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Introduction

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Education & Training Boards Ireland is delighted to launch **ETBI Bliain na Gaeilge 2020/21** to celebrate the Irish Language and Culture within Education and Training Board Schools.

Education & Training Board schools are multi-denominational, state, co-educational schools with excellence in education, care, community, respect and equality at the heart of everything they do.

To that end, it is timely that as a sector, all our schools, English-medium and Irish-medium alike, take time to celebrate as a community and embrace the richness our Irish Language and Culture has to offer.

Education & Training Boards Ireland has organised a programme of events for schools with much variety and opportunities for students and staff to engage with.

We invite junior and senior students to participate in events, to take leadership roles through involvement on the school's **Bliain na Gaeilge student committee** and enjoy engagement with other schools across the sector.

In promoting inclusion, all events are open to all schools and all students. We encourage each school to put forward a junior and a senior entry for the National stage of each event. All events at this stage will be adjudicated by an independent adjudicating committee. Further supports will be distributed to schools as they register for events throughout the year.

To highlight the great work of schools throughout **Bliain na Gaeilge 2020/21**, please tag @ETBIreland on Twitter with #SpraoiSanETB and #ETBIBliainNaGaeilge

We look forward to working with each school during the year and hope many good memories are made along the way.

Gean Gilger

Educational Policy and Development Officer, ETBI

Our Ambassadors



Mícheál Ó Muircheartaigh A native of Dingle, County Kerry, Micheál O Muircheartaigh has succeeded Micheál O Hehir as the quintessential voice of the G.A.A. This much-loved former teacher, broadcaster, author and raconteur first came to prominence following the famed, Polo Grounds All Ireland Final of 1947 and for many years afterwards the instantly recognisable voice could be heard commentating on minor matches, as Gaeilge. He was President of Gaelscoileanna for a while in the early '80's and was Earlamh ar Oireachtas na Gaeilge when it was held in Dingle in 1992. As everybody knows Micheál has his own original style of commentating and it is this remarkable talent which allows him to turn every match into an epic tale which endears him to all.



Bláthnaid Ní Chofaigh Born in Canada and raised in the Meath Gaeltacht of Rath Cairn, Bláthnaid learned to be confident and loyal to the language. Says she of the Irish language, "We realized that we were different from others in the county and we were very proud of that." She spent years working in radio and television for RTÉ since she was 19. While most of her broadcasting work is through English, Irish is certainly central to her everyday life. She currently presents 'Nationwide' but in the past she has presented programmes such as *Echo Island*, *Elections*, *Afternoon Show*, Irish language programs, special events including *The Visit of the Tall Ships*, *The President Clinton Visit* and many more. She is proud to have raised her four children through Gaeilge and recognising that the Irish language is part of our identity!



Séamus Ó Scanláin Séamus Ó Scanláin is from Indreabhán in Conamara and he is of ETB alumni, having received his education there - in primary and secondary school. He graduated with honors, BA in Communication, from Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge, NUI Galway, in 2014. Séamus has been a Program Director on the staff of RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta for a number of years, reading news for the station and RTÉ RadioONE, RTÉ 2FM and RTÉ LyricFM, as well as presenting and producing music, current affairs and talk shows. He also presents the folk music competition 'Glór Tíre' with Aoife Ní Thuairisg on TG4 and is an actor on television series for young people produced by Telegael and other local companies for TG4. He has a keen interest in folk and traditional music, as well as technology.



Bláthnaid Treacy One of the country's fastest rising stars, Bláthnaid Treacy currently hosts the National Lottery and RTÉ 2FM's popular National Chart Show (Fridays, 8-10pm), bilingually counting down the top thirty tunes of the week. She's a regular contributor to RTÉ's ratings favourite, The Today Show, frequently stepping in to cover lead presenting duties. The Bray native is a Gaeilgeoir and had worked on TG4's travel show O Tholg go Tolg before she landed her gig on RTE's Two Tube. Her love for the Irish language is very clear. She said: 'It's so intrinsically us, no one else speaks this language. It belongs to us. It doesn't matter if you make mistakes, use whatever words you have. 'Mix it in with English, go for it! 'As long as you're making an effort, I think that's the most important thing. The language doesn't just belong to people who can speak it fluently, it belongs to people who can't even speak

it – it really is ours.'

