

Bòrd na Gàidhlig ag Ainmeachadh tri Buill ùr

- ☒ Fhoillsich Fiona Hyslop, Ministear airson Cultar agus Cùisean Toabh A-Muigh, an duigh trì buill ùr, aon dreachd a' tha air a' leudachadh agus an dara teirm airson trì buill gu Bòrd na Gàidhlig an duigh.

Na trì buill ùr:

Ealasaid (Betty) McAtear: Neach-labhairt fileanta sa Ghàidhlig, thogadh i air Eilean Bhàrraigh. Leig I as a dreuchd bho bòrd Colaiste a' Chaisteil sa Ghiblean 2010 as deagh ochd bliadhna, an dara bhliadhna mu dheireadh nar Cathraiche. Bha I cuideachd a' riochdachadh a' Cholaiste mar Riaghladair air Bòrd Oilthigh na Gìdhealtachd agus nan Eilean. Roimh làimh bha i air Bòrd Slàinte nan Eilean Siar airson 10 bliadhna, pairt pàirt den ùine mar Cathraiche Eadar-amail. Tha i a toirt eòlas prìseil mu phlanaichean roi-innleachdail agus eòlas air cuisean riaghail dhan a' Bhùird

Iain Caimbeul: Bho Uibhist a' deas agus fileanta sa Ghàidhlig. Tha e na Àrd-Mhanaidsear air pròiseact rannsachaидh Soillse, pròiseact rannsachaيدh seachd bliadhna le cosgais £5.29 millean a tha cuir fòcas air Gàidhlig agus dualchas le bhith tarraing air Oilthigh na Gàidhealtachd agus nan Eilean, Obar Dheathain, Dùn Èideann agus Glaschu. Tha trì ceumannan MSc aige agus ceum BSc le Urram ann an seilbhean choimhearsnachd. Tha eòlas domhainn aige air a bhith ag obair air cànan Gàidhlig ath bheothaicheadh.

Iain MacLeod: Neach-labhairt fileanta sa Ghàidhlig bho Eilean Leòdhas. Tha e air a bhith a' fuireach ann an Dùn Èideann o cheann 1970. Nuair a leig e dheth a dhreuchd bhon phoileas ann an 2000, thoisich e ag obair air cànan Ghàidhlig, leasachaيدh oideachail agus cultarach nàiseanta agus ionadail le chèile, a

treòrachadh le bhith na Neach-Cathrach airson Comann nam Pàrant (Nàiseanta), air Bòrd Comann na Gàidhlig agus, o chionn ghoirid, Àrd – Shuidhean An Comann Gàidhealach. Tha e air sgilean eadar-theangachadh/eadar-mhìneachadh a' leasachadh agus tha e air a bhith beothail ann an obair Ghàidhlig as a' choimhearsnachd agus an sàs ann an iomadh adhartas Ghàidhlig ann an Dùn Èideann. Tha e a' toirt ceannas, sgilean breithneachadh chun a' Bhùird agus eòlas air na tha a dhith as a' choimhearsnachd.

Tha na dreuchdan seo airson trì bliadhna eadar 1, Am Mart. 2011 gu 28, An Gearran 2014.

Chan eil dreuchd Ministreil eile aig Ealasaid McAteer, Iain Caimbeul neo Iain Macleòid

Tha dreuchd Àrd-Ollamh Rob Dunbar air a' leudachadh.

Tha Àrd-Ollamh Rob Dunbar na Àrd Proifeasair airson Rannsachaидh aig Oilthigh na Gàidhealtachd agus nan Eilean stèidhichte aig Sabhal Mor Ostaig far a bheil e cuideachd na Neach-Stiùiridh airson pròiseict rannsachaидh 'Soillse'. Tha e na eòlaiche air lagh eadar-nàiseanta agus mar a dhèiligeair ri mion-chànanan fon lagh sin. Bho Canada agus fileanta sa Ghàidhlig.

Bithidh an dreuchd seo a ruith bho 13, An Gearran, 2011 gu 12, An Gearran 2012.

