

# A Strategy for the Irish Language

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# Mission

NUI Galway will be the leader in Ireland and internationally in developing Irish language teaching, research and initiatives and, with that, an exemplar at home and abroad in terms of fostering close ties with language communities, especially speakers of Celtic and minority languages.

The University's Irish language community will be enlarged and the status of the Irish language in the University will be strengthened. We will achieve this by ensuring that a positive bilingual environment is created and maintained and that a favourable climate for the use of Irish is developed and maintained among the various communities of the University, including students and staff.



## Our Vision for the Irish Language

The Irish language in NUI Galway has a particular advantage in terms of location and community. We are the only university located on the edge of the Gaeltacht and, with our Gaeltacht Centres, in the Gaeltacht itself. In the context of our distinctiveness, this is clearly a valuable point of difference – something not as obvious in many other university activities - and we are very proud of it.

We are intertwined with Irish language and Gaeltacht communities, and the Irish language is a central and deep part of our identity and our lives. It is our value as a university community to respect our diverse communities, both in the University and in our hinterland, to be open to the outside world and to be committed to sustainability. The Irish language is a core aspect of this respect, of this openness and sustainability.

We are focused on and serious about our communities and our location. We understand the importance our people, our students, our staff, and the community in which we are located place on Irish language life and living through the Irish language. We are part of Irish language life with them.

We therefore aim to make NUI Galway a leader in Ireland and, consequently, internationally in developing Irish language teaching, research and initiatives and, with that, an exemplar at home and abroad in terms of fostering close ties with language communities, especially Celtic and minority languages. That is the goal and the challenge that lies ahead.

I have not yet mentioned our statutory obligation regarding the Irish language. We value that responsibility, which is aligned with our values. The Irish language is grounded and foundational in the history and life of the University. We understand that and, as a result, more work remains to be done. However, the Irish language is not a burden but a value to our communities and to the University. Nowhere else in the world has such value and possibilities. This

I therefore welcome this strategy, which comes from the University community. I support it.

We are very grateful to all those who have been on this journey with us thus far. Ambitious challenges are set out here and I commend all those who accepted the invitation to be a member of the Strategic Committee for the Irish Language and who participated in the process with meaning and vitality. We are indebted to you. Thank you.

When we launched the University's Strategy 2020-25, A Shared Vision, Shaped By Values, we used Máirtín Ó Direáin's poem, An tEarrach Thiar, in both the English and Irish versions. This was a deliberate and purposeful sign of our view of the richness and position of the Irish language in the life and strategy of NUI Galway.



is positive rather than negative and we are focused and enthusiastic as a result.

We will say it again: currach lán éisc, ag teacht chun cladaigh.

Hereby launched and full steam ahead...

Professor Ciarán Ó hÓgartaigh University President

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## Our Alignment with University Values

### Shared Vision, Shaped by Values – Strategy 2020-2025

We will develop and implement an ambitious and future-focused strategy for the Irish language, in partnership with national stakeholders and Gaeltacht communities, based on our values of respect and sustainability (AP09).

As a bilingual university, NUI Galway champions its core values of respect, excellence, openness and sustainability and these values reinforce each other to enhance the University's distinctiveness. This is no less evident here in this Strategy for the Irish Language. The Strategy is ambitious and is imbued with a vision of hope for the development and fostering of a sustainable bilingual environment.

#### **Open NUI Galway**

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Openness, diversity and inclusion are fundamental to the University's approach to innovation, engagement and creativity. We recognise the distinctive and positive value of the Irish language as part of our culture and identity. We take pride and joy in our unique role in leading higher education and research in the Irish language, and we appreciate the importance of thriving Irish-speaking communities in the Gaeltacht and beyond. We will work with our communities to enhance our bilingual campus and share our passion for the Irish language with the world (CP06). This document reinforces the message that NUI Galway's Strategy for the Irish Language is an inclusive strategy and that everyone in the University has ownership of it, regardless of their language ability. That, through partnership, collaboration and the development of agendas, a foundation shall be laid for the achievement of common milestones with its stakeholders, through a process that is open and respectful of all parties.