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‘Ag tabhairt na Gaeilge linn’

Tá sé tábhachtach go dtuigimid go léir gur aistear foghlama fad-saoil í foghlaim na Gaeilge agus meas a chothú dár gcultúr agus dár dteanga. Ní stopann an t-aistear nuair a fhágaimid an scoil ach go maireann agus go bhforbraíonn sé dá saoil ar fad. Más cainteoir líofa tú nó más duine tú le cúpla focal, tá súil againn go dtabharfaidh Bliain na Gaeilge feasacht agus grá dúinn dár bhféiniúlacht agus go dtabharfaidh tú an Ghaeilge leat.

Guidance for Schools

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NOTE TO SCHOOLS

- Schools are encouraged to participate in as many **Bliain na Gaeilge** events as possible. ETBI is cognisant of the challenges of the current climate but we believe that the **Bliain na Gaeilge** programme will enhance positivity to your school
- Registration forms for Bliain na Gaeilge must be signed by principal/DP and submitted by 23rd October 2020 (to gaeilge@etbi.ie)
- Each school will decide at local level who will go forward to National level.
- Each school is encouraged to submit one junior and senior entry.
- When submitting entries by email, insert competition name in subject box of email.
- Entries may be individual or group efforts (except where specified)
- Schools are invited to participate in as many events as they wish.
- There is no limit on number of entries per school for *Féile Foghlama*. Quality control at school level is advised.

NOTE TO STAFF FACILITATOR(S)

- Through the senior management team, convene a committee of volunteers as early as possible to begin planning for the school year
- Meetings should occur on a regular basis throughout the year.
- The suggested timelines for preparation on the calendar are a guide
- It is hoped that this will mostly be a student-led initiative
- Facilitators should encourage the student committee to be as proactive as possible in planning, promoting, organising and running events. Let us know how various activities are progressing by posting on Twitter using the hashtag #SpraoiSanETB

NOTE TO STUDENT COMMITTEE

- The **Bliain na Gaeilge student committee** provides an opportunity to engage in a student-leadership role in your school.
- The committee will be ultimately be responsible for the planning, promoting, organising and running of events with the consent of the school management.
- The committee should nominate a chairperson and then delegate responsibilities to the other members.
- Teamwork is at the heart of this project and commitment to your team is essential
- Schools may organise a number of committees to oversee events

Schedule of Events

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Spriocdháta/Deadline	Ócáid/Event (Year-long Events)	Duaiseanna/ Prizes
Register: 23 October 2020 Entries by: 30 April 2021	BLAG na BLIANA <i>(Blog of the Year)</i>	€500 don scoil Trófaí Teastas
Register: 23 October 2020 Entries by: 30 April 2021	GRADAM NA GAEILGE BOIRD OIDEACHAIS & OILIÚNA ÉIREANN <i>(ETBI Irish Award)</i>	€500 don scoil Trófaí Teastas
Register: 23 October Report by: 30 April 2021	CUMARSÁID LE CAIRDE <i>(Communicate with Friends)</i>	Certificate of Participation Trófaí
Spriocdháta/Deadline	Ócáid/Event (Shorter Events)	
OCTOBER - NOVEMBER Entries by 27 November 2020	RÓGAIRÍ AN RAP <i>(Rogues of Rap)</i>	€500 don scoil Trófaí Teastas
NOVEMBER - DECEMBER Entries by: 18 December 2020	SPRAOI LE SCANNÁIN <i>(Fun with Film)</i>	€500 don scoil Trófaí Teastas
NOVEMBER - JANUARY Entries by: 15 January 2021	COMÓRTAS CUMADÓIREACHTA (AMHRÁN NA mBord Oideachais & Oiliúna) <i>(ETB Anthem-Composing Competition)</i>	€500 don scoil Trófaí Teastas
NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY Entries by: 15 January 2021 Concert: 26 February 2021	CEOLCHOIRM NA mBord Oideachais & Oiliúna <i>(Education & Training Boards Concert)</i>	Certificate of Participation
JANUARY - FEBRUARY Entries by: 25 February 2021	RÍRÁ AR AN RAIDIÓ <i>(Chaos on the Radio)</i>	€500 don scoil Trófaí Teastas
FEBRUARY - MARCH Entries by: 26 March 2021	Siamsa na Scéalaíochta <i>(The Entertainment of Story-Telling)</i>	€500 don scoil Trófaí Teastas
MARCH - APRIL Entries by: 30 April 2021	TRÁCHTAIRE SPÓIRT NA BLIANA <i>(Sports Commentator of the Year)</i>	€500 don scoil Trófaí Teastas
FEBRUARY - APRIL Entries by :30 April 2021	FÉILE FOGHLAMA <i>(Festival of Learning)</i>	Certificate of Participation

