

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council are currently consulting on three Irish Language documents;

- **Irish Language Policy;**
- **Irish Language Strategy,**
- **Irish Language Action Plan 2021-2024.**

Both the Policy and the Strategy documents will provide a framework to guide Council actions until 31 March 2024 – outlining the way in which we plan to promote Irish Language use, development and capacity within Council services and functions.

This survey can be completed online **or** by hard copy and returned to:

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The deadline for survey responses is 12.00 pm on Thursday 1st July 2021.

This 12 week consultation period runs from 1st March 2021 to 12th May 2021. Insight Solutions has been appointed by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council to lead on this consultation process.

Insight Solutions will engage with Irish Language stakeholders throughout this period and welcome your input to this process. In addition to this survey, a number of engagement events have been organised to allow stakeholders to contribute and details of these are available at www.fermanaghomagh.com.

Should you have any additional requirements or wish to speak to the lead consultant, Fergal O'Donnell, you can email fergal@insight-solutions.org or telephone 0771 362 3264.

1. Which District Electoral Area (DEA) do you live in?/Where is your organisation based?

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|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Enniskillen | <input type="radio"/> Mid Tyrone (Sixmilecross, Carrickmore, Gortin, Beragh & areas) |
| <input type="radio"/> Erne East (Maguiresbridge, Brookeborough, Lisnaskea, Newtownbutler, Roslea & areas) | <input type="radio"/> Omagh |
| <input type="radio"/> Erne North (Ballinamallard, Kesh, Irvinestown, Belleek, Ederney & areas) | <input type="radio"/> West Tyrone (Trillick, Mountjoy, Seskinore, Drumquin, Dromore, Fintona & areas) |
| <input type="radio"/> Erne West (Belcoo, Garrison, Derrygonnelly, Derrylin, Kinawley, Florencecourt & areas) | <input type="radio"/> Outside of the District |

Irish Language Policy

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council are reviewing our Irish Language Policy, we would appreciate feedback on the current draft copy. Sections of the Policy have been added to this survey to make responding easier, however a copy of the draft Policy is available to download from www.fermanaghomagh.com

Irish Language Policy

The aims of the policy are:

1. To set out guiding principles which will demonstrate Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's commitment to facilitate and encourage the promotion, protection and use of Irish language;
2. To build on Council's commitments to celebrate linguistic diversity; and
3. To deliver equality of opportunity for all who avail of Council services.

2. Do you agree with the aims of the Irish Language Policy?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Do you have any comments relating to these? (please specify)

The objectives of this Policy are:

1. Embrace the Irish Language in all forms including the encouragement of the use of Irish in both service delivery and in civic life.
2. Where practicable, facilitate residents and visitors who may wish to use Irish as their first language.
3. Enhance positive attitudes towards the Irish Language within the District through promotion of the language, celebrating its significance in the history and culture of Fermanagh and Omagh.
4. Afford Elected Members and staff members the opportunity to use and access the Irish language whenever appropriate, while respecting other's identities and being mindful of the Council's corporate responsibilities.

3. Do you agree with the 4 Objectives of the Irish Language Policy?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Do you have any comments relating to these? (please specify)

We have 3 main Guiding Principles within the Irish Language Policy:

1. Supporting Irish Language (Preparation and implementation of Irish Language Strategy).
2. Communications and Visibility (Communications, printed materials, Irish Language use in events, presentations etc.)
3. Staff and Administrative Processes (Awareness and language training for staff/Elected Members, encouragement to use Irish Language, staff translation services etc.)

4. Do you agree with the 3 Guiding Principles of the Irish Language Policy?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Do you have any comments relating to these? (Please specify)

5. Which language should be presented first when the Council publishes documents with the sole purpose of Irish Language development in a bilingual format? (English/Irish)

☐ English first/on the left with Irish after

☐ Irish first/on the left with English after

6. If you have any further comments in relation to the Irish Language Policy for Fermanagh and Omagh District Council please let us know

Irish Language Strategy

Irish Language Strategy

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council is creating an Irish language Strategy. This Strategy will expand on the Irish Language Policy and identify areas for **development, improvement and advancement** of the language within the district. As part of our commitment to partnership with the community of our district as well as other statutory bodies this Strategy will have shared objectives which will require partnership work across the sector.

We have 4 main themes for the Irish Language Strategy:

- Council Service Provision (Irish language interactions, support for using Irish Language with the Council)
- Language Transmission (classes, conversation circles, clubs and societies)
- Capacity Building (networking, best practise, support organisations)
- Cultural Expression (heritage, social inclusion, sharing Irish with others)

7. Do you agree with these thematic areas?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please detail any changes or additions you would recommend to these areas.

Under the **Council Service Provision** theme, the Council will be concentrating on the following areas:

- Irish Language interactions
- Services available through Irish
- Support for Irish language activities

8. Do you agree with these these thematic areas?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please detail any changes or additions you would recommend to these areas.

