

Comhráiteas na nEagras Bunmhaoinithe

Crann taca d'fhorbairt na Gaeilge mar theanga phobail é infreastruchtúr na n-eagraíochtaí Gaeilge. Tá na heagraíochtaí fréamhaithe sa phobal agus ballraíocht leathan acu a shaothraíonn ar bhonn deonach. Oibríonn foireann na n-eagraíochtaí go dícheallach agus tá taithí na mblianta acu ina gcuid sainréimsí oibre. A bhuíochas de shaothar na n-eagraíochtaí, tá fáil ag muintir na hÉireann le fada an lá ar an iliomad seirbhísí Gaeilge.

Iarradh ar Fhoras na Gaeilge athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar an earnáil agus moltaí athchóirithe a mholadh. In ionad dul i gcomhairle leis an earnáil d'fhonn staid reatha na hoibre a fhiosrú agus teacht ar mhodhanna nua oibre, tá beartaithe ag an bhForas deireadh a chur le bunmhaoiniú an 19 eagras atá faoina scáth. Ní bheadh na heagraíochtaí in ann feidhmiú gan bhunmhaoiniú. Chun obair na Gaeilge a dhéanamh feasta is mian le Foras na Gaeilge tairiscintí a lorg ar líon teoranta scéimeanna nach mairfeadh ach ar feadh trí bliana.

Is cúis mhór bhuartha don 19 eagras bunmhaoinithe go bhfuil sé i gceist ag an bhForas deireadh a chur leis an maoiniú acu. Creidimid go ndéanfadh cur chuige ar bhonn córas scéimeanna iomaíocha dochar tromchúiseach, do-leasaithe don Ghaeilge sna blianta amach romhainn. Ar na pointí i gcoinne mholadh an Fhorais áirímid:

- Is eagraíochtaí pobail iad na heagraíochtaí bunmhaoinithe. Glacann cuid mhór daoine páirt iontu agus bíonn go leor eile ag brath orthu chun tacaíocht a thabhairt dóibh maidir le hionad na Gaeilge a threisiú ina saol. Murab ionann agus an saol tráchtála mar a gcuirtear seirbhísí ar conradh, ní oirfeadh cur chuige ar bhonn tairiscintí chun freastal ar riachtanais an phobail ó thaobh na Gaeilge de.
- Téann moladh an Fhorais glan i gcoinne choincheap na pleanála teanga agus an riachtanas go mbeadh leanúnachas i soláthar seirbhísí.
- An acmhainn is mó atá ag na heagraíochtaí ná an fhoireann atá ag obair dóibh. Faoi réir mholadh an Fhorais, áfach, bheadh ar gach eagraíocht scaoileadh leis na fostaithe acu a bhfuil a bpostanna á maoiniú ag an bhForas. Thar oíche, chaillfí saibhreas na mblianta de dhúthracht agus de thaithí. Ní fhéadfadh riamh go mbeadh an saineolas ná an taithí céanna ag oibríthe ar conradh. Ina theannta sin, dhéanfaí scrios ar an nGaeilge mar rogha gairme do dhaoine amach anseo.

Aithnímid an gá atá le forbairt agus cuíchóiriú ar mhaithe leis na torthaí is fearr a bhaint amach, ar an luach airgid is fearr. Ní fheictear dúinn go mbeidh luach ar airgead á sholáthair trí na scéimeanna nua. Táimid lán sásta obair i bpáirt leis an bhForas chun teacht ar mhúnlaí nua oibre a rachadh chun tairbhe na Gaeilge ar fud na hÉireann.

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Dá réir sin, molaimid d'Fhoras na Gaeilge meicníocht idirbheartaíochta a aontú linn le teacht ar chóras nua maoinithe a thacóidh agus a spreagfaidh an Ghaeilge sa phobal ar bhonn pleanáilte agus aontaithe.

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Joint Statement from the Core-Funded Irish Language Organisations

The current infrastructure of Irish language organisations provide the backbone to the development of Irish as a community language. The organisations are rooted in the community with a wide membership who work together on a voluntary basis. The organisations are staffed by diligent workers with a wealth of knowledge gained from years of experience. Thanks to the work undertaken by the organisations, the people of Ireland have had access to a great variety of Irish language services over the years.

Foras na Gaeilge were requested to review the sector, and propose recommendations of ways to rearrange it. Rather than consulting with the sector to assess the work currently being undertaken, or investigating new work methods for the sector, Foras na Gaeilge have decided to put an end to funding for the 19 organisations who come under their auspices. These organisations will not be able to function without core-funding. To carry out work in the area of Irish language development and promotion, Foras na Gaeilge now plan to seek tenders for a limited number of schemes which will last for only three years.

The cessation of their funding is a great cause for concern to the 19 core-funded organisations. We believe a competitive schemes approach will have a detrimental and irreversible effect on the Irish language in the years ahead. Among our points against the recommendations made by Foras na Gaeilge, we include:

- The core-funded organisations are community organisations. Many people take part in the organisations, and many others depend on them for the support they provide in enhancing the place of the Irish language in their lives. Unlike the commercial sector, where services are regularly contracted out, an approach based on tenders is not suitable to serve the needs of the community, from an Irish language perspective.
- The recommendations proposed by Foras na Gaeilge completely contradict both language planning theory and a requirement for a continuity of services.

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- The greatest resource available to the organisations are the staff working for them. Under the new proposals, Foras na Gaeilge would see organisations dismiss all staff whose positions are funded by Foras na Gaeilge. Overnight, years of experience and expertise would be lost. A contract worker could never gain as much experience of expertise. On top of this, the Irish language would no longer be seen as a viable career choice.

We recognise the need to develop and rearrange the sector in order to achieve both the best results, and value for money. We do not believe the new schemes will deliver value for money. We are more than willing to work with Foras na Gaeilge to come up with a new work model which would benefit the Irish language throughout Ireland.

To this end, we recommend that Foras na Gaeilge agree a negotiation mechanism with us, to come up with a new system of funding which will support and encourage the use of the Irish language in the community on an agreed and planned basis.

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Note to the Editor: Information on the New Funding Model is available [at this link](#). A full list of the 19 core-funded organisations is available here: [19 Core-Funded Organisations](#).