BLAG NA BLIANA

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Ócáid	BLAG na BLIANA
Céard le déanamh	Schools are invited to write a blog outlining their experiences and events arising from ETBI Bliain na Gaeilge.
Spriocdháta	30 April 2021
Rialacha an chomórtais	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Schools need to register for the competition by returning entry form by the above date.• Schools may select their own method of recording the blog e.g. on school website, a series of newsletters, as a social media feed etc.• The blog should be a continuous account and capture activities/events throughout the year• Students and members of staff may contribute to the blog• The blog should be overseen by the Bliain na Gaeilge student committee.• An account of how the blog was overseen and organised must be submitted as part of the entry before the closing date• A link to the blog and/or pdf version must be submitted with the oversight report on or before the deadline• Entries should be as Gaeilge or bilingual (Béarla agus Gaeilge)• There should be a minimum of one post per month
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GRADAM NA GAEILGE

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Ócáid	GRADAM NA GAEILGE BOIRD OIDEACHAIS & OILIÚNA ÉIREANN
Céard le déanamh	<i>Gradam na Gaeilge</i> is a special award that will be presented to the school that goes above and beyond to promote an Irish language and culture within their school. While the school will participate in Bliain na Gaeilge events, the winner of this category will think outside the box and promote additional activities and competitions within their school.
Spriocdháta	30 April 2021
Rialacha an chomórtais	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A calendar of events must be maintained with documented evidence in support of work carried out.• The Bliain na Gaeilge Student Committee should oversee the coordination of events.• A report outlining the school's efforts/initiatives should be submitted before the deadline.• The final report may be submitted in the school's format of choice e.g. short movie, powerpoint presentation, PDF, other.• The final report may be submitted in Gaeilge or Bilingual (Béarla agus Gaeilge)• The final report should highlight the varying nature of activities as well as the inclusion of all year groups.
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CUMARSÁID LE CAIRDE

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Ócáid	CUMARSÁID LE CAIRDE
Céard le déanamh	Schools are invited to participate in this exciting new venture to link schools virtually. A class-group from a school will be paired with a class-group from another school. The purpose of the pairing is to give students opportunities to interact with other students through the medium of Irish. Teachers may schedule a series of online meetings (possibly once per week or per month). Planned discussions, debates, conversations are encouraged
Spriocdháta	Report submitted by 30 th April 2021
Rialacha an chomórtais	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• On the registration form, advise what year group(s) is to participate• More than one class group per school may participate• Teachers organise and oversee the virtual meetings• No contact details may be shared with students.• Students are not permitted to contact the other school without presence of teacher.• A report outlining the experience should be submitted by each participating class outlining the participation, activities and benefits. Student reflections should also be included
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RÓGAIRÍ AN RAP

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Ócáid	COMÓRTAS RAP - RÓGAIRÍ AN RAP
Céard le déanamh	Schools are invited to submit a newly-composed 'rap' on a topical issue. Whole-class groups are invited to participate rather than individual students
Spriocdháta	27 November 2021
Rialacha an chomórtais	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The rap should be no longer than 3 minutes in duration• Lyrics must be original• Entries should be in Irish only• A word document with the lyrics should be submitted with a video/recording of the class-group performing the rap• The final performance should contain a backing-track without English Lyrics• If a school has two or more entries at junior and senior level, local decisions should be made to select one junior and one senior entry to go forward to the National stage
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SPRAOI LE SCANNÁIN

