhas a lùghdachadh a-nuas.

Information for Parents

In February, with the support of Bòrd na Gàidhlig we held a national online information event. There were 30 attendees at the event who heard from a panel of experts covering all stages of GME from early learning to secondary. Following short presentations from each of the panellists, questions raised by the participants covered most of the common questions that parents raise around GME, such as provision for additional support needs, pupil's attitude to Gaelic and providing exposure to Gaelic outside of school. We are very grateful to our panel for participating in this event.

We have a quarterly newsletter for parents which has information on national educational initiatives as well as Gaelic related content and features on local Comann nam Pàrant activities. We also share information with parents via our Facebook page, Instagram and Twitter.



In November we launched our refreshed Comann nam Pàrant website. The website provides coherent information about the Gaelic Medium journey for parents. This year local groups have been unable to do in-person promotional GME work in schools and communities. Therefore, our online presence is very important sharing up-to-date information relevant for parents who are considering Gaelic Medium Education. On the website there are videos produced last year where we hear from practitioners, parents and those involved in GME in pre-school, primary and secondary. Contact details and information of all Gaelic provision in Scotland is listed, categorised by Local Authority. There are also links to other helpful websites along with downloads of our resources to support Gaelic families.

Anns a' Ghearran bha sinn glè thoilichte an dàrna làrach-lin againn a chur air bhog a chaidh a chruthachadh leis an Oifigear Leasachaид Teaghlach againn – www.neadan.scot. Is e amas na làraich-lin seo a bhith na làrach iom-lan do phàrantan le, fòcas air na tràth-bhliadhnaicheadh. Tha pailteas stuthan agus fiosrachaидh ri fhaighinn air an làraich-lin, a' gabhail a-steach comhairle do theaghlach mu bhith a' fighe a-steach Gàidhlig dhan dachaigh aca - an dàchuid dhaibhsan a tha ùr dhan chànan agus dhaibhsan aig a bheil Gàidhlig mar-thà. Tha comhairle ann cuideachd do phàrantan a tha airson Gàidhlig ionnsachadh le goireasan agus ceanglaichean ri làraichean-lin eile cuideachd. Thèid an làraich-lin seo ùrachadh nuair a bhios fiosrachadh, goireasan agus stuthan taic ùra rim faighinn.



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In February we were very pleased to launch a second website created by our Family Language Development Officer – www.neadan.scot. The aim of this website is to be a one-stop-shop for parents with a focus on the early years. There is a wealth of materials and information available on the website including advice for families to embed Gaelic into their homes - both for those who are new to the language and those who already speak Gaelic. There is also advice for parents who are wishing to learn Gaelic with resources and links to other websites also listed. This website will be kept up to date as new information, resources and support materials become available.

A' cumail taic ri pàrantan

Tha buidhnean Comann nam Pàrant a' cumail orra a' dèanamh obair chudromach aig ère ionadail; a' cumail taic ri obair clas, gniomhan taobh a-muigh na sgoile agus ag iomairt air cùisean a tha deatamach a thaobh foghlam tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig. Tha an t-oifigear leasachaид againn ann gus taic a thoirt do na h-iomairtean ionadail sin.

Tha an t-oifigear ionnsachaidh teaghlach againn a' libh-rigeadh chlasaichean air-loidhne do phàrantan stèidhichte air Speak Gaelic. Gheibhear fiosrachadh aig neadan.scot.

Supporting Parents

Comann nam Pàrant groups continue to do important work at local level; supporting the work of the classroom, activities outwith school and campaigning on issues that are critical to Gaelic medium provision. Our development officer is available to support these local campaigns and initiatives.

Our family learning officer continues to deliver online classes for parents based on Speak Gaelic. Information is available on neadan.scot.

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A' riochdachadh Phàrantan

Tha sinn air freagairtean a chur a-steach do ghrunn cho-chomhairlean tron bhliadhna.

