

Gaelic Websites and Online Resources:

Resources and Websites designed for Children:

www.gaelic4parents.com

This website is designed to support Gaelic Medium primary aged children and their parents however is also useful for all learners. It offers a wide range of sound files, interactive activities, printable resources and other resources for children from 0 – 12. The website also offers a homework support facility for Gaelic Medium pupils and their parents in the evening during term time.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/scotland/alba/foghlam/failtegufuaimen/>

This BBC website provides a useful introduction to Gaelic Phonetics and is aimed at nursery aged children however may be useful for all learners of the language regardless of age.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/alba/foghlam/>

The foghlam, education, section of BBC Alba offers a range of resources for primary school age pupils. These resources cover topics such as history, social education and, whilst primarily aimed at Gaelic medium pupils, are suitable for learners who already have a basic grasp of the language.

The resources are split into different age ranges.

Resources designed for Secondary School Pupils and Teenagers:

<http://www.storlann.co.uk/ceumannan/>

The Ceumannan books (ceum means step in Gaelic) form the backbone of many Gaelic learners courses in schools and the first 3 books, which typically cover S1 to S3 under the new Curriculum for Excellence, are available free to download online. This colourful guide to Gaelic includes information and language tips, exercises to practice with and sound files which are available online.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/>

BBC Bitesize offers exam revisions and general support for both Gaelic learners and Gàidhlig, the name given to the course studied by fluent speakers in schools. It currently follows the Standard Grade however is expected to change to match with the new curriculum.

It is useful for learning phrases specific to certain topics, practicing grammar and the quizzes allow you to test yourself. Whilst aimed at secondary school pupils this resource is also very useful for adult learners.

<http://www.storlann.co.uk/>

Storlann, the Gaelic publisher, offer a number of free, downloadable resources such as topic packs e.g. The Vikings, plays and short stories. The resources are aimed at both learners and fluent speakers and the website can be viewed in both Gaelic and English.

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<http://www.anseotal.org.uk/>

An Seotal, the Gaelic Terminology Database is aimed at Gaelic Medium pupils who are studying other subjects through the medium of Gaelic. It provides a rich database of subject specific words (e.g. science, geography) and they are currently developing audio files to accompany these resources.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/alba/foghlam/>

The education section of the BBC's website offers resources for secondary schools which include a short, Gaelic drama, resources on specific topics such as immigration, Gaelic bards and exam revision.

These resources can benefit both language learners and fluent speakers.

Resources designed for Adults:

<http://taic.me.uk/taic.htm>

This website contains downloadable, printable PDFs which contain Gaelic phrases, grammar and other study material. The website also provides opportunities to test what you have learned, followed by answers.

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/alba/foghlam/beag air bheag/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/alba/foghlam/beag_air_bheag/)

This BBC resource contains phrases (split into different topics), grammar tips and self-test opportunities for the complete beginner onwards.

Gaelic Cultural Resources:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/alba/foghlam/>

The education section of this BBC website includes a section specifically devoted to Gaelic Culture.

www.ambaile.org

Available fully bilingually, Am Baile (The Village) is an excellent and diverse resource for finding out about Gaelic culture. It offers written information, videos and photographs and sound files. There are also free, downloadable worksheets (in both Gaelic and English) which cover many different topics and challenge the user to utilise the website to find information to answer the questions.

<http://www.tobarandualchais.co.uk/>

The primary aim of Tobar an Dualchais is to record and preserve recordings, songs and stories in Gaelic, English and Scots from across Scotland. On the website you can search and listen to these records, find out about the author and the way of life in times gone by.

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<http://www.bbc.co.uk/alba/foghlam/larachnambard/>

The Larach nam Bard website is an excellent resource for Gaelic poetry. It includes the poems themselves, notes on poems, videos and pictures relating to Gaelic poetry and interviews with the poets.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/alba/tbh/iolaire/>

The Iolaire website provides a host of information, delivered through different forms of media, about the Iolaire tragedy of 1918.

Gaelic Businesses and Organisations:

www.islay-gaelic.net

Ionad Chaluum Chille Ile (The Columba Centre) is Islay's Gaelic centre for the promotion of Gaelic. Here you can embark on a Gaelic course (short, summer and evening all available) or learn more about the distinct Islay dialect.

ICCI is also responsible for the recordings and transcripts for the Seanchas Ile Project, Islay's very own folklore project and these files can be viewed in the centre.

www.gaidhlig.org.uk/

In partnership with the Scottish Government, Bòrd na Gàidhlig strives to improve the status of the Gaelic language and to offer support to those businesses and individuals who wish to incorporate Gaelic into their lives.

<http://www.cnag.org/>

Comunn na Gaidhlig is a co-ordinating Gaelic Development Agency. Operating at local, regional and national levels. They offer financial support to individuals, community organisations and businesses to help them further their Gaelic or incorporate Gaelic into their organisation.

CnaG is also responsible for Sradagan and other groups which runs throughout the country offering Gaelic Medium pupils a chance to use their Gaelic in an informal setting.

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