



# Gaelchara 3

January - April 2022

## What is Gaelchara?

Gaelchara is a language sharing scheme run as part of the Language Planning process in Gaeltacht areas throughout the country, but has its roots in the Cloich Cheann Fhaola Gaeltacht. Learners and fluent speakers of Irish sign-up in pairs, and these pairs then meet up regularly to practice and improve the Irish of the learner. The aim is to promote the casual use of Irish in the community while creating new fluent speakers.

## Can I sign-up as a fluent Irish speaker?

If you are an adult from the Cloich Cheann Fhaola Gaeltacht (or living here), and you are fluent in Irish, you can sign-up to the scheme as a Gaelchara. You will meet up with a learner regularly and help them improve their spoken Irish skills.

## Can I sign-up as a learner?

If you are an adult from the Cloich Cheann Fhaola Gaeltacht (or living here), and you are learning Irish, you can sign-up to the scheme as a learner. You will meet up with a fluent Irish speaker regularly and they will help you improve your spoken Irish skills.

It is important that you have a basic understanding of Irish already, as this scheme isn't ideal for complete beginners.

## How is the scheme structured?

The scheme begins on **31st January** and will end on **8th April**. Each pair will meet for one hour (at least) per week for 10 weeks at a time that is suitable for both of them. Pairs are welcome to decide what activities they do during this hour as long as it involves plenty of conversation through Irish.

A 10-week Irish course will be provided free of charge to the learners at a level which suits them. Each learner registered on the scheme must attend at least **7/10 classes** in order to successfully complete the conditions of the scheme.

Weekly conversation circles (Caife & Comhrá), which will be open to the public, will be running throughout the 10-weeks and the fluent speakers registered on the scheme must attend at least **7 / 10 sessions** in order to successfully complete the conditions of the scheme.

## What about the grant?

As part of the scheme, each participant receives **€50 at the beginning** of the 10 weeks which will go towards the costs of meeting up (e.g. getting a coffee in a local café, taking a trip to the shops in Letterkenny, etc.).

Each participant who successfully completes the scheme will receive a further **€50 at the end** of the 10 weeks.

## How do I sign-up?

Fill in your details below and send it to [cptccf@gmail.com](mailto:cptccf@gmail.com) **before 28th January 2022:\***

Ainm / Name:				
Seoladh / Address:				
Seoladh rphoist / Email address:				
Cumas sa Ghaeilge / Level in Irish:	Is cainteoir líofa mé	I have middling Irish	I have a little Irish	I don't know any Irish
Tá mé ag clárú mar / I'm signing-up as:	A Gaelchara (fluent speaker)			
	A Learner			
<p>Má tá tú ag clárú in éineacht le duine a bhfuil tú ag iarraidh bheith péireáilte leis/léi sa scéim, cuir ainm an duine sin sa bhosca thíos (caithfidh an duine sin an fhoirm seo a chur isteach fosta):</p> <p><i>If you are signing-up with someone who you want to be paired with for the scheme, provide that person's name in the box below (they must also submit this form):</i></p>				

\*Nóta: Ní hionann is an fhoirm seo a chur chugainn is tú a bheith cláraithe ar an scéim. Seans go ndiúltófar d'iarratais ag brath ar chúinsí éagsúla. Cuirfear ar an eolas thú luath agus is féidir.

*\*Note: Submitting this form does not automatically register you on the scheme. Applications may be refused for various reasons. You'll be informed either way as soon as possible.*