9. Which areas of Council Services would you prioritise for more Irish Language content over the next 3 years?

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Registration (Births, deaths, civil partnerships and marriages)

☐

Community Services (Community Development, Good Relations, PCSP, Community Centres etc)

☐

Leisure and Recreation (Outdoor recreation, Leisure Centres, Community based sport etc)

☐

Arts and Heritage (Theatres, Arts Development, Marble Arch Caves, Geopark, Museums etc)

☐

Building Control (Street Naming and Numbering, Building regulations, licensing etc)

☐

Planning (Planning applications, enforcement, tree preservation etc)

☐

Waste and Recycling (Bins, waste collection, bulk waste collection etc)

☐

Business Services (Tourism and Economic development, grant aid, business support etc)

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Environmental Health (Food safety, home safety, consumer safety etc)

10. How should more Irish Language be incorporated into these services? (Please choose top 2 priorities from drop-down menu)

More Irish through:

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Registration	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Community Services	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Leisure and Recreation	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Arts and Heritage	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Building Control	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Planning	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Waste and Recycling	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Business Services	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Environmental Health	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Other (please specify)

Language Transmission is how people learn Irish or gain further knowledge of it.

Under the **Language Transmission** theme, the Council will be concentrating on the following areas: :

- Classes
- Conversation Circles
- Clubs and societies with Irish Language interests

11. Do you agree with these thematic areas?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please detail any changes or additions you would recommend to these areas.

Under the **Capacity Building** theme, the Council will be concentrating on the following areas: :

- Networking
- Best Practice
- Training and resources

12. Do you agree with these thematic areas?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please detail any changes or additions you would recommend to these areas.

Under the **Cultural Expression** theme, the Council will be concentrating on the following areas:

- Heritage
- Social inclusion
- Sharing Irish with others

13. Do you agree with these draft thematic areas?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please detail any changes or additions you would recommend to these areas.

14. Which areas of Irish Language heritage would you like to have prioritised in the next 3 years? (Tick all that apply)

- ☐ Townlands
- ☐ Built Heritage (Sites of historic interest to Irish Language)
- ☐ Literary Heritage (Annals of Ulster, poetry etc)
- ☐ Cultural Heritage (Music, song, dance etc)

15. Who should our Irish Language events and activities be aimed at to increase social inclusion?

- ☐ Inter-generational events and activities
- ☐ Family events and activities
- ☐ Adult only events and activities
- ☐ Open to everyone of all age groups

16. Where should Irish Language events and activities be based to promote social inclusion?

- ☐ Based in different areas around the district
- ☐ Based in main towns of the district
- ☐ A mixture of both rural events and town based events

Other (please specify)

17. When should Irish Language events and activities be scheduled in order to increase social inclusion?

- ☐ Mostly during the day at weekends
- ☐ Mostly during the day on week days
- ☐ Mostly in the evening on week days
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Irish Language Action Plan

Irish Language Action Plan 2020-2023

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council want to hear your opinions on Irish Language activities within the area. The following part of this survey will ask your opinion on previous programmes offered by the Council. We would appreciate your opinion on any changes, expansions or additions you believe would encourage the use and development of Irish Language by residents and visitors in the District.

18. Which Irish Language learning and enrichment programmes would you like to see us organise and in which format?

	Weekly	One day course	6 week programme	10 week course	12 week course	Talk/ conference	Not a priority for me
Irish Language classes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Irish language singing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Céilí and Sean-nós dancing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Irish Language Literature Programme (Books, stories and Poetry) (Books, stories and Poetry)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Irish Language walking activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Irish Language Drama programme	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Irish Language Heritage programme	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Irish Language training for community groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Irish Language family activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

19. What format would be most effective for Irish Language networking, training and best practice events, for the below groups?

	Most Effective Format
Irish Language groups	<input type="text"/>
Parent and toddler groups	<input type="text"/>
Sports based activity groups	<input type="text"/>
Heritage groups	<input type="text"/>
Literary groups	<input type="text"/>
Social groups (men's sheds, women's groups, older people's groups etc)	<input type="text"/>

20. Which of these formats would best encourage the sharing of Irish with others?

	Irish only	Bilingual (Mostly Irish with some English)	Bilingual (Irish and English)	Bilingual (Mostly English with some Irish)	English only
Concert	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Talks, tours and conferences	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cultural activities (music, song and dance)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Family activities (picnics, puppet shows etc)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Classes (weekly and one day only)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Publicity about events	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

21. Please rank these actions in priority order:



Weekly classes



Conversation circles



Intensive courses (one and/or two day courses)



Cultural programmes through Irish (Céilí dancing, concerts, singing in Irish)



Recreation activities through Irish (tours of local interest sites)



Programmes exploring reading, writing and speaking in Irish Language



Talks and lectures relating to Irish Language



Drama through Irish Language

22. Are there other activities or events through Irish Language you would like to see delivered by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council

23. The Council currently gives financial assistance to groups and individuals in the form of bursaries to the Gaeltacht and grant aid to community groups to host Irish language Conversation circles and classes. What financial assistance should the Council offer in the next 3 years?

