



**Comann nam Pàrant
(Dùn Èideann is Lodainn)**

Who we are and what we do

Who we are

Comann nam Pàrant (Dùn Èideann is Lodainn) is the local group that represents parents and children across the Edinburgh and Lothians areas.

We campaign for the development of Gaelic Medium Education.

We liaise with families and advocate on their behalf.

We work with other organisations such as City of Edinburgh Council, the Scottish Government and other groups.

The group is part of the national organisation Comann nam Pàrant Nàiseanta.

Our campaigns

We campaigned for the Council's Gaelic Language Plan to include a standalone GME primary school.

We successfully campaigned against the Council's proposal to cap the number of pupils able to access GME.

We campaigned for primary education in Edinburgh, resulting in the creation of a stand-alone primary school at Bun-sgoil Taobh na Pàirce.

In 2016, we campaigned to stop the Council limiting the GME intake into James Gillespie's High School.

We campaigned for the inclusion of a GME secondary and a secure pathway for pupils through GME in the Council's second Gaelic Language Plan (2018-2022).

Now, in working towards a GME High School for Edinburgh, we continue to advocate for families throughout their journey in Gaelic Medium Education.

Our work in 2020-21

Our main work has centred around the statutory consultation.

We engaged with families, undertook a survey and wrote a report on our findings.

We submitted a verbal and written deputation to the Council.

We have written to Scottish Government and to City of Edinburgh Council, raising our concerns and questions around the consultation.

We responded to press queries from BBC Alba, including interviews on Aithris na Maidne and Radio nan Gàidheal.

Where we are now

We're now looking ahead to the statutory consultation on a GME high school for Edinburgh.

We'll continue to work with the Council and the Scottish Government, and engage families throughout the process

We anticipate further work on surveys, reports, lobbying and campaigning to ensure the needs of GME families are represented, supported and reflected throughout the process.

In addition, we want to increase engagement from families from across the GME community.

There is a lot of work ahead and we need your support.

Join us

Gaelic is not a requirement for joining.

You don't need to have in-depth knowledge or experience of Gaelic Medium Education.

You can volunteer your time on an ad hoc basis if you like - we appreciate everyone has busy lives.

You don't need to be a longstanding member of the GME community: we welcome everyone at all stages and value new voices

You don't need to take on roles, such as public speaking, if you're not comfortable. There is a lot of behind the scenes work that needs doing and we appreciate all forms of support.

How we work

We meet monthly via zoom to discuss issues, plan our work and to share information.

We have representatives from both parent councils at Bun-sgoil Taobh na Pàirce and James Gillespie's High School.

Our work includes research, writing and presenting reports, supporting local and national initiatives, promoting Gaelic activity and providing information to families.

Get involved

The development of GME relies on the work of families and supporters in our community.

We're in need of volunteers who can support us in a range of areas, such as Gaelic translation and speaking to the press, research and surveys, campaigning and lobbying.

However, we would like to hear from anyone who would like to offer support.

Get in touch and find out how you can help.

Make your voice heard

You can be an advocate for GME by engaging with our work and by encouraging others to do the same.

This is really important in the months ahead as we work towards a new GME High School in Edinburgh.

Please do take part in the statutory consultation: attend meetings if you can, contact us with your views and any questions you have and, most importantly, respond to the consultation.

Get involved in the process and make sure your voice is heard.

Contact us

If you'd like to volunteer, or if you want to ask us about our work or about joining the committee, get in touch and we'll be very happy to chat:
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