Tha Àrd-Ollamh Dunbar na bhall air air Bòrd Seirbhis na Meadhanan Gàidhlig (MG Alba) agus bithidh e a faighinn a phraigheadh £4,980 sa bhliadhna airson seo.

Dreuchd ainmeachadh a'rithist:

Àrd-Ollamh Coinneach MacFhionghain: Tha Coinneach MacFhionghain air dusan priomh sgrùdadhbh rannsachaидh a ghabhail os làimh bho thràth anns na 1970n air coimhearsnachd Ghàidhlig na h-Alba, gu h-ionadail agus gu nàiseanta (cho math

ri sgrùdadh air luchd na Gàidhlig ann an Alba Nuadh). Tha e air iomadh sgrùdadh rannsachaидh a stiùireadh air coimhearsnachdan mion-chànan eile, agus tha e air mòran mion-sgrùdaidh deamografaigeach a dhèanamh air luchd na Gàidhlig anns na cunntasan-sluagh mu dheireadh.

Tha cùl acadaimigeach aige ann an eaonamas, eòlas-comainn agus foghlam, le rèis ann an foghlam àrd-sgoile agus aig àrd-ìre. An-dràsta tha e ag obair aig Oilthighnean Obar Dheathain agus Hertfordshire, agus 's e òraidiiche pàirteachaidh aig an Oilthigh Fhosgailte ann an Sgrùdadh Shaidheansan Sòisealta, Foghlaim agus Cànan.

Eadar 1976-2006 bha e cuir air doigh cursaichean còmhnaidheil aig an deireadh sheachdain airson luchd-ionnsachaидh Gàidhlig agus bha e na bhall de buidheann leasachaيدh a bha cudromach airson Sabhal Mòr Ostaig agus aonad rannsachaيدh Lèirsinn a stèidheachadh.

Tha e air a bhith na bhall de Bhuidheann Chomhairleachaidh Mhinistreil na Gàidhlig(MAGOG) eadar 2000-2002 agus na bhall aig Bòrd na Gàidhlig eadar 2004-2006, agus a rithist bho 2008. Bho 2008 tha Coinneach air a bhith na bhall air bòrd Sheirbheis nam Meadhanan Gàidhlig Cuideachd, tha e air Comunn na Gàidhlig a chomhairleachadh cheana, agus o chionn ghoirid Pròiseact Plana Cànan nan Eilean an Iar bho 2002.

Tha aithne gun samhail aig Àrd-ollamh MacFhionghain de leasachaيدh agus innleachd Ghàidhlig. Bithidh seo air leth sònraichte gu Bòrd na Gàidhlig a reir an Cunntas-sluagh 2011.

Cairistiona Allon. Nar neach-labhairt fileanta sa Ghàidhlig, tha Cairistiona Allon làn-thaiceil ar sgilean is eòlas a' cleachdadhbh airson cuideachadh a thoirt gu Bòrd na Gàidhlig àireamhean luchd-cleachdaidh na Gàidhlig àrdachadh.

Leig I seachad a dreuchd mar Stiùiriche Dhreuchdan Alba ann an 2007 agus tha i a nis ag obair mar Stiùiriche Neo -Gníomhach le Riaghaltas na-Alba.

Airson 30 bliadhna tha Cairistìона air a bhith ag obair air poileasaidhean an Riaghaltas a dhèanamh beò, ag obair comhla ri daoine aig a bheil ùidh ann an gnothaichean an Riaghaltas, gu h-ionadail agus gu nàiseanta. Tha i cuideachd air eòlas fhaighinn air obair an earann phoblach.

Tha i a toirt leatha eòlas farsainn air a bhith os chionn pròiseictean luchd-steòrnaidh, mar eisampleir ag aonadh còrr is 60 buidheann a steach do aon bhith agus a' buileachadh teicneòlas fiosrachaидh is conaltraidh (TFC)

Murchadh MacIllFhinnein eòlas ag obair air buidhneann phoblach aig àrd ìre agus roinn-ghniomha agus mar sin tha e a' toirt leis eòlas air cuisean riaghail, cuisean ionmhasail agus cuisean sgùdadadh. Tha e air a bhith na Chathraiche air Comataidh Sgrùdadadh Bòrd ns Gàidhlig airson 3 bliadhna. Tha e cuideachd air cuideachadh a' thoirt seachad gu luchd-obrach Bòrd na Gàidhlig air poileasaidhean a' chuir air adhart, ag obair comhla le buidhneann as a' choimearsnachd, gu h-araid buidhneann chroitearan.