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### **Respectful NUI Galway**

Respect for the language, respect for its people and its speakers is central to this strategy. Our success depends on creating a shared environment where we respect and value each other. Our actions will reflect our commitment to engaging respectfully with our diverse communities. Recognising the unique and influential role our university plays in our region's society and economy, we will work with businesses, organisations and networks across the west of Ireland to ensure that our university is positively serving our region (CR12). Language rights and respect for Irish speakers are key themes of this strategy and respect for the Irish language is embedded in every aspect of this Strategic Plan.

## Sustainability: Our actions will reflect our commitment to lead the transition to a sustainable future

This Strategy believes strongly that a partnership should be established between the University, the community and the State in order to provide a university model that will serve as an exemplar for other minority language communities around the world and for the sustainable development of those communities. That the University will take the lead in the challenges facing the Gaeltacht and Irish language communities, and that it will support them in facing those challenges in order to develop a sustainable language community for the future. And that by building on the relationships between the University, state organisations and the language community, we would develop a strategy that, through communication, collaboration and partnership based on the values of respect and sustainability, will contribute to the social, cultural, economic and linguistic development of that community.

Working together with local, regional, national, European and global partners, we will develop solutions for a more sustainable future (CS05). We will be world-renowned for our teaching and research activities that develop our graduates as future sustainability leaders in Ireland and globally (CS06).

### **Excellent NUI Galway**

It is recognised that the University's Strategy for the Irish Language must be evidence-based and research-led. To this end, we identify the need to embed engaged research across the University by involving and collaborating with the public throughout the process of our research activities (AP13). Our research will inform attitudes and policy about diversity, with an emphasis on improving understanding and awareness of disadvantage and discrimination where it occurs (CR02).

This strategy strives to create a positive impact on society through partnership with organisations and building on existing partnerships. It recognises the distinctive value of the Irish language as part of our culture and identity, and builds the University's reputation as a world-class centre for Irish language research contributing to all strands of enriching creativity and culture (**CE08**).

The problems of the world are not solved from just one perspective. We therefore affirm the importance of interdisciplinarity in delivering impact. The breadth, depth and interdisciplinarity of our expertise, both fundamental and applied, across the sciences, social sciences and humanities is key to our success. It enables us to drive cultural, societal and economic change and respond to emerging fields of research. Our students will benefit directly from newly developed curricula that are research-led, drawing on the interdisciplinary strengths of our University (CE05).

## The Irish Language & Compliance at NUI Galway

The University's commitment to the Irish language was first set out in the **University College Galway Act 1929** and this was reiterated in the University College Galway (Amendment) Act 2006, which states that one of the principal aims of the university is

### "the provision of education ... through the medium of the Irish language".

The **University's Strategy 2020-2025** goes even further and commits to developing and implementing an ambitious and futurefocused strategy for the Irish language, in partnership with national stakeholders and Gaeltacht communities, based on our values of respect and sustainability (AP09).

In 2019, following a restructuring of senior management by the University President,

the responsibility for the Irish language was moved from the Office of the Secretary to the Office of the Deputy President and Registrar, the most senior member of the management team after the President and deputy to the President. In view of these changes, it was important to review governance arrangements around matters to do with the Irish language at NUI Galway.

The Deputy President and Registrar is the member of the University Management Team who is tasked with ensuring that the University fulfils its obligations in relation to Irish. He works closely with Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge and monitors the University's performance against the Language Scheme, which public bodies are required to prepare under the Official Languages Act 2003. NUI Galway's third Language Scheme 2018-21 details the approaches and efforts undertaken to promote the use of Irish in the daily business of the University.



## **Strategic Priorities**

The strategic priority areas identified in this strategy document underpin the overall values-led University Strategy 2020-2025

- We will work with our communities to enhance our bilingual campus and share our passion for the Irish language with the world (CP06).
- We will proactively remove barriers to equality and diversity in our University, recognising the individuality of our people's journeys (CR01).
- By championing respect, we will have a transformational effect on our communities and set a positive example beyond our university (CR03).
- We will strive to make a positive impact on society by partnering with other universities, organisations and communities, locally and internationally, to enable the creation and sharing of knowledge, expertise and technologies (CP04).

