



PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Dear Participant,

We would like to invite you to participate in a community survey on Gaelic in Glasgow which seeks to gain a foundational understanding of the Gaelic community in Glasgow and the surrounding area today.

Who is organising the survey?

The survey has been developed by Glasgow City Council in partnership with the University of Glasgow and specifically, the development team behind this includes:

- DK MacPhee, Gaelic Development Officer, Glasgow City Council
- Donna MacLean, Gaelic Project Officer, Glasgow City Council
- Professor Bernadette O' Rourke, University of Glasgow
- Fiona Dunn, Gaelic Development Manager, University of Glasgow
- D-I Brown, Convenor of the Local Organising Committee for Mòd Ghlaschu 2019

What is the purpose of the study?

The purpose of this collaborative survey is threefold:

- to gain a foundational understanding of the Gaelic community in Glasgow today including language proficiency levels, language usage patterns and interests
- to gather community views that will help shape effective development initiatives
- to inform ongoing research at the University of Glasgow on support for minority language communities in urban settings.

What will happen to me if I take part?

In the survey you will be asked a series of questions within 6 categories outlined below. The survey should take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

1. Demographics
2. Location
3. Language Proficiency & Interests
4. Gaelic Education
5. Impact of COVID-19
6. Supporting Gaelic in Glasgow



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At the end of the survey, you will be invited to leave your contact information if you would like to take part in focus groups that will build on the themes emerging from this survey. This is entirely optional and there is no requirement to leave contact information otherwise.

Will my taking part in this study be kept confidential?

We assure confidentiality and anonymity in collecting, storing and using the data collected as part of the survey findings. If you choose to give open comments, we may quote them in publicity materials anonymously. However, there remains a very small chance that people from your environment could identify you in quoted excerpts.

The data collected will be kept securely at Glasgow City Council and shared with the University of Glasgow.

Once you give your consent to participate in our research activity and agree to our handling of the data resulting from the project, you remain at liberty to withdraw from the project at any time before the data gets anonymised, in which case we will destroy all of the data collected from you.

The results of the research will lead to publications and presentations which may be shared on both Glasgow City Council and the University of Glasgow websites and shared with key stakeholders involved in Gaelic language policy and development, nationally and locally in Glasgow.

Who has reviewed the study?

The survey has been reviewed and approved by the College of Arts Research Ethics Committee at the University of Glasgow and approved by the Chief Executive's Office of Glasgow City Council.

How can I access information relating to me or complain if I suspect information has been misused/ used for purposes other than I agreed to?

You should contact the development team in the first instance if you have any concerns via:

Donna MacLean, Gaelic Project Officer, Glasgow City Council

Donna.MacLean@glasgow.gov.uk

Alternatively, if you are not comfortable doing this or if you have tried but don't get a response, you can contact the College of Arts Ethics Officer (email: arts-ethics@glasgow.ac.uk).



Use of data in research

Where there appear to have been problems, you are free to – and indeed may be advised to – submit an ‘access request’ or an objection to the use of data. As part of the University’s obligations under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR), participants retain the rights to access and objections with regard to the use of data for research purposes.

1. Access requests and objections can be submitted via the UofG online proforma accessible at:
 - a. <https://www.gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/dpfoioffice/gdpr/gdprrequests/#>
2. Right of objection applies where participants have reason to believe data has been misused or used for purposes other than those stated.
3. Access requests and objection are formal procedures not because we mean to intimidate participants into not raising issues, but rather it reflects the fact the University is legally required to respond to requests and address concerns. The system provides a clear point of contact, appropriate support and a clear set of responsibilities.
4. Anyone submitting a request needs to provide proof of their identity. Again, this is not intended as a deterrent to legitimate inquiries, but rather reflects the University’s duty to guard against fraudulent approaches that might result in data breaches.
5. If participants have any concerns regarding the conduct of the research project, they can contact the College of Arts Ethics Officer (email: arts-ethics@glasgow.ac.uk).
6. Participants also have the right to lodge a complaint against the University regarding data protection issues with the Information Commissioner’s Office (<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>).

Thank You

We hope that you will accept our invitation to participate in this survey which will provide invaluable insights into the Gaelic community in Glasgow today and make a meaningful contribution to future development efforts and research to support the Gaelic community in and around the city.

Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

We thank you in advance for your participation and collaboration.