



Foras na Gaeilge

Title of the scheme

The Major Arts Events Scheme 2021

A electronic copy of the completed application form and all supporting documents must be sent to: feilte@forasnagaeilge.ie before 12 midday on Friday 16 October 2020.

Note that an application will be disqualified if it is not completed correctly or if documents are missing. We will not accept any applications after the above deadline. All questions must be answered. The application form must be completed in typescript.

Guidelines and funding criteria of the scheme

Rationale of the scheme

The Major Arts Events Scheme will be open to appropriate professional groups to give them an opportunity to develop major arts events or elements of major arts events being run and implemented through the medium of Irish or of which the language-based Irish language arts are a central part.

Basic aim of the scheme

This scheme focuses on major events which aim to foster and promote the Irish language and language-based Irish language arts through the medium of Irish or bilingually as a part of a major event. As well as that, this scheme focuses on the Irish language social networks, the general public and the arts sector on an all-island and international basis.

Criteria of the scheme

Foras na Gaeilge will use the following criteria to assess all applications:

1. (a) The subject matter, number and appeal of the activities must be through the medium of Irish, in accordance with the basic aim of the scheme.

(b) The imagination of the programme of work of those running the festival must be clear.

(c) The number of participants must be measurable, including performers and attendees.

2. The use of Irish must be increased in the context of the promotion of the language-based arts: recitation, singing, storytelling, reading stories, puppetry, drama, films, literature, fostering new artists, or any other area of the language-based arts which would attract Irish-speaking attendees.
3. The events programme and all publicity must be in Irish or completely bilingual, with Irish in first position, and discussed in advance with Foras na Gaeilge. If a particular element of a larger festival is intended, significant recognition must be given to Irish in the publicity and information literature of the main event, and this must be discussed in advance with Foras na Gaeilge. A draft of the programme must be sent to Foras na Gaeilge before it is printed.
4. The applicant must have a programme of work setting out an aim, objective, strategy, audience development and participation plan, and marketing plan.
5. The group making the application must have management and administration capacity, which will include the group's experience, structure, range of expertise and specialism. If it is a local group operating on behalf of an umbrella organisation or umbrella body the relationship, cooperation and support with the appropriate umbrella organisation or umbrella body must be shown.
6. Information must be given on funding or support from other sources, i.e. sponsorship, use of venue, voluntary time, funding in kind, estimated income and value for money.
7. Foras na Gaeilge will award extra marks in the evaluation process to applications which show that the entire event or relevant secondary events will be situated in the networks, Gaeltacht service towns, language planning areas, and areas operating under the Irish Language Communities Scheme.
8. Foras na Gaeilge will award extra marks to applications which show that they have a plan to increase audience numbers.
9. Foras na Gaeilge will award extra marks to applications which show that the Irish language will be to the fore in every element of the major event, and in the publicity material.
10. There must be a commitment to cooperate with the appropriate lead organisations.
11. Any funding from Foras na Gaeilge to be spent in the current calendar year.
12. Applications which include secondary events celebrating Colmcille 2021 will be particularly welcome.

What is not fundable?

- Projects which do not show an approach or clear policy on the promotion of the Irish language.
- Fixed overheads like rent, salaries, travel, subsistence or bills, will not be paid. A grant will be paid under this scheme for running costs of the major event only. Only grant-aid from Foras na Gaeilge will be available under this scheme.
- Any applicant canvassing in respect of an application any board member or any employee of Foras na Gaeilge

Particular requirements

- A constitution if appropriate
- Safeguarding Checklist
- A bank account in the name of the major event
- A valid ROS tax number
- A tax clearance certificate
- A statement showing a commitment to the Irish language

Management of grant applications

- Applications will be accepted on the Foras na Gaeilge application form only. The form must be completed in full, all questions answered and any other questions requested in the form supplied.
- Foras na Gaeilge will carry out assessment of all applications based on the information the applicant will provide on the application form. Foras na Gaeilge may seek further information.
- An application will be disqualified if inaccurate information is given.

Payment and monitoring

1. It is the board of Foras na Gaeilge that is responsible for all decisions regarding all projects to be funded. It is the management team and the officers of Foras na Gaeilge that will implement all funding decisions.
2. All Foras na Gaeilge funding will be in the form of a legal contract and the conditions set out in that contract must be adhered to. Part or all of the grant may be rescinded or recalled if any of the conditions are violated.

3. The funding that will be approved under this application form will be paid as agreed. If the grant is to be paid in instalments an application must be made for the payment of each instalment within the agreed period.
4. Foras na Gaeilge itself, or its agents, will monitor all projects at all levels – finance, implementation, progress etc.
5. Foras na Gaeilge, its officers and/or agents, may visit a project at any time during the funding period.
6. Foras na Gaeilge has permission to seek a report on goals associated with spending and work goals at any time. This must be provided within an agreed period.
7. A tax clearance certificate must be provided, if appropriate.
8. Audited accounts must be provided, if appropriate, at the end of each year.
9. Foras na Gaeilge wishes to make applicants aware that it could happen that information provided in any application form could be made available in accordance with Foras na Gaeilge's duty under the law, including the Freedom of Information Code of Practice for North South Implementation Bodies which came into force on 20 June 2005.
10. Foras na Gaeilge may contact government departments and other funders, north and south, to discuss applications.
11. The rules of the General Data Protection Regulation must be adhered to.

Only one application per organisation will be accepted.