We will build an inclusive culture that • proactively seeks to improve access to education, enable collaboration and support our people regardless of their background (CP02).

The strategic priority areas and key objectives stemmed from the discussions and debates held at meetings of the Irish Language Strategic Committee, the various sub-committees comprised of internal and external members, including the student voice; and feedback from the overall University community following public consultation. The overall ethos of the working groups was that the vision and strategy be ambitious, so that the Irish language, which is at risk, can be promoted in University life, in the Gaeltacht community and in the Irish language community.

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The aims of A Strategy for the Irish Language 2021-25 are articulated in the following five key strategic priority areas:

- 1) Space, Resources, Premises & Buildings for the Irish Language Community
- 2) University Administrative & Management Structures
- 3) The Use of Irish in the University
- Academic Affairs 4)
- 5) A Pillar for the Language Community

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## Strategic Priority One

1. Space, Resources, Premises & Buildings for the Irish Language Community

We will invest in a physical environment that ensures our university is open and accessible to all our communities (CP03).





If teaching through Irish and the bilingual university is to be developed, it is clear that new space, facilities, and premises will be required. This Strategy will commit to addressing space provision for the Irish language community on campus. The existing space (Áras na Gaeilge) is challenged by the wide range of teaching, learning and activities that take place on campus, and the multidisciplinary team currently using it. The Acadamh's Gaeltacht staff are spending more time on the city campus, teaching courses (media, interpreting) that are resource- and space-intensive, with limited office, teaching and research space.

While the University has a reputation for being an excellent institution for teaching through Irish, feedback from students indicates that, in terms of space and facilities for the language community, other universities are better resourced. The social centre of the Irish language community at the University is the Áras na Gaeilge café and it is too small for the crowds that it caters for.

- Expand the provision in line with the needs of the Irish language community on the Galway campus in terms of space, resources and amenities.
- Propose that a new building be built for the Irish language community on campus, preliminary planning to begin immediately as part of this Strategy.
- Develop and administer an Irish Language Residency Scheme to boost the Irishspeaking community as a living community.
- Language sanctuaries/hubs for the Irish language to be created and maintained on • the Galway campus.

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• Develop a student-owned social space.

Measures of Strategy success	Short-term	Long-term
1. New Building for the Irish Language Community	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
2. Irish Language Residency Scheme	$\checkmark$	
3. Language Hubs	$\checkmark$	
4. Social Spaces		$\checkmark$

### Suggestions from the University Community

"A designated hub to be available with a clear link to Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge, the Department of Irish and the campus community. This should feature not only a café, but also a theatre, a conversation space and places where the language can be used and be seen to be in use, visible to the entire campus."

## Strategic Priority Two

2. University Administrative & Management **Structures** 

We will work with our communities to enhance our bilingual campus and share our passion for the Irish language with the world (CP06).



It is recognised that there is a passion for Irish in the University, and the staff is positive towards the University's vision for Irish. Effectively serving the language community is greatly influenced by the organisational structure, governance system, and policies of the University. In order to ensure that the University's Irish language community is treated with respect, it is necessary to ensure that the governance and management structure of the University is appropriate to a bilingual university. We will ensure that the various structures of the University, and the administrative units have clarity about duties and responsibilities to maintain an exemplary bilingual campus.

#### 2.1 Governance, Policies, and Lines of Responsibility in the University

The University is to appoint an Irish Language Officer under the auspices of the Office of the Deputy President and Registrar. This role is to be independent of the language units embedded in the College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies. This person will serve to support the University in driving its Strategy for the Irish Language, serving both staff and students.

- Create a new Irish Language Officer role within the executive of the Deputy President and Registrar, who will have overall responsibility for driving the University's vision for the Irish Language.
- Conduct a review of the services provided by University departments to the Irish language community in the University.
- Ensure that 'the Irish language in the University' be a standing item on the Governing Authority agenda.
- Commit that one meeting of the University Management Team be held in the Gaeltacht every year and every two years in the case of the Governing Authority.

