

**Policy name:** Irish Language Policy/ Beartas na Gaeilge

**Date Presented:** 27/5/2020

**Lapse date:** April 2022

***Student Council notes:***

UUSU has passed a Bilingual Signage Policy which is currently going through an EQIA Process.

Our Cumann na Gaelach societies within the University have organised demonstrations and protests to highlight their desire for recognition and visibility of the Irish Language.

A new Irish Language Group, Tiomanta don Ghaeilge, has been set up to combine students passionate about the Irish Language across the campuses of Ulster to create one Unified voice.

The New Decade, New Approach deal for NI includes an Irish Language Commissioner and repeals what were left of the Penal Laws.

NUS-USI has also passed policy on the Irish Language.

***Student Council believes:***

The Irish Language is spoken by, and is culturally and historically relevant to, many Students in Ulster University and there has been significant work done by Student Council in this area.

While the New Decade, New Approach deal goes further than ever before for Irish Speakers, there is still more work to be done and UUSU as a progressive force for change should be integral in driving that work forward.

Having Tiomanta Don Ghaeilge in place would help with putting through the actions of other Irish Language policies that were passed.

The passion and great work done by our Irish Language Activists and Cumann na Gaelach societies is strengthened by the existence of the Tiomanta Don Ghaeilge group, particularly due to Ulster's multi-campus model.

***Student Council resolves:***

The group 'Tiomanta Don Ghaeilge' to exist as long as this policy exists, the Terms of Reference of which will be available as an attachment to this policy. The group each year should be led by the relevant UUSU Counsellor.

That the actions of the group and of Cumann na Gaelach societies be supported by UUSU where applicable.

That UUSU will also support the Irish language campaigns of NUS-USI.

**Name of Proposer:** UUSU Student Executive

**Name of Seconder:**

Ainm na Mholtóir: UUSU Feidhmeannach Mac Léinn

Ainm na Chuiditheoir:

Dáta é a bronnadh:

Dáta é a clis:

***Tugann Comhairle Mic Léinn faoi deara:***

Tá UUSU tar éis Polasaí Comharthaíochta Dáttheangach a rith atá ag dul trí Phróiseas EQIA faoi láthair.

Tá taispeántais agus agóidí eagraithe ag ár gcumann Chumann na Gaelach san Ollscoil chun aird a tharraingt ar a mian le haitheantas agus infheictheacht na Gaeilge.

Tá Grúpa Gaeilge nua, Tiomanta don Ghaeilge, curtha ar bun chun na grúpaí gníomhaigh seo a chur le chéile ar fud champas Uladh chun guth Aontaithe amháin a chruthú.

Cuimsíonn an beart 'New Decade, New Approach' do TÉ Coimisinéir Gaeilge agus déanann sé an méid a bhí fágtha de na Dílthe Pionóis a h-aisghairm.

Tá NUS-USI tar éis beartas a rith ar an nGaeilge.

***Creideann Comharile Mic Léinn:***

Labhraíonn go leor Mac Léinn in Ollscoil Uladh an Ghaeilge, agus tá sí ábhartha go cultúrtha agus go stairiúil agus tá obair shuntasach déanta ag Comhairle na Mac Léinn sa réimse seo.

Cé go dtéann an beart 'New Decade, New Approach' níos faide ná riamh do Ghaeilgeoirí, tá níos mó oibre le déanamh fós agus ba cheart go mbeadh UUSU mar fhórsa forásach don athrú ina chuid dhílis den obair sin a chur ar aghaidh.

Chabhródh sé 'Tiomanta Don Ghaeilge' a chur i bhfeidhm trí ghníomhartha polasaithe Gaeilge eile a ritheadh a chur i ngníomh.

Neartaítear an paisean agus an obair iontach a dhéanann lenár nGníomhaithe Gaeilge agus cumainn Chumann na Gaelach trí ghrúpa Tiomanta Don Ghaeilge a bheith ann, go háirithe mar gheall ar mhúnla ilchampas Uladh.

***Réitíonn Comharile Mic Léinn:***

Beidh an grúpa 'Tiomanta Don Ghaeilge' ann fad is atá an beartas seo ann, a mbeidh a Théarmaí Tagartha ar fáil mar cheangaltán leis an mbeartas seo. Ba chóir go mbeadh Comhairleoir Ábartha UUSU i gceannas ar an ngrúpa gach bliain.

Go dtacóidh UUSU le gníomhartha an ghrúpa agus le cumainn Chumann na Gaelach nuair is infheidhme.

Go dtacóidh an UUSU sin le feachtais Ghaeilge NUS-USI.