- ☐ Bursaries for the Gaeltacht for under 18s
- ☐ Bursaries for the Gaeltacht for adults 18+
- ☐ Bursaries for the Gaeltacht for families (1 parent + 1 child minimum)
- ☐ Conversation Circles
- ☐ Community based classes
- ☐ Other (please specify)

24. If you wish to comment further on the financial aid provided by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council towards the Irish Language please do so here:

25. How can the Council communicate better with the public through the Irish Language?

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Irish Language social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc) | <input type="checkbox"/> Irish Language voicemail service (if no Irish Language speaking officer is available) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Irish Language posts on Council's centralised social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc) | <input type="checkbox"/> Roundtable meetings with community groups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Irish Language electronic Newsletters | <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Irish Language events and activities booklet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

26. Please list below any further actions you wish Fermanagh and Omagh District Council to explore in regards to Irish Language.

27. I am responding as an:

- ☐ Individual
- ☐ Organisation

Equality Monitoring

Equality Monitoring for Individuals

28. Do you have a religious belief?

☐ Yes

☐ No

29. If yes, are you:

☐ Baha'i

☐ Baptist

☐ Buddhist

☐ Church of Ireland

☐ Hindu

☐ Jewish

☐ Other (please specify)

☐ Methodist

☐ Muslim

☐ Presbyterian

☐ Roman Catholic

☐ Sikh

30. How would you describe your political opinion?

☐ Unionist generally

☐ Nationalist generally

☐ Other

31. Which of these racial groupings do you consider that you belong to?

☐ Bangladeshi

☐ Black African

☐ Black Caribbean

☐ Black (other)

☐ Chinese

☐ Other (please specify)

☐ Indian

☐ Irish Traveller

☐ Mixed Ethnic Group

☐ Pakistani

☐ White

32. Age

☐ Under 18

☐ 18-24

☐ 25-34

☐ 35-44

☐ 45-54

☐ 55-64

☐ 65+

33. Martial Status

- | | |
|--|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Co-habiting | <input type="checkbox"/> Separated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Partnership | <input type="checkbox"/> Single |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced | <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Married | |

34. How would you describe your sexual orientation?

- ☐ Heterosexual
- ☐ Homosexual (Gay or Lesbian)
- ☐ Bi-Sexual

35. Are you:

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Transgender

36. Under the Disability Discrimination Act 10995, a disabled person is defined as a person with " a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term effect on his/her ability to carry out normal day to day activities".

Do you consider that you meet this definition of disability?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

37. If yes, please state the type of disability

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Visual impairment | <input type="radio"/> Mobility Impairment |
| <input type="radio"/> Learning difficulty | <input type="radio"/> Hearing Impairment |
| <input type="radio"/> Multiple Impairment | <input type="radio"/> Communication Difficulty |
| <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify) | |

38. Dependants:

We are asking you to tell us something about your caring responsibilities. By that we mean looking after a child, whether as a parent, guardian or foster parent, or helping an adult carry out their daily routine. This might mean providing assistance to an adult relative or friend who is disabled or has a long term illness.

(Please "check" all that apply)

- ☐ I look after children
- ☐ I help an adult with their daily routine
- ☐ N/A
- ☐ If so, please indicate how often you undertake these responsibilities

39. Name of Organisation (if appropriate)

40. Equality Monitoring (for organisations/ groups)

If you are answering on behalf of an organisation, Is your organisation open to:

Persons of differing religious belief?

☐ Yes

☐ No

41. If yes, do you focus on any of the following:

☐ Baha'i

☐ Baptist

☐ Buddhist

☐ Church of Ireland

☐ Hindu

☐ Jewish

☐ Methodist

☐ Muslim

☐ Presbyterian

☐ Roman Catholic

☐ Sikh

☐ All

☐ Other

42. Persons of differing Political Opinion

☐ Yes

☐ No

43. If yes, will the focus be on any of the following:

☐ Nationalist

☐ Unionist

☐ Other

☐ All of the above

44. Persons of different racial groups

☐ Yes

☐ No

45. If yes, will the focus be on any of the following:

☐ Bangladeshi

☐ Black African

☐ Black Caribbean

☐ Black (other)

☐ Chinese

☐ Indian

☐ Irish Traveller

☐ Mixed Ethnic Group

☐ Pakistani

☐ White

☐ Other

☐ All of the above

46. Persons of different Sexual Orientation

☐ Yes

☐ No

47. If yes, will focus be on any of the following:

☐ Heterosexual

☐ Homosexual (Gay or Lesbian)

☐ Bi-Sexual

☐ All of the above

48. Persons of different Gender

☐ Yes

☐ No

49. If yes, will the focus be on any of the following:

☐ Male

☐ Female

☐ Transgender

☐ All of the above

50. Persons with a disability

☐ Visual impairment

☐ Learning difficulty

☐ Multiple Impairment

☐ Mobility Impairment

☐ Hearing Impairment

☐ Communication Difficulty

☐ Other

☐ All of the above

51. Persons with dependants

☐ Yes

☐ No

52. If yes, do you focus on any of the following:

☐ People who look after children

☐ People who help an adult with their daily routine

☐ All of the above