

There is a diverse range of jobs available in the Gaeltacht in various public services and with different client companies that receive support from Údarás na Gaeltachta. 945 new jobs were created by the Údarás in the Gaeltacht last year and that number is likely to rise in the years to come, thanks to initiatives like Gteic, the biggest network of digital hubs in Ireland. There are great opportunities for career progression in the Gaeltacht as an apprentice, a general worker or as a member of any profession. If you are a mechanic, carpenter, shopkeeper, garda, doctor, nurse, manager, assistant or an official of any kind, people will expect to receive a service in Irish from you.

#### Examples of courses in this sector:

| Code  | Course                             | Qualification           | Institute/University             | QR Code   |
|-------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| GY208 | Commerce with Irish                | BComm                   | University of Galway             |    |
| MH101 | Media & Cultural Studies/<br>Irish | BA                      | Maynooth University              |    |
| GY101 | Spanish/Irish                      | BA                      | University of Galway             |    |
| GY122 | Cumarsáid agus Gaeilge             | BA                      | University of Galway             |   |
|       | Translation                        | Postgraduate<br>Diploma | Coláiste na hÉireann/Gaelchultúr |  |
|       | Bainistíocht & Gnó<br>Digiteach    | MSc                     | Dublin City University           |  |
|       | Nua-Ghaeilge                       | MA                      | Maynooth University              |  |
|       | Léann Teanga (Pleanáil<br>Teanga)  | MA/Higher<br>Diploma    | University of Galway             |  |
|       | An Cultúr Dúchais                  | Diploma                 | University of Galway             |  |
|       | Pleanáil agus Buanú<br>Teanga      | Diploma                 | University of Galway             |  |
|       | Irish                              | Diploma                 | University of Ulster             |  |



### Language Planning

“The work of a Language Planning Officer is varied, exciting and extremely interesting. No two days are the same. You are responsible for implementing a Language Plan in a given area and the plan may relate to business, sports clubs, young people, the media, families, education and so much more. The aim is to increase the number of daily Irish speakers in the area.

For example, you could be presenting awards to post-primary students one morning, organising workshops for business that evening and then be preparing for a meeting with politicians the next day.

The role provides an opportunity to work on behalf of the language, to work with groups and the community to achieve a very important aim. A wide range of skills is needed for this job but the most important thing is to have a passion for the Irish language.”

– **John Prendergast, West Kerry Language Planning Officer**

**Training to implement the Language Planning Process – Údarás na Gaeltachta:** Training courses and workshops for Language Planning Officers and Assistant Officers who are employed already and who, amongst others, may be employed in the future.



A video about careers in the Gaeltacht:



Booklet on Career Opportunities with Irish (COGG):



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