

Policy name: Acht na Gaeilge

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*Student Council notes:*

*The failure of the Northern Ireland Executive to bring forward an Irish Language Act in accordance with its obligations within Annex B of the St. Andrews (2006) amendments to the Good Friday Agreement.*

*Student Council believes:*

*The Irish language is a distinguishing cultural characteristic and of great importance to many throughout the island of Ireland.*

*That the Irish language, as the official language of Ireland, is part of the fabric of society and must be promoted and protected an integral aspect of Irish identity and 'Irishness'.*

*That those of all identities, cultural and political backgrounds in Northern Ireland have demonstrated they can be united around the Irish language and are calling for an Irish Language Act.*

*That an Irish Language Act was promised within Annex B of the 2006 St. Andrew's Agreement but that it has still not been passed within the Assembly.*

*Student Council resolves:*

*That there is a need for an Irish Language Act and mandates the executive officers to advocate and campaign for the passage of an Irish Language Act in Northern Ireland as soon as possible and to add their voices to lobbying efforts elsewhere within the student movement in order to further this goal.*

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