

# Gaelic Immersion for Teachers

(GIFT)

Are you a qualified teacher?

Do you have the motivation and commitment to participate in this exciting challenge?

Do you already possess some Gaelic language competences on which you would like to improve?

Are you considering a career in the Gaelic-medium classroom?

Would you like an opportunity to gain confidence with Gaelic language and teaching skills?

If you have answered yes to the above, then you may be eligible for this great CPD opportunity and the chance of a rewarding teaching job in Gaelic-medium education.



The success of Gaelic-medium education over the last 30 years has resulted in the expansion of opportunities for Gaelic-speaking teachers in 3-18 education.

Bòrd na Gàidhlig [www.gaidhlig.org.uk](http://www.gaidhlig.org.uk) supports initiatives to meet Gaelic Language Plan targets by increasing the number of Gaelic-medium teachers available, in order to allow more young people to learn through the medium of Gaelic.

**GIFT** offers a Gaelic immersion experience leading to advanced competence in Gaelic and professional development opportunities for qualified teachers with intermediate level Gaelic (Higher Gaelic or equivalent) wishing to work in Gaelic-medium education.

In view of local and national commitment to the expansion of Gaelic-medium education, opportunities for full secondment and support with fees and other costs will be made available to selected course candidates.

The contribution of Gaelic-medium teachers is crucial to the revitalisation of Gaelic and is much valued by Bòrd na Gàidhlig, the Gaelic-speaking community and by those engaged in Scottish education, from early years to higher education and beyond.



# GIFT IS

A full-time, intensive course, to ensure rapid progress towards advanced competence in Gaelic and the development of the specialist pedagogical skills required for Gaelic-medium education.

Taught principally by face-to-face delivery through a partnership between the Universities of Strathclyde and Edinburgh.

Structured to take place over a school academic year with opportunities for participants to spend time in Gaelic-medium Education settings.

Available to selected participants who have the potential to benefit from the provision on offer and are committed to working in GME after successful completion of the course.

Designed to lead to the award of a Postgraduate Diploma from the Universities of Strathclyde and Edinburgh, with opportunities to proceed to a Master's degree.

# What next?

To express an interest in participating in **GIFT** 2014-15 please contact:

The Gaelic Teacher Recruitment  
Officer at Bòrd na Gàidhlig  
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## Applicants will be invited to

- Complete an application form
- Provide some evidence of current competence in Gaelic
- Attend a taster course on the week of 7-11 April 2014

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