**Gaelic Language Act Implementation Funds**

**GAELIC Event FUNDING GUIDELINES**

The University of Aberdeen has been awarded some funds by Bòrd na Gàidhlig, the public body with responsibility for Gaelic, to support Gaelic events and programming in 2013-14. These funds are to support the implementation of the University’s Gaelic Language Plan, and must be spent in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant.

Applications will be considered by a Review Group consisting of representatives from the University’s Gaelic Language Plan Advisory Group, and will be assessed on the basis of the criteria outlined below. Funds are limited, and it will not be possible to support all projects.

**Criteria**

Grants are designed to support projects conceived and led by members of staff or students of the University of Aberdeen. In order to allow support of a number of different projects, grants are expected to be in the region of £500, although applications for larger amounts will be considered. Applications for up to 80% of total project costs will be considered, but it is expected that awards will be for a lesser amount. All funds must be expended by 31 August 2014.

As part of the funding terms and conditions, the University is required to provide Bòrd na Gàidhlig with progress reports. Applicants who accept these funds will be asked to provide the Gaelic Development & Policy Officer with information for the progress report (January 2014) and final report (August 2014).

**Application**: in a letter of application, applicants should provide the following information using the headings below in no more than two sheets of A4:

* **Project title**
* **Biographical details** of those involved in the project including a named Project Director;
* **Background**: context of the project including identification of whether it is a new or existing initiative and how (or whether) it builds on previous activity;
* **Description**: detailing the nature of the project and how it will support the University’s Gaelic Language Plan (available at [www.abdn.ac.uk/gaelicplan](file:///D%3A%5CTemporary%20Internet%20Files%5CContent.Outlook%5CBMKY918S%5Cwww.abdn.ac.uk%5Cgaelicplan)), noting in particular Bòrd na Gàidhlig’s priority areas below;
* **Target audience**: detailing the group(s) the project is targeted at;
* **Timetable**: a breakdown of anticipated timescales and milestones associated with project delivery, including an outline plan of the work to be undertaken;
* **Financial support**: detailing the level of financial support being sought including details of how and when the grant will be spent, and confirming other income received or anticipated. In line with the terms and conditions of this funding, applicants must confirm that no other part of the income for this project is being awarded by Bòrd na Gàidhlig.

In addition, as agreed with Bòrd na Gàidhlig, the projects *must* support at least one of the organisation’s 2013-14 priority areas noted below:

* Projects aimed at increasing the numbers of Gaelic medium pupils and Gaelic learners entering the formal education system in general, across the 0-18 years spectrum;
* Projects which develop programmes of extra-curricular activity to promote greater usage of the language and improve levels of Gaelic fluency amongst school pupils;
* Encouraging the wider use of Gaelic, particularly amongst young people, their parents and their communities;
* Support for the wider use and awareness of Gaelic within the workplace;
* Support for workplace Gaelic language training and the provision of resources, mirroring the personal development needs of staff at a variety of ability levels;
* Support for development of Gaelic acquisition and usage in the arts, media, heritage, tourism and leisure sectors;
* Support for public bodies to increase the profile and use of Gaelic when dealing with the public or other bodies.
* Support for the enhanced visibility and status of Gaelic in the dissemination of public information;
* Support for the general public to learn Gaelic or to strengthen their skills, with priority given to supporting classes which encourage existing students to progress to more advanced levels.

**COMPLETED APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY 6 DECEMBER 2013 TO:**

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