Bithidh na dreuchdan seo a' ruith bhon 7, Am Faoileach 2011 gu 6, Am Faoileach 2014.

Tha Àrd-Ollamh MacFhionghain na bhalla air bòrd Seirbheis nam Meadhnan Gàidhlig agus na bhalla air Comataidh Stiùireadh airson Cunntas-sluaigh na h-Alba. Bithidh Mgr MacIllFhinnein ath dhìoladh £7,440 sa bhliadhna airson an dreuchd seo. Chan eil dreuchd poblach eile aig Ms Allon neo Mgr MacIllFhinnein.

Tha na dreuchdan seo uile páirt-uine le £6,200 pàigheadh airson trì latha sa mhìos.

Stèidhich Achd na Gàidhlig (Alba) 2005 Bòrd na Gàidhlig mar bhuidheann phoblach ris a bheil uallach Gàidhlig a ghleidheadh mar chànan oifigeil air a bheil an aon mheas sa tha air a' Bheurla ann an Alba. 'S e aon de na prìomh dhleastanasan aig Bòrd na Gàidhlig fon Achd a bhith ag iarraidh air cuid a bhuidhnean poblach planaichean Gàidhlig ullachadh agus a

thoirt gu buil. Aig cridhe lìbhrigéadh nan gniomhan leasachaидh air an comharrachadh ann am Plana Nàiseanta na Gàidhlig bidh obair an com-pàirt eadar Bòrd na Gàidhlig agus buidhnean eile

Cha bhith cur-seachad poileataiceach a' cluich pàirt sam bith as an taghadh. Ach air sàilleabh moladh Nolan, feumaidh na buill innse mu dheidhinn obair poileataiceach sam bith a bha iad an sàs o chionn coig bliadhna. Cha robh beothalachd poileataiceach sam bith aig na buill ri innse o chionn coig bliadhna.

And for the non-Gaelic among you....

Fiona Hyslop, Minister for Culture and External Affairs, today announced the appointment of three new members, an extension of appointment for one member and the re-appointment to a second term for three members to Bòrd na Gàidhlig.

The new members are:

Elizabeth (Betty) McAtear is a native Gaelic speaker and was brought up on the Isle of Barra. She retired from the Board of Lews Castle College in April 2010 after serving eight years on the Board, the last two as acting Chairman. She also represented the College as a governor on the Board of the University of the Highlands and Islands Millennium Institute. Previously, she served on the NHS Western Isles Board for 10 years, part of that time as Chair. She brings valuable knowledge of strategic planning and experience of development of governance to the Bòrd.

Iain Campbell is a fluent Gaelic speaker from South Uist. He is the Senior Project Manager of Soillse, a seven year £5.29 million research project focussing on public policy toward the maintenance and revitalisation of Gaelic language and culture and involving the University of the Highlands and Islands Millennium Institute and the Universities of Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Glasgow. He is an experienced senior manager and

researcher with Masters Degrees in Regional Economics, Business Administration and Rural Development and a BSc with Distinction in Rural Resources. He has a deep knowledge of Gaelic language revitalisation and processes.

John Macleod is a native Gaelic speaker from the Isle of Lewis who has been resident in Edinburgh since 1970. After retiring from a police career in December 2000, he became more actively involved in Gaelic language, educational and cultural developments locally and nationally, becoming Convener of Comann nam Pàrant (Nàiseanta), a Board member of Comunn na Gàidhlig, and, in recent years, President of An Comunn Gàidhealach. He has developed effective translation/interpretation skills and has been an active community contributor to numerous Gaelic developments in Edinburgh. He brings leadership, strategic and effective decision-making skills to the Bòrd along with a sound knowledge of community needs.

These appointments will be for three years and will run from March 1, 2011 to February 28, 2014.

