



Indigenous, Minority and Lesser-Used Languages Ministerial Meetin

20 October 2023, Jersey

Communiqué

The British-Irish Council (BIC) haudit an Indigenous, Minority and Lesser-Used Languages (IML) Ministerial Meetin the day hostit by the Government o Jersey. Aheid o the Ministerial Meetin, Ministers and officials took part in the '*Jersey Language Policy for Education Impact Event*'. A full list o Ministerial participants is eikit on.

Discussion anent Wark Sector Activity

Ministers talked about the Indigenous, Minority and Lesser-Used Languages Wark Sector Policy Report 2023 that outlines the wark taen on haund by officials ower the past few years. Ministers thanked officials for producin the papers, and agreed that they kythed the value for aw Memmer Administrations takkin part in the wark sector. In discussion, Ministers pyntit oot the importance o providin uphauidin environs for IML languages tae be used and thoct about a nummer o relevant initiatives takkin place across BIC Memmer Administrations. Forby, ministers thoct about the crossowers atween Early Years policy and IML language acquisition, in particular a jynt event haudit in 2021.

Future Wark Plan

Ministers talked forby about the proposed Forrit Wark Plan for the Indigenous, Minority and Lesser-Used Languages wark sector. Agreein that this wis an airt whaur Memmer Administrations should haud forrit wi wirkin thegither through the BIC, Ministers agreed that the IML Languages Forrit Wark Plan for the years 2023-25 should focus on three themes:

- Social Uise o Indigenous, Minority and Lesser-Used Languages;
- Linguistic Infrastructure; and
- Culture.

Ministers took tent that the next BIC Indigenous, Minority and Lesser-Used Languages Ministerial Meetin will be hostit by the Government o Guernsey.

**BIC Secretariat
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List o Ministerial Delegates

Government o Ireland	Patrick O'Donovan TD, Minister of State for the Gaeltacht
Isle o Man Government	Claire Christian MHK, Political Member for Education, Sport and Culture
Government o Jersey	Kirsten Morel, Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture
Northern Ireland Executive	Jenny Gilruth MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Scots Government	Jacob Young MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Levelling Up)
UK Government	Jeremy Miles MS, Minister for Education and Welsh Language
	Deputy Andrea Dudley-Owen, Minister for Education, Sport & Culture
Welsh Government	
	Patrick O'Donovan TD, Minister of State for the Gaeltacht