

**Comhairle na Gàidhealtachd
The Highland Council**

**Buidheann Buileachaidh na Gàidhlig – 20 Gearran 2014
Gaelic Implementation Group – 20 February 2014**

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FilmG Presentation

Report by the Director of Education, Culture & Sport

Summary

This Report provides Members with information on the FilmG project which is based at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig and which has provided hugely successful collaborative arts and media projects for Highland Schools. The report also introduces the FilmG Project Director, Flòraidh Forest, and two pupils who are participating in the project.

The Report contributes to the delivery of:

- The National Performance Outcomes 2, 3, 4, 5 and 13.
- Scotland's National Gaelic Language Plan across its Development Areas on Education: Schools & Teachers, Communities and Arts & Media.
- The Programme of The Highland Council and its cross cutting commitment to 'the principle of equal respect for the Gaelic and English languages, whilst also recognising the diversity of indigenous language and dialects within the Highland area'.
- The Highland Council Gaelic Language Plan.

1. Background

- 1.1 FilmG is Scotland's national Gaelic film competition. It is now established as one of the country's best platforms for getting Gaelic films and talent both showcased and promoted throughout the national creative industries.
- 1.2. This report introduces Mrs Flòraidh Forrest Project Director of FilmG who will give a presentation on the FilmG project, which will include extracts from the films produced.
- 1.3 Mrs Forrest will be accompanied by 2 pupils from Inverness Royal Academy and they will outline the outcomes and learning experiences they gained when making the films.

2 FilmG and the Curriculum for Excellence

- 2.1 FilmG continues to make a huge contribution towards delivery of the Curriculum for Excellence through the medium of Gaelic. The curriculum aims to help every learner develop knowledge, skills and attributes for learning, life and work, which are encapsulated in the four capacities:
- Successful Learners
 - Confident Individuals

- Responsible Citizens
- Effective Contributors

3. The Annual FilmG Competition

- 3.1 The competition runs between the months of August and January and has two different categories;
- young people aged between 12 - 17
 - adults.

Entry requirements stipulate that each film must be in Gaelic; be between 3 - 5 minutes long including credits and titles. FilmG has a team of people available to provide advice and to assist the contestants.

- 3.2 FilmG encourage as many people as possible to make Gaelic short films. The films can be a drama, documentary or a music video and they assist with the loan of equipment and sourcing Gaelic speaking actors.
- 3.3 The deadline for submissions was 20 January and there are 7 Awards categories which are all sponsored. The Council is sponsoring the Community Award category.
- 3.4 The Youth 12-17 competition closed on 20 December, with a total of 46 entries. There are a total of 30 entries in the adult category.
- 3.5 There are also 2 music video entries, they are 'Ailean Dubh às Lochaidh' (Dark-haired Allan of Lochy) by Dingwall Academy, and 'Latha Math' (Good Day) by the Nicolson Institute.
- 3.6 All films can now be viewed online <http://www.filmg.co.uk> and the public could vote for their favourite film until the 10th February when the judges' shortlists were to be announced.

4. The Schools

- 4.1 In the Highlands Council area the following Secondary schools submitted a total of 13 films:

Film Title	Secondary School
A' Chleòca Dhubh	Àrd Sgoil Phort-Rìgh (Portree High)
A' Lorg Freagairt	Acadamaidh Chùil Lodair (Culloden)
Ailean Dubh às Lòchaidh	Acadamaich Inbhir Pheotharain (Dingwall)
Am Bàta	Àrd Sgoil a' Phluic (Plockton)
An Fhìrinn mu Oidhche Bhurns	Acadamaidh Allt na Muilne (Millburn)
Àrd Sgoil Loch Abair E!	Àrd Sgoil Loch Abair (Lochaber)
Brag den Ghunna	Àrd Sgoil Mhalaig (Mallaig)
Dr. Dubh	Acadamaidh Rìoghail Inbhir Nis (IRA)
Droch Rùn	Àrd Sgoil Ulapuil (Ullapool)
Manranaran	Àrd Sgoil Loch Abair Lochaber)

Ò mo Dhùthaich	Àrd Sgoil Àird nam Murchan(Ardnamurchan)
Saorsa	Acadamaidh Rìoghail Inbhir Nis (IRA)
Rùn-Dìomhair mo Phiuthar	Acadamaidh Alanais (Alness)

4.2 Inverness Royal Academy shot their film on location at Culloden Battlefield, and Ardnamurchan High School brought horses onto their set, and made a period film about the eviction of a local woman from her house and croft.

4.3 The judges will be meeting to decide on the shortlists and the winners will be announced at the FilmG Awards Ceremony in Glasgow on 14 March.

5. Implications

5.1 There are no Implications associated with this Report at this time.

6. Recommendations

6.1 Members are invited to:

- comment on the presentation; and
- agree that the Council continues to support FilmG by encouraging schools to participate; and by providing Gaelic Team liaison and support where appropriate.

Designation: Director of Education, Culture and Sport

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