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**Gaeltacht Bursary
Scheme** Summer 2016

**Scéim Sparánachtaí
Gaeltachta** Samhradh 2016

Introduction

The Líoifa campaign aims to encourage 20,000 people from all walks of life across the north to sign up to the challenge of becoming fluent in Irish by 2020.

The Gaeltacht Bursary Scheme

The Líoifa Gaeltacht Bursary Scheme provides practical support to Líoifa participants. It offers the opportunity for eligible applicants, irrespective of tradition and background, to be able to attend an Irish-language summer course, and experience Gaelic culture in all aspects of daily life.

The Gaeltacht Bursary covers the cost of course fees and accommodation for those applicants that meet the criteria.

If the scheme is oversubscribed names will be drawn by random selection.

Those who have not received a bursary from Líoifa in previous years will be given first preference.



Training Providers

The scheme is being carried out in conjunction with **Comhaltas Uladh, Gael Linn, Coláiste na bhFiann and Coláiste an Phiarsaigh** and successful applicants can choose to attend any one of the courses listed in annex A based in the Donegal Gaeltacht area.

The Bursary covers the course fee and accommodation costs and payment will be made directly to Comhaltas Uladh, Gael Linn, Coláiste na bhFiann and Colaiste an Phiarsaigh following satisfactory completion of the course by the applicant.

Applicants must nominate **TWO** courses, in case their first choice is unavailable.

The Department's decision on the awarding of bursaries is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Failure to notify the Líoifa team of non-attendance will result in exclusion from future competitions.



Criteria

Applications are invited from:

1. People who are signed up to Líofa
2. Young people aged (12-18) and adults (18+)
3. Applicants who reside in the north of Ireland (**Tyrone, Armagh, Antrim, Fermanagh, Down, Derry**)
4. Adults in receipt of one of the benefits listed below or from young people whose parent(s) / guardian(s) are in receipt of one of the following:
 - Free school meals as approved by the local Education and Library Board (**You must provide an original copy of the Board's award letter**);
 - Pension Credit;
 - Income Support;
 - Income based Job Seekers Allowance;
 - Income related Employment and Support Allowance;
 - the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit;
 - Support under the Immigration and Asylum Act;
 - Young people who receive Income Support, income based Job Seeker's Allowance or income related Employment and Support Allowance, in their own right, are also eligible; or
 - You may also be eligible for a bursary if you are in receipt of Child Tax Credit or Working Tax Credit (**applicants will be required to provide a copy of their award letter for the year 2015/2016**).



Application

If you wish to apply you should:

1. Complete the application form. **We must receive a signed hard copy.**
2. Attach your free school meals letter (original letter from Education and Library Board or headed letter from school confirming the same)

OR ALTERNATIVELY

3. Bring the application form to your local benefit office and ask an official to complete **Social Security Office** section on page 6 confirming that the applicant and/or applicant's parent/guardian is in receipt of one of the listed benefits.
4. If you are in receipt of Working Tax Credit and/or Child Tax Credit you must include a copy of the Award notice for 2015/16.
5. Return the completed application form to Líofa at the following address:
Líofa, DCAL, Languages and Waterways Branch, 7th Floor Causeway Exchange, 1-7 Bedford Street, Belfast, BT2 7EG by 4pm on Monday 29th February 2016.
6. A confirmation e-mail/letter will be sent when we receive your application. If you send in an application but do not receive the confirmation e-mail/letter within two weeks please contact Líofa on **028 90 515008** or **liofa@dcalni.eu**.

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Terms and Conditions Apply
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Annex A – List of courses

ADULTS (18+)

Gaoth Dobhair

Course A: 03/07/16 – 09/07/16 (CODE: GL1A)

Course B: 31/07/16 – 06/08/16 (CODE: GL1B)

Gael-Linn has many decades of experience in running Irish-language courses for adults. The courses take place in Gaoth Dobhair, which is one of the largest Irish-speaking areas in the country and is an area of outstanding beauty. The courses run for seven days, focusing primarily on conversational Irish and all levels of ability are catered for. Irish-language classes take place in the morning and afternoon, while cultural activities take place in the evening time.