Mrs McAtear, Mr Campbell and Mr Macleod do not hold any other public appointments.

The extension of appointment is for Professor Rob Dunbar

Professor Rob Dunbar is a Senior Research Professor at UHI Millennium Institute based at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig where he is also Director of the 'Soillse' research project. He is one of the world's foremost experts on law and policy relating to minority languages. He has advised international organisations, governments and NGOs on a range of language policy issues, and he is an expert of the Council of Europe on such matters. A native of Canada, he is a fluent Gaelic speaker.

This extended appointment will run from 13 February 2011 to 12 February 2012.

Professor Dunbar is a Board Member with Seirbhis nam Meadhanan Gàidhlig (MG ALBA). Professor Dunbar receives remuneration at the rate of £4980 per annum in relation to this appointment.

The re-appointed members are:

Professor Kenneth MacKinnon Since the early 1970s Professor Kenneth MacKinnon has undertaken twelve major research studies into Gaelic communities, locally and nationally (and in Nova Scotia.) He has supervised numerous research studies into other minority speech-communities, and has undertaken demographic analysis of Gaelic speakers over recent censuses.

His original academic background is in economics, sociology and education, with a career in secondary, further and higher education. He currently holds professorial appointments at the Universities of Aberdeen and Hertfordshire, and is a long-standing associate lecturer of the Open University in Social Sciences, Education and Language Studies.

Between 1976-2006 he organised weekend residential courses for Gaelic learners, and was a member of development groups which established Sabhal Mòr Ostaig and its research unit Lèirsinn.

He has been involved in Gaelic language development and planning as a member of the Ministerial Advisory Group on Gaelic (MAGOG) between 2000 – 2002, and as a board member of Bòrd na Gàidhlig between 2004 – 2006, and again from 2008. Since 2008 he has been a board member of MG Alba. He has provided consultancy to Comunn na Gàidhlig, and to the Western Isles Language Plan Project from 2002.

Professor McKinnon brings a unique knowledge of Gaelic language development and planning to the Bòrd. This will be of particular benefit to the Bòrd in analysing the results that come from Census 2011.

Christina Allon As a native speaker, Christina Allon is committed to applying her experience and skills to assist Bòrd

na Gàidhlig in its mission of increasing the number of people who speak and use the Gaelic language.

She retired from her role as Director of Careers Scotland in the Scottish Enterprise area in 2007 and is currently a Non Executive Director with the Scottish Government.

She has 30 years experience of translating Government policy into operation practice; of engaging with a wide variety of national and local stakeholders; and of governance, risk and performance management issues within the public sector.

She brings extensive experience of leading major and complex change management projects, including the merger of 60+ organisations into a new single national entity, and the implementation of ICT infrastructure solutions.

Murdo MacLennan has experience on public bodies at both senior management and executive directorships which has enabled him to exercise skills in relation to the areas of governance, financial management and audit. He has been the Chair of Bòrd na Gàidhlig's Audit Committee for 3 years. He has assisted staff in advancing the Bòrd's policies and programmes with community organisations including the crofting community.

These appointments will be for three years and will run from 7 January 2011 to 6 January 2014.

Professor MacKinnon is a board member of Seirbheis nam Meadhnan Gaidhlig (MG ALBA) and is a committee member of the Steering Committee for Scotland's Census. Mr MacLennan receives remuneration at the rate of £7440 per annum in relation to this appointment. Ms Allon and Mr MacLennan do not hold any other public appointments.

All of the above appointments are part-time and attract a remuneration of £6,200 for a time commitment of three days per month.

The Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 established Bòrd na Gàidhlig as the national body responsible for promoting the Gaelic language, culture and education in Scotland. Its statutory duties include the delivery of a national language plan for Gaelic and working with public bodies on the development of local Gaelic language plans. The Board provides leadership, direction and guidance for the public body and promotes its core values, policies and objectives. Bòrd na Gàidhlig is based in offices in Inverness.

These Ministerial public appointments were made in accordance with the Commissioner for Public Appointments in Scotland's Code of Practice.

All appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for appointees' political activity within the last five years (if there is any to be declared) to be made public. None of the above appointees have declared any political activity within the last five years.