

Information sheet

We will be asking adult learners and learning providers to respond to our surveys during the month of November 2019, specifically to provide a snapshot of activity undertaken during the week beginning 4th November. Please note that although we will be asking people to give us information about their or their organisation's activities during this one week, they will be able to complete the survey at any point during the month of November.

The **learning provider survey** will seek information about:

- the learning opportunities offered, including those by distance learning
- numbers of tutors/lecturers who teach Gaelic to adults
- numbers of learners who attend provision
- what qualifications or credit learners are working to achieve, if appropriate.

The **learner survey** will seek information about:

- the Gaelic language learning the learner is undertaking
- how they are learning it (for example, the learning resources they use)
- where they learn it, and
- whether they have faced any barriers to learning Gaelic.

For the purposes of this research:

An **adult learner** is someone who actively seeks to acquire or improve any of the language skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing in Gaelic, through study or through experiences. An adult learner is aged 16 or over and has left full-time secondary school education.

Learning resources are those materials (for example, worksheets, websites, apps) designed for adult learners of Gaelic.

A **learning opportunity** is any activity offered by a learning provider with clear start and finish times, or at a particular level that aims to either:

- teach a language skill or skills in Gaelic to adult learners, or
- enable adult learners to achieve a specific standard in such a skill or skills.

Examples of **learning opportunities** include:

- a conversation course delivered by a tutor in a community setting, such as a library
- drop-in sessions for native Gaelic speakers who want to improve their Gaelic literacy
- an online course
- language training for a specific purpose; for example, for students studying to perform traditional Scottish music
- language training as part of a university Gaelic degree, and
- evening classes in a community setting.

What will happen to our research findings

We will share our information and findings with Bòrd na Gàidhlig who will publish anonymized summary reports, and other material such as infographics, on their website.