#### 2.2 Administration & Service Units of the University Community

In line with the Official Languages (Amendment) Bill we will aim for 20% of professional staff to have the ability to conduct business through Irish.

- Identify and establish the ability of University units to provide services through Irish, and ascertain the number of people able to carry out tasks through Irish.
- Ensure that there are people with Irish in each administrative unit/section with responsibility to serve the Irish language community of the University.
- Implement a scheme whereby the Irish language as a skillset is officially recognised in recruitment processes.
- Ensure that the Irish language is fully factored into the Student Digital Pathways Project so all systems and processes are functional for students in both Irish and English.

### Measures of Strategy Success Sho

1. Newly appointed Irish Language Officer

2. All University policies to reflect the bilingual campus concept

3. Review of University units

4. Student Digital Pathways Project to fully integrate the Irish language into all processes and systems from the outset

5. Irish Language as a standing item on Governing Authority and University Management Team meetings plus meetings to take place in the Gaeltacht

6. 20% of professional staff with the ability to conduct business through Irish

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Suggestions from the University Community

"A fluent Irish speaker should be available in all Departments of the University so that students who so wish can receive a service through Irish in relation to registration and administration matters during their time at the University. The same could be done in the administrative and academic affairs offices. If a senior member of the University staff were responsible for promoting the Irish language in the University and ensuring that services are available through Irish, I would imagine that that would assist greatly."

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## Strategic Priority Three

### 3. The Use of Irish in the University

We will proactively remove barriers to equality and diversity in our University, recognising the individuality of our people's journeys (CR01).



NUI Galway is recognised as a bilingual university and we must foster and protect this bilingual environment. The University's Language Scheme is one of the mechanisms that exists to ensure this status is maintained. The Deputy President and Registrar has specific responsibilities for Irish in the University. Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge, Roinn na Gaeilge and other units and departments in the University are responsible for teaching and learning through Irish.

#### 3.1 Language Visibility and Communications with the Public

- Review the University website as well as existing signage across all University campuses, to ensure full compliance with obligations under the Official Languages Act.
- Ensure that all parchments are available in Irish for all Irish language and Irishmedium courses.
- Strengthen collaborations and partnerships with the Students' Union to develop Irish language initiatives.
- Initiate a publicity strategy to publicise A Strategy for the Irish Language 2021-25.
- 3.2 The Use of Irish in the University
- Campus Awareness Campaign for a better understanding and appreciation of the position of a minority language community.
- Support staff with various levels of Irish language competency and afford opportunity to those wishing to learn the language.
- Establish a University Interpretation Service, in line with the University Translation Service.
- Investigate and invest in solutions for facilitating simultaneous interpreting across the campus (meetings of Údarás na hOllscoile, UMT, Colleges, etc.)
- 3.3 Life Through Irish on Campus
- Ensure that students are able to deal with the University's administrative system through Irish from the beginning to the end of their study programme.
- Expand and support the growth of conversation circles and informal classes for staff and students.
- Relaunch and publicise the Irish Language Residency Scheme for students with Irish to reinforce the Irish-speaking community as a living community in the University.
- Design and implement a new art scheme focusing on the placement of the Irish language across the campus.
- Foster links with committees, state organisations and other groups to promote Irish language arts through a student-centred approach.
- Further emphasise the Active Offer whereby the symbol 'G' is placed next to offices and centres where there is an Irish language service available.
- Conduct regular surveys of staff and student attitudes to the University's bilingual policies.



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Measures of Strategy Success	Short-term	Long-term
1. Bilingual Signage	$\checkmark$	
2. Bilingual Website	$\checkmark$	
3. Interpreting Service	$\checkmark$	
4. Classes/Scholarships	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
5. Events & the Arts	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$

### Suggestions from the University Community

"Organise regular events through Irish, make facilities and space available on campus for Irish, bring Irish-speaking staff and students together on a social basis, have information available on the services through Irish. NUI Galway should be proud that it is a bilingual university and that the Irish language is important to the University."

