



## **Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Irish Language Bursary Scheme 2021/2022**

### **Guidance for Applicants**

#### **Purpose of the Bursary Scheme**

To assist individuals who have not been awarded a scholarship / bursary from public funds to improve Irish Language skills through providing scholarships or bursaries for Irish Language courses, including Gaeltacht colleges and intensive courses which begin and finish within the period under consideration (Call 1: 01 April 2021 – 30 September 2021 or Call 2: 01 October 2021 – 31 March 2022).

The bursary will cover course fees only.

Applicants are eligible to apply for 50% of total fees for the course up to a maximum of £300 in total.

Retrospective applications will not be considered. Only one bursary offer per person per financial year is permitted (01 April 2021 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022).

#### **Applications received before the opening date of 15 April 2021 will not be considered**

The applicant must:

- be resident in the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area;
- in the case of minors, have parental / guardian permission to attend the Irish Language course;
- be registered to attend an Irish Language course;
- not already have a scholarship from public funds (eg Líofo Bursary);<sup>1</sup>
- complete the Irish Language course by attending for its duration;
- provide proof of full payment of fees and attendance at the Irish Language course

#### **The application process**

Application forms will be available to download from the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council website [www.newrymournedown.org/gaeilge](http://www.newrymournedown.org/gaeilge)

This is a rolling scheme. All applicants will be required to supply accurate contact details to enable effective communication regarding the progress of their bursary application.

The Council will make the final decision on the allocation subject to applicants meeting the eligibility criteria. Successful applicants will be informed of the amount of their individual bursary, which will be awarded only upon successful completion of the course and having met the conditions of the letter of offer. While applicants are eligible to apply for 50% of total fees for the course up to a maximum of £300 in total, the number of individual bursaries awarded will be dependent upon the level of funding available.

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<sup>1</sup> Applicants will be deemed ineligible should they be successful in obtaining a scholarship / bursary from other public funds e.g. Líofo.

**Scéim Sparánachta na Gaeilge 2021/2022**  
**Irish Language Bursary Scheme 2021/2022**  
**Period 1 (01/04/2021 – 30/09/2021)      Period 2 (01/10/2021 – 31/03/2022)**  
*This form is also available in Irish*

**1. Applicant details**

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| <b>Applicant's Name:</b>   |                       |
| <b>Parent's/Guardian's name (if applicable):</b>   |                       |
| <b>Applicant's Date of Birth:</b>  |                       |
| <b>Contact Details:</b><br>(if applicant is under 18,<br>please provide a parent's<br>or guardian's details) | <b>Address:</b>       |
|  | <b>Town:</b>          |
|  | <b>County:</b>        |
|  | <b>Postcode:</b>      |
|  | <b>Email:</b>         |
|  | <b>Mobile number:</b> |
|  | <b>Home number:</b>   |

**2. Course details**

Please give details of the course for which you are seeking a Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Irish Language Bursary

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| <b>Name of Course:</b>   |  |
| <b>Address</b> (Specify here if the course attendance is virtual or in person):  |  |
| <b>Please specify for which period you are applying for:</b><br>Period 1: 01/04/2021 – 30/09/2021 <input type="checkbox"/><br>Period 2: 01/10/2021 – 31/03/2022 <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| <b>Start date of course:</b>   | <b>Finish date of course:</b>  |
| <b>Contact Details for Course (telephone and/or email):</b>  |  |
| <b>Total Cost of Course:</b>   | <b>Amount of funding sought</b> (50% of total cost, or a maximum of £300): |

### 3. Course Benefits

Please describe how the course will help develop your language skills

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### 4. Re: Public Funding (please delete as appropriate)

I have / have not made an application seeking public funding towards attending the course (eg Líofo bursary)

### 5. Eligibility Criteria

Please confirm, by ticking each section, that you meet the eligibility criteria for the award of a Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Irish Language Bursary

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| I am a resident in the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area  | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> no |
| I am registered to attend the course to improve my Irish language skills   | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> no |
| I have been awarded a scholarship/bursary from public funds to attend the course (eg Líofo bursary)                          | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> no |
| I have requested an amount which does not exceed 50% of total fees for the course up to a maximum of £300                    | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> no |
| I confirm the course will be completed within the current financial year under consideration (01 April 2021 – 31 March 2022) | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> no |
| I confirm I will complete the course and will provide proof of payment of course fees and attendance                         | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> no |

### 6. Declaration

I confirm that the information I have provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge

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| <b>Applicant's Signature</b>                        | <b>Date</b> |
| <b>Signature of Parent/Guardian (if applicable)</b> | <b>Date</b> |

Please return the application form to:

[gaeilge@nmandd.org](mailto:gaeilge@nmandd.org) (A scanned copy)

Or by post to:

Irish Language Unit  
Newry Office  
O'Hagan House  
Monaghan Row  
Newry  
BT35 8DJ

## Monitoring Form – Irish Language Bursary Scheme

For monitoring purposes, Council is seeking to identify the Section 75 characteristics of the successful Irish Language Bursary applicants, and we would appreciate if you would complete this form. (For applicants under 18 years of age the monitoring form should be completed by the nominated parent / guardian on behalf of the applicant).

The information will be removed on receipt and processed. It will be used for monitoring purposes only and not be attributed to any specific individual.

### District Electoral Area where you are resident:

Crotlieve  Downpatrick  Newry  Mournes  Slieve Croob   
Slieve Gullion  Rowallane

**Age:** under 18 years  18–40 years  41– 60 years  60 years or over

**Gender:** Male  Female  Other

### Community background:

I am a member of the Protestant community   
I am a member of the Roman Catholic community   
I am a member of neither the Protestant nor Roman Catholic communities

### Disability:

The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 states that a person has a disability if s/he has a ***'physical or mental impairment which has a substantial or long-term adverse effect on his/her ability to carry out normal day to day activities.'***

Do you meet (or have you in the past, met) this definition? Yes  No

### Racial group / Ethnic origin:

White  Chinese  Indian  Irish Traveller  Pakistan  Bangladeshi  Black African   
Black Caribbean  Black other  Mixed ethnic group