Anns an Lùnastal an-uiridh, chùm Comhairle Baile Obar Dheathain co-chomhairle phoblach gus sgìrean-sgoile a stèidheachadh airson Foghlam tro Mheadhan na Gàidhlig (FtG) ann am Bun-sgoil Gilcomstoun agus Acadamaidh Hazlehead. Bha na sgìrean-sgoile a chaidh a mholadh nan sgìrean beaga timcheall air an dà sgoil agus cha robh iad a' gabhail a-steach a' bhaile gu lèir, a bha air a bhith na sgìre neo-oifigeil suas gu 2019 nuair a tharraing a' chomhairle air falbh còmhdaill do theaghlaichean a bha a' fuireach taobh a-muigh nan sgìrean-sgoile ainmichte. Fhuair a' cho-chomhairle 61 freagairt, 55 an aghaidh na sgìre-sgoile a chaidh a mholadh agus 6 a' cumail taic rithe. Bha na freagairtean aig Bòrd na Gàidhlig, Foghlam Alba agus Comann nam Pàrant am measg an fheadhainn a bha an aghaidh a' mholaidh. A bharrachd air neo-ionannachd a thaobh ruigsinneachd, chaidh draghan a thogail gum biodh na diofar sgìrean-sgoile eadar bun-sgoil agus àrd-sgoil ag adhbharachadh duilgheadasan le eadar-ghluasad agus gum biodh an sgìre-sgoile nas lugh aирson nan bun-sgoile a' fagail nach biodh FtG cho tarraingeach do phàrantan agus mar sin gun cuireadh e bacadh air fas ann am FtG. Bhathar den bheachd nach robh a' chomhairle air dearbhadh gum biodh buannachd foghlaim aig a' mholadh aca. A dh'aindeoin na freagairt seo dhan cho-chomhairle, chuir oifigearan foghlaim am moladh air adhart do Chomataidh an Foghlaim san Fhaoillean. Dhiùlt Comhairlichean am moladh agus dh'iarr iad air na h-oifigearan aca "beach-dachadh air agus dèiligeadh ris na draghan bhon luchd-co-chomhairleachaidh agus luchd-ùidh uile agus barrachd obair com-pàirteachaidh a dhèanamh gus na roghainnean uile a sgrùdadh agus aithris a dhèanamh dhan chomataidh". Thèid an ath coinneamh comataidh a chumail air 14mh Ògmhios agus tha sinn an dùil an nì seo fhaicinn air a' chlàr-ghnothaich an uair sin.

Ann an sgìre Chomhairle na Gàidhealtachd choinnich sinn ri oifigich na comhairle agus fhreagair sinn co-chomhairlean air sgìrean-sgoile airson foghlam tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig ann am Baile Ùr an t-Slèibh, Àth Tharracail, Gleann Urchadain, Am Ploc agus Loch Carrann.

Chuir sinn freagairtean a-steach dhan cho-chomhairle air Plana Gàidhlig Riaghaltas na h-Alba agus air a' cho-chomhairle air Ath-leasachadh Foghlaim. Mhol sinn dòigh-obrach stèidhichte air còraichean càinain dhan Ghàidhlig san dà fhreagairt. Tha an dà fhreagairt air an làraich-lín againn.

Chuir sinn a-steach beachdan air a' cho-chomhairle 'Empowering our Educators' ann an Earr-a-Ghàidheal is Bhòid.

Bha sinn an làthair aig a' choinneimh 'Adhartas nas luithe' san t-Sultain agus aig coinneamhan aig Buidheann Thar-phàrtaidh na Gàidhlig.

Representing Parents

We have responded to a number of consultations over the year.

In August of last year, Aberdeen City Council held a public consultation to establish catchment areas for Gaelic Medium Provision (GME) in Gilcomstoun Primary School and Hazlehead Academy. The catchment areas proposed were limited to small areas around the two schools and were not city wide, which had been the unofficial catchment up until 2019 when the council withdrew transport for families living outwith the designated school catchments. The consultation received 61 responses, 55 which were against the proposed catchment area and 6 that indicated they were in favour. The responses that opposed the proposal included Bòrd na Gàidhlig, Education Scotland and Comann nam Pàrant. As well as inequality of access, concerns were raised that the different catchments between primary and secondary would cause issues with transition and that the smaller catchment for primary would make GME less attractive to parents thus restricting growth in GME. It was felt that the council had not established the educational benefit to their proposal. Despite this response to the consultation education officials put the proposal to the Education Committee in January. Councillors rejected the proposal and requested that their officials "consider and address the concerns from all consultees and stakeholders and further engage to explore all options for consideration and report back to committee". The next committee meeting is on 14th June when we hope to see this item on the agenda.