YOUNG PEOPLE (12-18yrs)

Coláiste an Phiarsaigh, Dún Lúiche

Course A: 05/06/16 – 19/06/16 (CODE: CPA)

Course B: 19/06/16 – 03/07/16 (CODE: CPB)

Course C: 03/07/16 – 17/07/16 (CODE: CPC)

Coláiste an Phiarsaigh is one of Donegal's newer Irish-language summer colleges, having re-established a college for young adults in the Dún Lúiche Gaeltacht area. The college lies beneath mount Errigal and overlooks the majestic Poison Glen. Irish-language classes take place in the morning time and pupils take part in culturally enriching activities, such as music, sport, song and dance in the afternoons and evenings. Students stay with families who are native Irish speakers and are taught by qualified professionals in a safe and controlled environment.

YOUNG PEOPLE (12-18yrs)

Coláiste Bhun an Inbhir

Course A: 12/06/16 – 03/07/16 (CODE: GL2A)

Course B: 03/07/16 – 24/07/16 (CODE: GL2B)

Coláiste Bhun an Inbhir, a Gael-Linn summer college, has been providing Irish-language courses for young people in the area for a number of decades. The college is surrounded by beautiful beaches, breathtaking scenery and the Atlantic Ocean in North West Donegal. Irish-language classes take place in the morning time and pupils take part in culturally enriching activities, such as music, sport, song and dance in the afternoons and evenings. Students stay with families who are native Irish speakers and are taught by qualified professionals in a safe and controlled environment.

Coláiste Mhuire, Loch an Iúir

Course A: 17/06/16 – 01/07/16 (CODE: LIA)

Course B: 02/07/16 – 23/07/16 (CODE: LIB)

Course C: 24/07/16 – 14/08/16 (CODE: LIC)

Coláiste Mhuire, Loch an Iúir, has been providing Irish-language courses for young people since 1945. The college is situated in North-West Donegal, in the beautiful Gaeltacht area of The Rosses. Irish-language classes take place in the morning time and pupils take part in culturally enriching activities, such as music, sport, song and dance in the afternoons and evenings. Students stay with families who are native Irish speakers and are taught by qualified professionals in a safe and controlled environment.

YOUNG PEOPLE (12-18yrs)

Coláiste Bhríde, Rann na Feirste

Course A: 22/06/16 - 03/07/16 (CODE: CU2A)

Course B: 03/07/16 - 17/07/16 (CODE: CU2B)

Course C: 03/07/16 - 27/07/16 (CODE: CU2C)

Course D: 24/07/16 - 14/08/16 (CODE: CU2D)

Coláiste Bhríde, Rann na Feirste was founded in 1926 and it is the longest established college in the Donegal Gaeltacht area. The college is situated in an area renowned for the richness of the Irish spoken there. Irish-language classes take place in the morning time and pupils take part in culturally enriching activities, such as music, sport, song and dance in the afternoons and evenings. Students stay with families who are native Irish speakers and are taught by qualified professionals in a safe and controlled environment.

Coláiste Aoidh Mhic Bhricne, Teileann

Course A: 06/07/16 – 13/07/16 (CODE: GU3A)

Course B: 16/07/16 – 30/07/16 (CODE: GU3B)

Coláiste Aoidh Mhic Bhricne is a long-established Gaeltacht summer college situated in south Donegal. The courses take place in the picturesque area of Teileann, on an inlet at the eastern end of the highest sea-cliffs in Europe, Sliabh Liag. Irish-language classes take place in the morning time and pupils take part in culturally enriching activities, such as music, sport, song and dance in the afternoons and evenings. Students stay with families who are native Irish speakers and are taught by qualified professionals in a safe and controlled environment.