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Ócáid	SPRAOI LE SCANNÁN
Céard le déanamh	Schools are invited to prepare a film script and produce film/documentary on a topic of their choice.
Spriocdháta	18 th December 2020
Rialacha an chomórtais	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Film submissions must be in Irish• Film submissions should be no longer than 15 minutes in duration• A written report outlining the production process and a summary of the content should be submitted with the final entry (The report may be submitted in Irish or Bi-lingual)• In the event of multiple projects in a school, a decision will be made at school-level on one junior and one senior entry to go forward to National Final• Entries should be submitted as MP4 files or Youtube link
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Amhrán na mBord Oideachais & Oiliúna



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Ócáid	<i>Comórtas Cumadóireachta - Amhrán na mBord Oideachais & Oiliúna</i>
Céard le déanamh	Schools are invited to participate in this very special, unique competition to compose an ETB Anthem. This Anthem will embody what an ETB school is - Multidenominational, State, Coeducational with core values of excellence in education, care, community, respect and equality. This event invites entries from students, staff and/or collaborations from staff and students.
Spriocdháta	15 th January 2021
Rialacha an chomórtais	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For the purpose of this competition, lyrics should be submitted in Irish & English• Melodies and lyrics should be original• Entries should be submitted with a word document of lyrics and MP3 recording of the entry• Entries are welcome from all members of school community• Entries should not make reference to their own school in the lyrics as it should be common for all ETB schools• While there will be a winner of the competition, ETBI reserves that right not to use the winning entry as the Official ETB Anthem• ETBI reserves the right to ask two or more competitors to collaborate after the event to produce a finalised version
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CEOLCHOIRM NA mBORD OIDEACHAIS & OILIÚNA



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Ócáid	CEOLCHOIRM NA mBord Oideachais & Oiliúna (Online)
Céard le déanamh	Schools are invited to put forward entries to participate in ETBI's Bliain na Gaeilge Concert. Due to restrictions, the concert will be held virtually
Spriocdháta	Entries for shortlisting: 15 th January 2021 Provisional Date for concert: 26 th February 2021
Rialacha na hÓcáide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All forms of performing arts will be considered for participation • Dance acts may only use music from Irish Artists • Lyrics for singing entries may only be in Irish • Schools should invite submissions from all students and run a competition at local level to select one junior entry and one senior entry to go forward to the National short-listing stage • All entries put forward from schools should submit a video recording of the act. • Schools will be informed of the outcome of the shortlisting process in early February • The concert will take place in February 2021 when all ETB schools will tune in at the same time for the broadcast.
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RÍRÍ AR AN RAIDIÓ

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Ócáid	COMÓRTAS RAIDIÓ - RÍRÁ AR AN RAIDIÓ
Céard le déanamh	Schools are invited to produce a radio programme with a focus on one/several/all Sustainable Development Goals - linking with an initiative that is ongoing in the school
Spriocdháta	25 February 2021
Rialacha an chomórtais	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Radio programmes must be in Irish• Radio programmes should be no longer than 15 minutes in duration• A written report outlining the production process and a summary of the content should be submitted with the final entry (The report may be submitted in Irish or English)• In the event of multiple projects in a school, a decision will be made at school-level on one junior and one senior entry to go forward to National Final• Entries should be submitted as MP3 files• Entries may focus on SDG initiatives within their school or in their local community whilst also exploring the broader global issues
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SIAMSA NA SCÉALAÍOCHTA



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Ócáid	SIAMSA NA SCÉALAÍOCHTA (Scéalaíocht trí scríbhneoireacht nó ealaíon)
Céard le déanamh	Schools are invited to tell a fictional story incorporating an element of Irish culture through the medium of creative arts - writing/art/technology/other
Spriocdháta	26 March 2021
Rialacha an chomórtais	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Written pieces are limited to 500 words• All entries must be in Irish• Where an art form is submitted as an entry, a written outline of the story must be provided.• Where an art form is submitted as an entry, a video must be recorded to capture the story portrayed by the art piece. The mp4 file/youtube video link must be submitted with the written outline• Students may collaborate but no more than four students per group• Short stories, comic strips, picture stories, slide shows are all acceptable forms of written entries• If a school has two or more entries at junior and senior level, local decisions should be made to select one junior and one senior entry to go forward to the National stage• It must be clear from the entry what element of Irish culture was focused upon.
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TRÁCHTAIRE SPÓIRT NA BLIANA

