

Support for Gaelic community hub is “overwhelming”

The Gaelic community organisation Ionad Gàidhlig Dhùn Èideann has published the results of its survey about the possible benefits of a Gaelic Hub for Edinburgh. This would be a social and cultural space where Gaelic speakers and learners in Edinburgh could come together for different kinds of Gaelic activities and events.

The body says that the results show overwhelming support for a Gaelic Hub. From the survey 85.4% of respondents said that a Gaelic hub would be very important for Edinburgh’s Gaelic community, and a further 9.4% said that it would be somewhat useful.

The survey asked how useful a hub would be for Edinburgh, how often people might use a hub and what activities and services people might like to see offered, and what might make a hub more or less appealing. Around 450 individuals and organisations completed the survey and submitted more than 30,000 words of suggestions, recommendations and ideas.

Different kinds of Gaelic cultural hubs have been developed in Inverness, Glasgow and Stornoway and are long established in Ireland.

Wilson McLeod, Chair of Ionad Gàidhlig Dhùn Èideann said: “We are excited to see such strong support from the community for establishing a Gaelic hub in Edinburgh. The time is right to make this vision a reality.”

Development Officer Sarah Scott said: “A Gaelic hub could make a huge difference in providing a home for Gaelic organisations and activities in Edinburgh and securing the place of the language in the capital city.”

The report is available at this link:

<https://ionaddhuneideann.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/ionad-survey-report-final-en.pdf>

