



Name of the Programme	Seachtain na Gaeilge - 2025
Programme Dates	Funding covers the period: 1 March 2025 – 17 March 2025
Brief Description	<p>Seachtain na Gaeilge is the largest Irish Language festival in the world celebrating the native language and heritage of Ireland, with great events taking place across different countries every year.</p> <p>Fermanagh and Omagh District Council invites community groups to apply for funding of up to £200 to hold events during Seachtain na Gaeilge 2025. The Council welcomes proposals for events that raise awareness and use of the Irish Language in creative and engaging ways.</p> <p><u>Events must take place during Seachtain na Gaeilge 1 March 2025 – 17 March 2025.</u></p>
Programme Specific Criteria	<p>Fermanagh and Omagh District Council defines an event as: <i>“An organised special occasion and activity of limited duration that brings people together for the primary purpose of participating in an uplifting community, cultural, recreational, sporting, artistic or entertaining experience”.</i></p> <p>Events for Seachtain na Gaeilge must focus on one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• raise awareness of the Irish Language• promote greater understanding of the Irish Language• offer opportunities to learn and/or use the Irish Language. <p>Examples of events include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Irish language learning and/or language awareness events/activities;• language learning and educational resources, both digital and/or printed publications;• lectures, talks, or presentations in or about Irish language;• drama and/or performance events/activities in or about Irish Language• storytelling and/or poetry readings in or about Irish language;• author or writer-led events which showcase the author’s original work in or about the Irish Language and/or which explore the Irish Language literary tradition;• creative writing events in or about the Irish Language;• digital content, including audio, video, and/or multimedia content in or about the Irish Language which can be shared on the web, social media and other platforms. <p>Funding constraints:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tutors/Facilitators must be external to the organisation and capped at £25 maximum p/hr.• Refreshments will only be awarded up to a maximum of 20% of grant aid allocation.• Irish Language must be central to the event. Events can be bilingual.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events must take place in the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area. • Events must take place between 1-17 March 2025. • St Patrick’s Day events are not eligible. <p>Activities and items that can NOT be funded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retrospective applications. • Fundraising events or activities. • Organisations own facility hire - groups cannot claim for and pay for the use of their own facilities • Recognition events • Capital costs • Equipment costs • Salary costs 															
<p>Scoring Criteria</p>	<p>Applicants must provide information on the proposed event – date/time/event activity and demonstrate how the event will make a positive contribution to the visibility and appreciation of Irish Language in their community.</p> <p>1. Event description – Tell us what you want the funding for. Use these prompts to provide a complete answer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What is the event– describe the activity to be delivered. If providing Irish Language class at what level – beginner/intermediate/advanced. Have you sourced tutors for the class(s) ▪ Where will the and will the event take place ▪ Who are the target participants ▪ How will you advertise the event ▪ How will you acknowledge funding from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council <table border="1" data-bbox="391 1249 1481 2094"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="391 1249 1129 1323"></th> <th data-bbox="1129 1249 1299 1323">Score Available</th> <th data-bbox="1299 1249 1481 1323">Score Awarded</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="391 1323 1129 1397"><i>Event Description</i></td> <td data-bbox="1129 1323 1299 1397"></td> <td data-bbox="1299 1323 1481 1397"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="391 1397 1129 1608">Detailed information on the event, where and when it will take place, the target audience, how the project will be advertised and how FODC funding will be acknowledged. Each prompt question addressed in the response.</td> <td data-bbox="1129 1397 1299 1608">8-10</td> <td data-bbox="1299 1397 1481 1608"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="391 1608 1129 1868">Some information on the project description, project duration, where the project will take place, the target audience, how the project will be advertised and how FODC funding will be acknowledged. Not all prompt questions addressed in the response.</td> <td data-bbox="1129 1608 1299 1868">4-7</td> <td data-bbox="1299 1608 1481 1868"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="391 1868 1129 2094">Limited information on the project description, project duration, where the project will take place, the target audience, how the project will be advertised and how FODC funding will be acknowledged. Not all prompt questions addressed in the response.</td> <td data-bbox="1129 1868 1299 2094">0-3</td> <td data-bbox="1299 1868 1481 2094"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Score Available	Score Awarded	<i>Event Description</i>			Detailed information on the event, where and when it will take place, the target audience, how the project will be advertised and how FODC funding will be acknowledged. Each prompt question addressed in the response.	8-10		Some information on the project description, project duration, where the project will take place, the target audience, how the project will be advertised and how FODC funding will be acknowledged. Not all prompt questions addressed in the response.	4-7		Limited information on the project description, project duration, where the project will take place, the target audience, how the project will be advertised and how FODC funding will be acknowledged. Not all prompt questions addressed in the response.	0-3	
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Benefits, Opportunities and Inclusion - Tell us how your event will provide opportunities for people to encourage use of Irish Language in daily life and increase visibility across the district.

Use these prompts to provide a complete answer:

- How will you ensure the event is open and accessible to the whole community?
- Which of the following best describes the purpose of your event and how will you achieve this?
 1. raise awareness of the Irish Language
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 3. offer opportunities to learn and/or use the Irish Language.

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Applications will be scored and placed in ranking order. Where applications exceed the 65% threshold, they will be ranked in score order. The projects that exceed the threshold will be allocated funding with remaining funds allocated to the next highest ranked projects, until funding has been expended.

Criteria	Score Available	Weighted Value	Weighted Score	Score Awarded
1. Event Description	10	X4	40	
2. Demonstration of Need	10	X6	60	
TOTAL SCORE: (Threshold 65%)			100	

All grants are discretionary, awarded on a one-off basis and must be spent on the delivery of the approved project as detailed in the Letter of Offer by **17 March 2025**.

Grant Amount

Maximum grant available **£200**

Seachtain na Gaeilge Grant Aid is subject to funding availability.

Responsible Service Area	Community & Wellbeing Directorate
Contact Information for applicant support purposes	Applicants are encouraged to discuss project ideas with the Irish Language Officer. Telephone: Fermanagh and Omagh District Council - 0300 303 1777 Email: gaeilige@fermanaghomagh.com