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Ócáid	TRÁCHTAIRE SPÓIRT NA BLIANA
Céard le déanamh	Students from all year groups are invited to prepare a two-minute recording (voice/video) commentating on a match. Who is up to filling the legendary Mícheál Ó Muirheartaigh's boots?
Clárú don Ócáid	Return entry form via email to register by 15 th January 2021
Spriocdháta	30 April 2021
Rialacha an chomórtais	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No more than two students may participate on the recording of the commentary• The commentary can be based on an actual or fictional event• Students may produce voice-over recordings over video footage of an event• Background match noise is permitted on the recordings for effect.• The commentary must be in Irish. (In keeping with Mícheál Ó Muirheartaigh's style, a limited amount of bi-lingual content may be permitted.• Students are permitted to produce commentary on a sport of their choice• If a school has two or more entries at junior and senior level, local decisions should be made to select one junior and one senior entry to go forward to the National stage• Entries must be submitted via mp3/mp4/youtube link• Finalists will be invited to perform their entry at a live event
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FÉILE FOGHLAMA

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Ócáid	FÉILE FOGHLAMA
Céard le déanamh	Students/class-groups from all year groups are invited to prepare a one-minute video on something that helped them in their learning and might benefit other students (Similar to a teach meet)
Spriocdháta	30 April 2021
Rialacha an chomórtais	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students/class groups should prepare a submission outlining the subject and topic, what methodologies they used in their learning and how it helped them to learn e.g. 2nd Year - An Ghleann Álainn - Gaeilge - Description of learning tool - Impact on learning• Submissions are invited from all subject areas• All submissions must be in Irish• Submissions must be no longer than one-minute in duration• All submissions will then be categorised by subject and year group and may be accessed via link on ETBI website
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FOIRM Chlárúcháin

Ainm na Scoile _____

Boird Oideachais & Oiliúna _____

School type English-medium Irish-medium

Entry Level Junior Senior

An bhfuil Coiste Bhliain na Gaeilge i bhfeidhm _____

(Tá/Níl)

Teagmhálaí na Scoile _____

(Ball Foirne)

Ríomhphost teagmhála _____

Tá an scoil sásta cloí le rialacha an chomórtais _____

(Tá/Níl)

Tugann an scoil cead do BOOÉ iarratas na scoile a úsáid ar mhaithe le margaíocht _____

(Tugann/Ní thugann)

Síniú an Phríomhoide _____ Dáta _____

ADJUDICATION PROCESS

- Entries from Irish-medium and English-medium schools will be adjudicated separately. Prizes are available in each competition for both contexts.
- An adjudication panel, appointed by the ETBI Bliain na Gaeilge Committee, will judge each entry on its own merits. Criteria will be outlined on supplementary information distributed to schools.

PRIZES

- The ETBI Bliain na Gaeilge Committee may, at its discretion, award up to four prizes, or no prize. The Award Committee's decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
- Prizes will be outlined in supplementary information distributed to schools. Prizes include prizemoney for the school to support the development of Irish language and Culture in the school, trophies and certificates.
- All participating schools will be awarded a certificate of participation
- The award winner(s) will be requested to provide a brief report to ETBI on how their award was utilised within twelve months of the competition. A template reporting form will be provided.
- Prize winners will be invited to an official prize-giving ceremony at a time when Public Health allow such a gathering.

PERMISSIONS & CONSENT

- By submitting an entry to an ETBI Bliain na Gaeilge event/competition, you (student/group/class/staff) confirm to ETBI that:
- Your name(s) and school may be used by ETBI and ETBs for the sole purpose of identifying you as the creator(s) of your entry and/or as a winner of the ETBI competition.
- Your entry and any associated images, including photographs, may be used by ETBI and ETBs for promotional purposes only, e.g. a news story on websites, as a news story in an ETB report/magazine/press release.
- All personal data provided as part of the entry conditions of the competition will be retained by ETBI for twelve months after the closing date of the competition and used only for the purposes outlined above.
- The Principal or Deputy Principal has certified the authenticity of, and compliance with, ETBI's terms and conditions, for each entry from their school or college.



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