



Daltachas
Request for Expression of Interest
Oidean | Muimeachan
Mentors

Deadline, September 30, 2022

Overview

Daltachas (Fosterage) is a mentorship program managed by the Office of Gaelic Affairs for Gaelic speakers who can interact with a degree of fluency and possess good comprehension skills.

The program's aim is to increase participants' Gaelic speaking and comprehension by focusing on conversation, idiomatic speech, grammatical structures and cultural expression through the Gaelic language.

The program is intended to expand on participants' language fluency, preparing them for more advanced programming, such as Bun is Bàrr and Stòras a' Bhaile.

Activities

Daltachas sessions will:

- focus on content related to Gaelic Nova Scotia seachas including short stories, anecdotes, songs, local histories, proverbs and seanchaidhean (Gaelic tradition bearers).
- facilitate participants' comprehension and ability to share Gaelic learning, including conversational language, short stories, song choruses in the group and with others in their families and communities.
- include topics of the day, i.e. weather patterns, contemporary events, persons of note, daily activities, routines and personal interests.
- include games and creative, interactive activities to assist with language learning
- have a focus on how Gaelic language is grammatically structured

Sessions

- Groups size will be determined based upon number applicants to program
- Sessions will be held online via Zoom
- Weekly sessions of 2 x 2 hr sessions will commence in November 2022 and run for 15 weeks

Application Process

Mentors must send a letter of interest to Kelly.Schlay@novascotia.ca outlining:

- Their name, address and phone number
- A detailed account of their Gaelic language and cultural experience, including Gaelic language instruction, Gàidhlig aig Baile or other learning methods and sharing of Gaelic Nova Scotia cultural expression.
- Their experience in delivering Gaelic language learning programs to adolescent and adult learners, including:
 - how they would structure a language session
 - a sample of an activity and how they would integrate themes and language learning levels for intermediate advanced and advanced low learners
 - an example of how they would manage different learner levels
- Demonstrate how they would determine the advancement of learner comprehension and language skills
- How they would incorporate Gaelic Nova Scotia seanchas in their instruction
- One written reference who can confirm their Gaelic language teaching experience and knowledge of Gaelic Nova Scotia cultural expression.

Deadline, September 30, 2022.

Remuneration

- Mentors will be remunerated for a total of \$2,625.00. This amount includes instruction as well as 1 hr of preparation time per week.

Other

- Mentors in the program should have completed a [Vulnerable Sector Check Information](#)
- Mentors will be requested to provide a summary report of their Daltachas group (a report template will be provided before end of program)
- Mentors should have experience with the on-line communication tool, Zoom.