In the Highland Council area we met with council officials and responded to consultations on catchments for Gaelic medium in Newtonmore, Acharacle, Glenurquhart, Plockton and Lochcarron.

We responded to the consultation on Scottish Government's Gaelic Language Plan and the consultation on Education Reform. In both responses we advocate a rights-based approach for Gaelic policy. Both responses are on our website.

We submitted comments on the Argyll & Bute 'Empowering our Educators' consultation.

We attended the 'Faster Rate of Progress' meeting in September and meetings of the Cross-Party on Gaelic.



Maoin Eadar-theachd Thràth do Chloinn, Daoine Òga agus Teaghlaichean –

Riaghaltas na h-Alba (CYPFEIF) agus Pileat Tràth-bhliadhnaichean

Children, Young People and Families Early Intervention Fund –

Scottish Government (CYPFEIF) and Early Years Pilot

Tha Comann nam Pàrant toilichte a bhith a' cumail orra a' toirt taic do thràth-ionnsachadh agus càram-chloinne na Gàidhlig, gu h-àraidh na priomh chosgaisean aig buidhnean saor-thoileach do dhaois 0-3, leis a' mhaoineachadh a tha sinn a' faighinn tro Mhaoin Eadar-theachd Thràth na Cloinne, na h-Òigridh agus nan Teaghlaichean. 'S e seo a' bhliadhna mu dheireadh den mhaoin ach thèid maoin ùr theaghlaichean is choimhearsnachdan a chur na h-àite agus tha sinn an dùil gun tèid a cur air bhog aig deireadh an Ògmhios.

Tha Comann nam Pàrant air cothrom fhaighinn am-bliadhna gus sgeama pileat a libhrigeadh gus taic a chumail ri tràth-ionnsachadh. Le mhaoineachadh bho Bhòrd na Gàidhlig, còmhla ri CYPFEIF, tha sinn air sgioba leasachaidh tràth-bhliadhnaichean fhastadh. Tha manaidsear an sgioba, a tha stèidhichte ann am Meadhan na h-Alba, agus an dithis oifigear páirt-ùine eile anns na h-Eileanan an Iar air a bhith trang bho thòisich iad san Lùnastal. Tha sinn a' faicinn iarrtas mòr airson tachartasan tràth-bhliadhnaichean Gàidhlig às dèidh nan dùnadh fada tron għlasadh-sios.

Tha an sgioba againn anns na h-Eileanan an Iar air a bhith a' cumail seiseanan Thig a Chluich ann an Leòdas agus sna Hearadh bho dheireadh an Dàmhair. Bidh na seiseanan buail a-steach airson cluich, sgeulachd is òrain seo airson clann ro-sgoile agus am párrantan/luchd-cùram a' gabhail àite gach Dimàirt ann an Steòrnabhagh, agus an uair sin gach cola-deug no gach mìos ann an ceàrnaidhean eile de na h-eileanan. Tha iad air a bhith cho mòr-chòrdte is gun do leudaich sinn cùisean agus gu bheil sinn a-nis a' tadhail air bailtean eile: bidh sinn a-nis a' toirt nan seiseanan gu Steòrnabhagh, an Rubha, am Bac, Siabost, Ceann a Tuath nan Loch, Nis agus an Tairbeart.

Nas fhaide a deas, tha sinn air leth toilichte gu bheil mòran de na buidhnean tràth-bhliadhnaichean againn a' tòiseachadh air na seiseanan aghaidh-ri-aghaidh aca a-rithist. Thill Pàrant is Pàiste Phartaig do na seiseanan aca Dimàirt ann an ionad Heart of Scotstoun san t-Samhain. Tha na buidhnean tràth-bhliadhnaichean seo a-nis a' coinneachadh aghaidh-ri-aghaidh a-rithist bho dheireadh 2021: Cròileagan Obar Pheallaidh, Cròileagan Pheairt, Pàrant is Pàiste Pollokshields, Pàrant is Pàiste Bruach Chluaidh, Pàrant is Pàiste Chille Mheàrnaig, Rionnagan Beaga Drochaid an Easbaig and Cròileagan Dhùn Èideann. Tha na h-àireamhan de theaghlaichean a bhios a' frithealadh nam buidhnean tràth-bhliadhnaichean againn air leth brosnachail, agus tha a' mhòr-chuid dhiubh a' sior fhàs mòr-chòrdte. Tha gnìomhan Gàidhlig nan tràth-bhliadhnaichean ann an Lodainn air leudachadh leis na seiseanan Gàidhlig Bookbug ùra againn. Tha sinn a' tòiseachadh air dà bhuidhinn tràth-bhliadhnaichean ùra a thòiseachadh, tè ann an Siorrachd Rinn Friù agus tè ann an Siorrachd Rinn Friù an Ear. Mu dheireadh, tha sinn cuideachd ag obair gus Pàrant is Pàiste Srughlea a thòiseachadh a-rithist.

