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## **SAY-AWA**

### **5th Meenisterial meetin o the Indigenous, Minority and Lesser-used Languages wark sector**

**21/22 November 2019**

The British-Irish Council Indigenous, Minority and Lesser-Used (IML) Languages wark sector held its fifth Meenisterial gaitherin the day, owerseen bi the Isle o Man Government. Meenisters were walcomed tae the gaitherin bi Graham Cregeen MHK, Meenister for Edication, Sport and Culture on behalf o the Isle o Man Government.

The British-Irish Cooncil, set up in 1999, is a newsin-place for its members tae spik about an collogue wi een anither tae fin the best wyes tae gree on metters att effeck them aa wi-in the wirkins o its Member Admeenistrations. The Welsh Government is heid o the IML Languages wark sector an it has turnt oot tae be a gran eese for the aefaul newsin-place tae niffer fit we are deein wi'in e sector an help een anidder oot, fae the time it wis set up.

The day's gaitherin teuk a gweed leuk at three main say-awas:  
Adult Learnin o IML tongues;

Warkforce Plannin;

an Ilka-day eese o IML tongues, takkin in han the Airts an digital technology.

The gaitherin wis cheered bi Eluned Morgan AM, Meenister for International Relations an Welsh Language in the Welsh Guvvernment. Graham Cregeen MHK, Meenister for Eddication, Sport and Culture spak for the Isle o Man Government. Seán Kyne TD, Heid Government Wheep an Meenister o State, fa's job it is tae leuk efter the Irish Tongue, the Gaeltacht an the Islands, spak for the Irish Government. Kate Forbes MSP, Meenister for Public Siller and Digital Economy spak for the Scottish Government. Deputy Montfort Tadier, Assistant Meenister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture spak for e Government o Jersey. Deputy Rhian Tooley, Member o the Committee for Eddication, Sport & Culture spak for the Government o Guernsey.

### **IML 2018 Conference an Report**

The Meenisters spak ower the report att cam fae the conference: 'Adult Learning of IML Languages', haudden on 8/9 Mairch 2018 in Belfast. The foremaist say-awa wis aa about adult learning o IML tongues an jinin up wi ordnar fowk, the warkplace an farrer oot about, tae kittle up the three pints o the wark sector. Abeen aa, them fa spak were maistly teen up wi learnin the tongue ootside traditional skweel-rooms, an foo language can gar fowk stick egither.

About 75 fowk an spickers attennit fae aa o the aucht - BIC Member Administrations, comin fae aa airts o the public an community sectors as weel as fae places o learnin.

Meenisters teuk tent o the report o the gaitherin an greed tae mak the report ower for onybody fa winted tae see it. The report o the gaitherin can be leukit at in the reports section o the British-Irish Cooncil website: [www.britishirishcouncil.org](http://www.britishirishcouncil.org).

### **Presentation fae Jeebin**

Meenisters hearkent till a say-awa fae Phil Gawne o Jeebin, the Manx Language Network. The say-awa set oot the history o the Manx tongue an reesed oot the wark o them fa hid deen winners in feshin it back tae the fore.

### **UNESCO International Ear o Indigenous Tongues, 2019**

The United Nations cried 2019 The Year o Indigenous Languages (IY2019) "tae reese oot mair kennin about wir tongues, nae jist for the gweed o them fa spik sic tongues, bit for ither fowk tae come tae ken foo muckle gweed they dee tae the weel-geddert, sindry culture o wir warl". It wis set doon that an aefaul pairt o the IML wark sector's bisness is tae share amon themsels fit's best, tae larn fae een anither an tae mak the best o the sindry an diverse tongues eesed throwe wir islands.

Meenisters teuk tent o a hantle o projecks that hiv been cairriet oot bi the Member Administrations tae tak part in ess initiative an it his laid doon a gweed foun for mair tae be deen in kittling up IML tongues in the days tae come.

## **Mair Wark**

Meenisters were greed att the saxth Meenisterial gaitherin will be heidit bi Jersey. Ower an abeen fit's been said afore, Meenisters spak about fit wid be the wark o the IML tongues wark sector. Takkin tent o foo important it wis tae eese IML tongues in ilka-day spik, they were greed that kittlin up the eese o IML tongues shuld be a stannin item for the wark sector tae haud tae the fore.

They were greed that the wark sector shuld haud tae the fore anaa:-

- Ilka-day eese o e tongues (stannin item);
- airly years; an,
- The Infrastructure /Technology/Economic effeck

The Meenisters were greed that aa sic projecks were tae be made kenspeckle an were warth warkin on as weel as bein interaistin. They were greed that they wid be a stey o the wark tae be deen in the days tae come, sae lang as the Cooncil wis wullin tae tak the projecks wi them at the neist Summit. Eence formally appruved bi the Cooncil, the wark sector will lat aabody ken foo they've gotten on at e neist meetin o IML Languages Meenisters.

## **BIC Secretariat**

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