"Above all, cultivation of the use of Irish on campus will be achieved through a rich experience and emotional connection (fostering pride). There is a need for social events, cultural events, exhibitions (artistic, academic, music, etc.), which are based on Irish Language Studies, in the broadest sense, but which are aimed at the general public who have no connection with Irish Language Studies or with the Irish language generally."

## Strategic Priority Four

### 4. Academic Affairs

We will mainstream academic peer supports, academic skills supports and curricular innovations, recognising the centrality of excellence in teaching and learning to the mission of our university (AE03).





NUI Galway is proud of its reputation in teaching and research in Irish language studies and is proud to be the leading national centre for university education through Irish. The University has further ambitions to excel in Irish language academic affairs and aims to be the leading centre internationally for the learning of Irish. NUI Galway staff members are well known for their research in their specialised fields through the work of Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge, the Centre for Irish Studies, and Roinn na Gaeilge.

We will endeavour to foster a community of scholars in Irish that will draw attention to the pursuit of learning in the language.

- 4.1 Language Teaching and Irish Language Studies
- Support the flourishing of the discipline of Irish on degree programmes, such that NUI Galway is world-leading in its promotion of both pedagogy and scope in respect of the discipline.
- Facilitate the development of ambitious, transformative research projects in the discipline of Irish.
- Investigate ways to expand provision in the Gaeltacht districts.
- 4.2 Teaching Through Irish
- Investigate the options in relation to the offering of interdisciplinary modules through Irish.
- Carry out research on an annual basis to ascertain the number of staff with the ability and desire to teach through Irish.
- Conduct market research to ascertain demand and opportunities for programme offerings through the medium of Irish.

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- Examine accrediting and/or awarding qualifications for an tAcadamh's Gaeltacht short courses and specialised courses.
- 4.3 Academic Community
- Develop an Irish-language seminar series, strategically aligned to the research subjects of staff across the University, to encourage cooperation between academics, attract student researchers towards postgraduate courses, and promote intellectual discourse through the medium of Irish.
- Establish fellowships to allow scholars from other institutions in Ireland and abroad to spend one or two semesters in one of the Gaeltacht centres and/or on the main campus.
- Continue to build on research infrastructures, through various outlets and networks, for academics and the Irish-speaking community.

Measures of Strategy Success	Short-term	Long-term
1. Teaching through Irish – an expanded offering	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
2. Review of the teaching of the language		$\checkmark$
3. Research infrastructure		$\checkmark$
4. Research on the Irish language	$\checkmark$	

### Suggestions from the University Community

"Undergraduate programmes and postgraduate programmes should be developed and delivered in areas critical to the viability / sustainability of the Irish language and Gaeltacht community in the 21st Century. Research programmes, which would see NUI Galway in a lead role in these areas, should also be promoted."

"The excellence and quality of Irish language teaching in the University must be safeguarded, and we must ensure that students who earn a BA degree in Irish have acquired expertise in the language."

"A review of the teaching methods of Irish in the University is urgently required to address today's student challenges. Specific action focusing on students brought up through Irish is needed to develop their language skills. Attracting postgraduate students is a particular challenge."

## Strategic Priority Five

### 5. Pillar of the Irish Language Community in Ireland

Recognising the unique and influential role our university plays in our region's society and economy, we will work with businesses, organisations and networks across the west of Ireland to ensure that our university is positively serving our region (CR12).

The University has the opportunity to play a central role in the future of the Irish language community in Ireland. The network of Gaeltacht Centres has supported the promotion of the Gaeltacht community for over 20 years, and they are prepared to capitilise on opportunities arising from the State's **20-Year Strategy for the Irish Language** and the amendment to the Official Languages Act. The University is at the forefront in the provision of Irish language training to student teachers in Ireland, and has excellent researchers in the fields of sociolinguistics, language planning and communications. NUI Galway is custodian of the extensive archives of Conradh na Gaeilge, Ireland's oldest Irish language organisation, further strengthening the University's commitment to the Irish language.