Comann nam Pàrant are pleased to continue to support Gaelic early learning and childcare, particularly the core costs of 0-3 voluntary groups, with the funding that we receive through the Children, Young People and Families Early Intervention Fund. This is the final year of the fund but it will be replaced with a new families and communities fund which we expect to be launched at the end of June.

Comann nam Pàrant have been given the opportunity this year to deliver a pilot scheme in support of early learning. With funding from Bòrd na Gàidhlig, along with CYPFEIF, we have employed a small early years' development team. The team manager, based in the Central Belt, and the other two part-time officers in the Western Isles have been busy since starting in August. We are seeing a real demand for Gaelic early years activities after the long closures due to lockdown.

Our team in the Western Isles have been running Thig a Chluich sessions in Lewis and Harris since the end of October. These drop-in play, story and song sessions for preschool children and their parents/carers take place every Tuesday in Stornoway, and then fortnightly or monthly in other areas of the islands. They have been so popular that at the start of this year we expanded to visiting other villages and we now take the sessions to Stornoway, Point, Back, Shawbost, North Lochs, Ness and Tarbert.

Further south, we are delighted to see many of our early years groups restarting their face-to-face sessions again. Pàrant is Pàiste Phartaig returned to their Tuesday sessions in the Heart of Scotstoun centre in November. Other early years groups who have returned to face-to-face sessions at the end of 2021 are Cròileagan Obar Pheallaidh, Cròileagan Pheairt, Pàrant is Pàiste Pollokshields, Pàrant is Pàiste Bruach Chluaidh, Pàrant is Pàiste Chille Mheàrnaig, Rionnagan Beaga Drochaid an Easbaig and Cròileagan Dhùn Èideann. The numbers of families attending each of our early years groups is really encouraging, and most of them continue to grow in popularity. Early years Gaelic activities in the Lothians have expanded with our new Gaelic Bookbug sessions. We are in the process of starting up two new early years groups, one in Renfrewshire and one in East Renfrewshire. Finally, we are also working towards getting Pàrant is Pàiste Srughlea started up again.



Seachdain na Gàidhlig do sgoiltean ann an Dùn Èideann Gaelic week for schools in Edinburgh

Bha sinn fior thoilichte gum b' urrainn dhuinn a dhol air adhart le seachdain nan sgoiltean ann an Dùn Èideann am-bliadhna. Bha an t-iarrtas cho àrd is gun do chùm sinn gnìomhan thairis air dà sheachdайн seach aon sheachdain mar as dual.

Tha an tachartas bliadhnaile seo air a bhith a' ruith fad 15 bliadhna agus tha e a' toirt cothrom do Sgoiltean tro Mheadhan na Gàidhlig tadhal air àiteachan tarraingeach ann an Dùn Èideann le luchd-labhairt na Gàidhlig a' stiùireadh gach turas. Is e turas foghlaim a tha seo a bheir cothrom do sgoilearan tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig an cuij Gàidhlig a chleachdadh taobh a-muigh a' chlas aca ann an diofar àrainneachdan. Bha seiseanan ann aig Our Dynamic Earth, Taigh-tasgaidh Nàiseanta na h-Alba, Caisteal Dhùn Èideann, agus Pàirc Holyrood. Bha sinn toilichte failte a chur air sgoiltean às a' Ghàidhealtachd, Earra-Ghàidheal is Bhòid, Siòrrachd Àir an Ear, Inbhir Chluaidh, Siòrrachd Lannraig a Tuath, Glaschu, Sruighlea agus Siòrrachd Dhùn Breatann an Ear le 431 sgoilear uile gu lèir bho 19 sgoiltean eadar-dhealaichte a' gabhail páirt.

