

Yn Greinneyder Manx Language Development Officer

Limited Term Appointment 2019

Job Description

The role of Yn Greinneyder Manx Language Development Officer focuses on the following aspects of the development and promotion of Manx Gaelic:

Integrated development programme

To devise and work to implement an integrated programme for the development and spread of Manx through existing statutory and voluntary organisations, with the ability to include any new organisations set up to fulfil specific needs;

Advancement of the study of the language

To work to advance the range of study levels in Manx;

To organise training events and create more possibilities for learners to practise speaking Manx;

Updating the language

To identify areas of the Manx language which need updating in terms of its modern day application and promotion;

To create additional Manx language material for the learning and promotion of the language;

Practical applications of the language

To provide practical applications for Manx including encouraging the use of Manx in the private sector and by the public, and offering encouragement to organisations and businesses who make the effort to use Manx;

General

To support delivery of the Manx Language Strategy 2017-2021 and the National Development Strategy for Culture and the Arts 2017-2027;

To create and promote a better understanding and cooperation with Government Departments, Statutory Boards and other appropriate organisations of the use and worth of Manx Gaelic;

To provide written progress reports to Culture Vannin Board covering the work undertaken for that period, and to attend such meetings of Culture Vannin as may be required;

To assist the Director with the operation of Culture Vannin, as required.

Work schedule and priorities for January 2019

The Manx Language Development Officer works to an agreed development plan and budget which supports the Manx Language Strategy and the development of www.learnmanx.com as an online hub, with a particular focus on adult language provision and general promotion of the language.

From January 2019, the key aim of the Manx Language Development Officer should be to establish a systematic and well-planned adult language programme. With this in mind the main focus will be to:

- Produce a significant body of 'comprehensible input' for independent adult learners and speakers. Comprehensible input is language input that can be understood by listeners despite them not understanding all the words and structures in it.

Other core responsibilities (also refer to sample weekly schedule):

- Support delivery of the Manx Language Strategy
- Maintain an active presence on social media: 4-5 pieces of new material per week on Learn Manx page on Facebook, predominantly in Manx but which is engaging and useful for new speakers; Twitter account
- Attend and organise meetings for Jeebin, Gaelic Broadcasting Committee, and the Cooish. Establishing a Cooish committee for 2019.
- Respond promptly to requests for information and directing translation requests, liaising with Coonceil ny Gaelgey sub-committee when necessary.
- Run existing programme of Skype or buddy meetings, as time allows.
- Work with Mooinjer Veggey to ensure engagement in the language from parents with children at Bunscoill Ghaelgagh
- Work with Pobble to support and engage people with the buddy system
- Ensure re-launch of LearnManx app
- Establish a new evening class, subject to demand
- Continue lunchtime classes within IOM Government
- Process invoices in relation to the set budget, present 2019-20 budget to Culture Vannin Board, report regularly to Board meetings.

Line manager: Director of Culture Vannin