

Deadline is September 30, 2022

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.

Daltachan Applicant Criteria

Applicants must be:

- A Nova Scotia resident
- 16 years of age or older
- Committed to language learning during and in between sessions
- A serious Gaelic learner with an interest in Gaelic Nova Scotia seachas
- Willing to use Gaelic language as frequently as possible and be committed to passing it on to others

Application Process

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

- Their name, age, address and phone number
- Their involvement in Gaelic language and cultural activities in their community
- The efforts made to acquire and use Gaelic language
- The language goals they would like to achieve (as detailed as possible)
- Their plans to maintain their Gaelic language skills and share them with others
- The name of one reference and their contact information who will support your letter of interest

Participant Expectations

Participants will:

- Learn about Gaelic Nova Scotia seachas including short stories, anecdotes, songs, local histories, proverbs and seachaidhean (Gaelic tradition bearers)



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Participants

- Be expected to do instructor-assigned work in between sessions and come prepared to work on these.
- Develop further comprehension, facilitating participants' ability to share Gaelic seanchas with others.
- Acquire language and cultural knowledge associated with such topics as weather, calendar days, contemporary events, persons of note, daily activities, routines and personal interests.
- Engage in games and creative, interactive activities to assist with language learning
- Focus on how Gaelic language is grammatically structured

Sessions

- 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

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Other Program Details

- Past Daltachas participants may reapply.
- Participants will be reimbursed for any travel related costs associated with any in person group gatherings such as mileage, accommodations or food.