Dhòbraich sinn le Our Dynamic Earth gus tè de na buithean-obrach soirbheachail aca air Atharrachadh na Gnàth-shide eadar-theangachadh gu Gàidhlig. Bha seo air a stiùireadh le Shona Chaimbeul agus bha e air leth soirbheachail leis na sgoilearan. Às dèidh nam bùth-obrach chaidh na sgoilearan air turas timcheall Our Dynamic Earth, a tha an-còmhnaidh a' còrdadh riutha. Tha goireasan Gàidhlig aig Our Dynamic Earth air an làraich-lin aca cuideachd. Stiùirich Lewis Laing an turas ann an Taigh-tasgaidh Nàiseanta na h-Alba. Dhòbraich sinn le luchd-obrach an taigh-tasgaidh gus Gàidhlig a chur air slighe nan dìneas aca. A bharrachd air a bhùth obrach, bha cothrom aig na sgoilearan coimhead air na nithean eile san taigh-tasgaidh. Aig Caisteal Dhùn Èideann, dhòbraich sinn le Arainneachd Eachdraidheil Alba (HES) gus tursan Gàidhlig a libhrigeadh. Taing do dh'Iain Craig aig HES a libhrig na seiseanan inntinneach is tarraingeach seo do sgoiltean. Mu dheireadh, ruith sinn seiseanan ann am Pàirc an Ròid le geamannan agus gnìomhan co-cheangailte ri nàdar. Mòran taing do dh'Aileas NicLeòid, Alison Clark agus Kirsteen Mhoireach airson na seiseanan seo a libhrigeadh do na sgoiltean.

We were delighted that our Gaelic week for schools was able to go ahead in Edinburgh this year. Demand was such that we ran activities over two weeks rather than the normal one.

This annual event has been running for 15 years and gives Gaelic Medium Schools the opportunity to visit popular attractions in Edinburgh but with all visits led by Gaelic speakers. This is an educational trip which gives Gaelic Medium pupils an opportunity to use their Gaelic out with their class in a variety of environments. There were sessions at Our Dynamic Earth, National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh Castle, and Holyrood Park. We were pleased to welcome schools from Highland, Argyll & Bute, East Ayrshire, Inverclyde, North Lanarkshire, Glasgow City, Stirling & East Dunbartonshire with a total of 431 pupils from 19 different schools taking part.

We worked with Our Dynamic Earth to translate one of their successful workshops about Climate Change into Gaelic. This was led by Shona Campbell and was a great success with the pupils. After the workshop the pupils had a tour round Our Dynamic Earth, which is always very popular. Our Dynamic Earth also have resources in Gaelic on their website. Lewis Laing led the tour in the National Museum of Scotland. We worked with staff at the museum to translate their dinosaur trail into Gaelic. As well as the workshop pupils had the opportunity to view the many other attractions at the museum. At Edinburgh Castle, we worked with Historic Environment Scotland (HES) to deliver Gaelic led tours. Thanks to Iain Craig from HES who delivered the interesting and attractive sessions to the schools. Finally, we ran sessions in Holyrood Park with games and activities connected to nature. Many thanks to Aileas MacLeod, Alison Clark and Kirsteen Murray for delivering these sessions to the schools.



Co-obrachadh

Bidh sinn ag obrachadh le agus a' cumail coinneamhan cunbalach le sgioba an Foghlaim aig Bòrd na Gàidhlig. Bidh coinneamhan cunbalach againn le Foghlam Alba agus tha sinn taingeil airson an taic le bhith a' sgaoileadh fios agus a' cuairteachadh na cuairt-litreach againn.

Magaidh Wentworth

Collaborative working

We have regular meetings with, and work in partnership with, the education team at Bòrd na Gàidhlig.

We have regular meetings with Education Scotland and appreciate their support in sharing of information and circulating our newsletter.