### 5.1

- Commit to developing opportunities with Gaeltacht Centres.
- Embed linkages between all Colleges/ Units across the University that serve the Gaeltacht and Irish language community.
- Deepen and formalise partnerships with stakeholders, state bodies and other organisations to promote the Irish language as part of the University's partnership strategy.
- Identify specific partnerships with common strategic interests such as Saolta, Údarás na Gaeltachta.
- Strengthen the role of the University in Language Planning (with the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media and Údarás na Gaeltachta) and in the 20-Year Strategy for the Irish Language to support the implementation of language plans and needs of Irish language planning committees in the Gaeltacht.

- Languages.

Measures of Strategy Success	Short-term	Long-term
1. Research a) Irish language b) Research Institute	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
2. Role in Language Planning	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
3. International Links & Diaspora	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
4. Development of Gaeltacht Centres		$\checkmark$

### Suggestions from the University Community

"The University should conduct a national audit of the demand for Irish-medium third-level education. Especially as we are the only bilingual university, there is an urgent need to find out what kind of demand there would be to increase the number of people studying through Irish."

Forge links between the University (VP Engagement/Development) and the Irish and Gaeltacht Diaspora overseas with a view to combining efforts in employment, academia and administration, thereby strengthening the Gaeltacht areas.

Consider involving international associations in future planning and knowledge sharing, such as European Charter for Regional or Minority

Promote research programmes, in collaboration with other stakeholders, in various fields related to the living language, the Irish-speaking communities and a sustainable minority language (linked to the Research-led University objective).

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Review University research on the use, economic value and benefit of the Irish language to the City and Region; additional research on minority languages and future of the language.

### Implementation

The Irish Language Strategic Committee will establish an Irish Language Strategy Implementation Committee from its membership to support the implementation of A Strategy for the Irish Language 2021-25. A full implementation plan will be developed, addressing each of the strategic priority areas to include deliverables, timeframe, ownership and dependencies.

The Deputy President and Registrar will pay particular attention to monitoring the progress of the plan and the achievement of strategic objectives and goals and will provide a progress report to the Governing Authority on an annual basis.

The University is committed to executing its statutory responsibilities under the Official Languages Act 2003 and the Irish Language Strategy Implementation Committee shall also have regard to the University's established language schemes and its responsibilities, under the University College Galway (Amendment) Act (2006), to promote university education through the medium of Irish.



## University Strategic Committee for the Irish Language - Membership

#### **Senior University Management**

University President, Prof Ciarán Ó hÓgartaigh

University Deputy President and Registrar, Prof Pól Ó Dochartaigh

#### Students' Union

Erin Mac an tSaoir, Irish Language Officer

Róisín Nic Lochlainn, Vice-President/Equality

#### Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge

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### **External Members**

Secretary

na Gaeltachta

Gaeilge

Gaeilge

### **Other University Members**

- Prof Tadhg Ó hIfearnáin, Roinn na Gaeilge
- Prof Niall Ó Dochartaigh, School of Political Science and Sociology
- Dr John Caulfield, Office of the President
- Michelle Ní Chróinín, Office of the Deputy President and Registrar (Committee

### **Governing Authority Members**

- Harry McGee, Political Correspondent,
- Sinéad Ní Fhatharta, Údarás na Gaeltachta (Sub-Group Chair – External Affairs)
- Ríonach Ní Néill, Galway Dance Days

- Alan Esslemont, Director General TG4
- Cathal Goan, former Director General RTÉ
- Eoghan Ó Neachtain, Public Relations Director / former Government Press
- Gearóid Mac Donncha, Director RTÉ Raidió
- Julian de Spáinn, Conradh na Gaeilge
- Peadar Mac Fhlannchadha, Conradh na
- Siobhán Ní Ghadhra, Producer, Danú Media
- Bríd Ní Chonghóile, Gaillimh le Gaeilge
- Pól Ó Gallchóir, former Chair of Foras na



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