



**An Roinn Oideachais**  
Department of Education

# **Uasdátú don Choiste Stiúrtha** **Update to Steering Committee**

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# Obair an Ghrúpa Oibre Ionrannaigh

## *Work of the Intradepartmental Working Group*

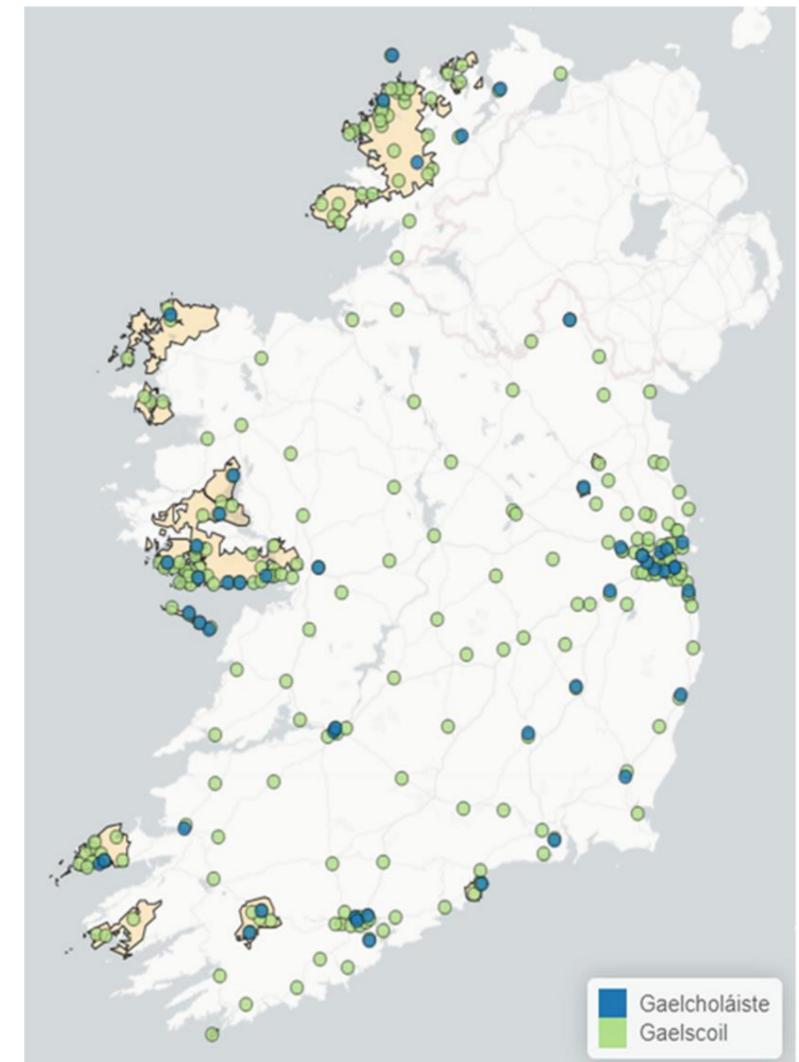
- Tuarascáil ar an soláthar reatha oideachais trí mheán na Gaeilge  
*Report on current provision of Irish-medium education*
- Próiseas comhairliúcháin  
*Consultation process*
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*Review of national and international research*
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*Research on Aonaid/Sruthanna (Units/Streams)*

# Tuarascáil ar sholáthar reatha

## *Report on current provision*



- To be published to inform consultation process
- Focus on data held by DE on current provision and future demand
- Initial feedback – useful data
- Observations from steering group?



# An próiseas comhairliúcháin

## *The consultation process*



- Elements of consultation process
  - *Online questionnaire & written submissions (November-January subject to ministerial approval)*
  - *Focus groups to further explore themes that emerge from initial data analysis*
  - *Policy forum with stakeholders*
  - *Bilateral meetings if required*

# Próiseas comhairliúcháin - ceistneoir

## *Consultation process - questionnaire*



- The questionnaire is divided into eight sections:
  1. *Background information*
  2. *Access to Irish-medium education*
  3. *Transition to post-primary school*
  4. *Strengthening and supporting Irish-medium education*
  5. *Special education in Irish-medium education settings*
  6. *Equality, diversity and inclusion in Irish-medium education*
  7. *Irish in the school and the wider community*
  8. *Policy direction*

# Próiseas comhairliúcháin - ceistneoir

## *Consultation process - questionnaire*



- Questionnaire focuses on:
  - *Gathering information to inform policy development*
  - *Areas where public input would be useful*
  - *Information not already held/available to DE*
- Observations/suggestions from steering group?

# Próiseas comhairliúcháin - cumarsáid

## *Consultation process - communications*



- Communications plan
- Stakeholders identified (suggestions from steering group?)
- Communications to be amplified by key stakeholders (partner packs to be provided by DE)
- Social media / mailing lists
- Need to maximise input from groups who may be less likely to engage, for example:
  - *Parents*
  - *Students*
  - *People who do not regularly engage with Gaeilge*

# Athbhreithniú ar thaighde/litríocht

## *Review of research/literature*



- Contract awarded to Sealbhú, DCU
- Contract involves
  - *Review of research, literature, policies*
  - *Analysis of submissions received in consultation process*
  - *Interim reports*
  - *Final report*
  - *Presentation to stakeholders*
- Agreed to present research findings at Policy Forum for stakeholders

# Taighde ar Aonaid/Sruthanna

## *Research on Units/Streams*



- Aonaid – Irish-medium units
- Sruthanna – Irish-medium streams
- Research being carried out by:
  - *T.J. Ó Ceallaigh, UCC*
  - *Máire Uí Chonghaile, Mary Immaculate College*
  - *Muiris Ó Laoire, Munster Technological University*
- To be completed by December 2022 (to coincide with literature review)



# Go raibh maith agaibh