Magaidh Wentworth

Seachdain Ghàidhlig Dhùn Èideann



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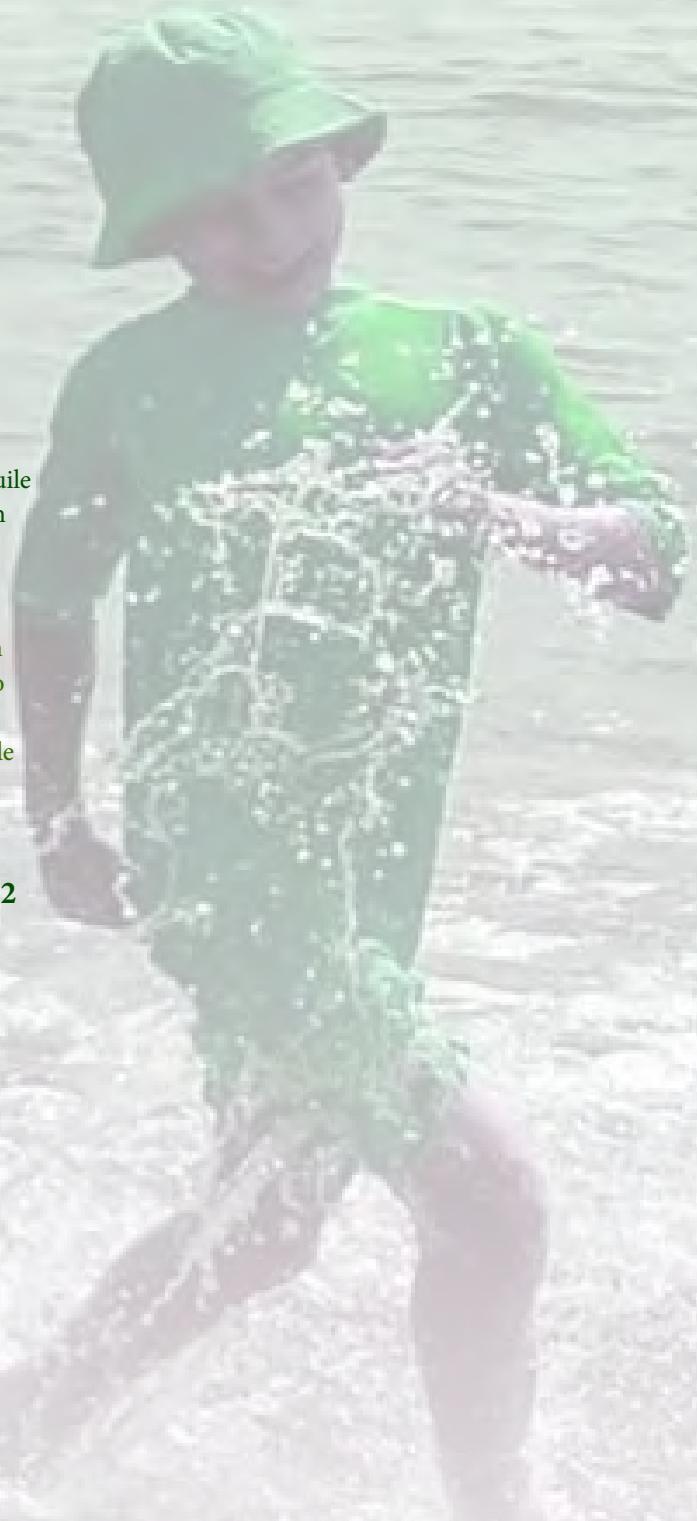
Tha Comann nam Pàrant (Nàiseanta), a' bhuidheann stiùiridh airson nam buidhnean ionadail, na charthannas clàraichte an Alba le priomh amas "a bhith a' cur air adhart agus a' toirt taice do stèidheachadh is cumail suas Foghlam tro Mheadhan na Gàidhlig". Tha comas aig a h-uile sgìre far am bheil buidheann CnP ionadail a bhith air an riochdachadh air a' chomataidh nàiseanta, a' ciallachadh gun cluinnear guth gach pàrant aig ire nàiseanta.

Comann nam Pàrant (Nàiseanta), the umbrella body for Comann nam Pàrant groups, is a registered charity in Scotland whose main aim is "to promote and support the establishment and maintenance of education through the medium of Gaelic". All areas with local CnP groups are able to be represented on the national committee, thus ensuring that all parents can have a voice at national level.

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