YOUNG PEOPLE (12-18yrs)

Coláiste Mhachaire Rabhartaigh

Course A: 17/06/16 – 02/07/16 (CODE: GL3A)

Course B: 03/07/16 – 24/07/16 (CODE: GL3B)

Course C: 25/07/16 – 16/08/16 (CODE: GL3C)

Coláiste Mhachaire Rabhartaigh, a Gael-Linn summer college, has been providing Irish-language courses for young people for over 30 years. The college is situated in the Cloch Cheann Fhaola Gaeltacht area between Gort an Choirce and Cnoc Fola, surrounded by magnificent views and long beaches. Irish-language classes take place in the morning time and pupils take part in culturally enriching activities, such as music, sport, song and dance in the afternoons and evenings. Students stay with families who are native Irish speakers and are taught by qualified professionals in a safe and controlled environment.

Coláiste na bhFiann, Gaoth Dobhair

Course A: 05/06/16 – 25/06/16 (CODE: GFB1)

Course B: 03/07/16 – 16/07/16 (CODE: GFB2)

Coláiste na bhFiann is one of Ireland's longest established Irish language course providers and has been associated with Gaoth Dobhair for over 50 years. The college is situated in one of the largest Irish-speaking areas in the country, surrounded by the Derryveagh Mountains and the Atlantic Ocean. Irish-language classes take place in the morning time and pupils take part in culturally enriching activities, such as music, sport, song and dance in the afternoons and evenings. Students stay with families who are native Irish speakers and are taught by qualified professionals in a safe and controlled environment.



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Application Form

Applicant Number:

Please fill in form using **BLOCK CAPITALS** and **BLACK INK**. Illegible and incomplete forms will not be accepted.

If applicant is under 16 at time of application the form must be filled in by parent/guardian.

All supporting evidence must be original copies. Photocopies will not be accepted.

* indicates compulsory fields

Applicant's Name:*	<input type="text"/>
Address:*	<input type="text"/>
Date of Birth:*	<input type="text"/>
Contact Details:* (If applicant is under 16 please provide contact details for parent/guardian)	Mobile Number: <input type="text"/>
	Home Number: (At least one phone number must be provided) <input type="text"/>
	E-mail:* <input type="text"/>
Course Choice:*	1. <input type="text"/>
	2. <input type="text"/>
Criteria:*	1. Signed up to Líofa Please tick <input type="checkbox"/>
	2. Eligibility under listed criteria a) Entitled to free school meals <input type="checkbox"/> Name of School: <input type="text"/>
	(You must provide an original letter from Education and Library Board or headed letter from school confirming the same) b) On one of the benefits listed on page 3 <input type="checkbox"/> (You must get form stamped by local benefits office below)
	c) In receipt of Working Tax Credit/Child Tax Credit <input type="checkbox"/> (You must include a copy of the Award notice for 2015/16)

Confirmation of receipt of application for Líofa Gaeltacht Bursary Scheme 2016

Applicant Name:	<input type="text"/>
Application Received:	<input type="text"/>
Application Number:	<input type="text"/>

Your application will be processed in March after the closing date. Líofa will endeavour to let you know if you have been successful by the middle of April.



Application Form

Declaration:* I confirm that the information given in the form is accurate and correct.

Signature:

Name: (BLOCK CAPITALS)

Relationship to applicant: (if applicable)

Date:

Confirmation by Social Security Office that applicant or applicant's parent(s) / Guardian(s) are in receipt of related benefits as outlined in the criteria section:

Social Security Office: (To be completed if you ticked part 2b under criteria)

Signed (Social Security Official):

Date:

Print Full Name:

Office:

Social Security Official Stamp:

Data Protection:*

Please indicate as appropriate.

1. Are you content to receive information about other Liofa initiatives using the contact details provided:
YES **NO**
2. Are you content for DCAL to share your personal data with Gaeltacht providers/Foras na Gaeilge for administrative purposes: **YES** **NO**

Reminder:

I have enclosed Free school meals letter

I have enclosed Working Tax Credits/Child Tax Credit Award notice

I have completed and signed the application form

For DCAL use only:

Verified by:

Date:

A duly authorized representative of DCAL Languages and Waterways Branch