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Gaillimh, Éire
Galway, Ireland

9 Meán Fómhair 2026
9 September 2026



CLÁR

Dé Céadaoin, an 9 Meán Fómhair 2026

Ionad: Áras ILAS, Ollscoil na Gaillimhe,
(An Caisleán Nua Uachtarach, Gaillimh, H91 C7DK)

9:15am

Clárú

9:30am

Fáiltiú – Cathaoirleach an Chumainn (IALC), Séamas Ó Concheanainn, An Coimisinéir Teanga.

9:45 –
11:00am

Seisiún 1: 'Cearta Teanga a Threisiú - Ceachtanna ón Lá Inné, Straitéisí don Lá Inniu'

- Osian Llywelyn – Leas-Choimisinéir na Breatnaise (Caighdeáin Teanga)
- Séamas Ó Concheanainn, An Coimisinéir Teanga, Éire (Pleanáil Fórsa Saothair Náisiúnta)
- Pól Deeds – Coimisinéir na Gaeilge, Tuaisceart Éireann (An tírdhreach teangeolaíoch)

Áisitheoir an tSeisiúin: An Dr John Walsh, Ollamh Comhlach, Roinn na Gaeilge, Ollscoil na Gaillimhe, Éire

11:00 –
11:30am

Sos Caife / Tae

11:30am –
1:00pm

Seisiún 2: 'Rochtain ar sheirbhísí poiblí a fheabhsú – samhlacha seachadta seirbhíse poiblí a ailíniú le riachtanais na bpobal mionteanga'

Plé ar:

- **Seirbhísí Poiblí a Dhílárú/Múnlaí Seirbhíse Poiblí Dáilte:** Tomás Ó Síocháin, Príomhfheidhmeannach, Údarás na Gaeltachta
- **Muinín an Phobail a Chothú - 'An Tairiscint Ghníomhach' Léargais ó Ceanada**
 - **Kelly Burke:** Coimisinéir na dTeangacha Oifigiúla, Ceanada
 - **Shirley C. MacLean (KC):** Coimisinéir na dTeangacha Oifigiúla do New Brunswick
 - **Carl Bouchard:** Coimisinéir Seirbhísí Teanga Fraincise Ombudsman - Ontario

1:00 –
2:00pm

Lón – Áras ILAS, Ollscoil na Gaillimhe

2:00pm – 3:30pm	Seisiún an Tráthnóna Aitheasc Tosaigh ón Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail agus Gaeltachta, Dara Calleary, TD Seisiún 3: 'Cearta Teanga sa Limistéar Eorpach: ó Aitheantas Náisiúnta go Rannpháirtíocht ar Leibhéal AE - NPLD- An Líonra um Éagsúlacht Teangeolaíochta a Chothú' Plé painéil le: • Roger Serra: Leas-Chathaoirleach NPLD agus Ard-Stiúrthóir um Polasaí Teanga Earnálacha na Teicneolaíochta agus an Chlosamhairc, Rialtas na Catalóine (An Spáinn) • Marco Torresin: Oifigeach Chaidreamh Idirnáisiúnta Gníomhaireacht Réigiúnach na Friúilise (ARLeF) (An Iodáil) • Hasier Morras: Ceannasaí na Seirbhíse Forbartha Bascaise i Riarachán Poiblí, Euskarabidea – Rialtas Navarra (An Spáinn) • Eke Folkerts: Teachta Teanga agus Oideachais Teanga, Proibhinse na Freaslainne (An Ísiltír) Áisitheoir: Eoin Ó Droighneáin, Príomh-Oifigeach, Rannóg na Gaeilge agus na Gaeltachta
3:30pm – 3:40pm	Sos Caife / Tae
3:30pm – 4:15pm	Seisiún 4: 'Reachtaíocht um Chearta an Dátheangachais a Dhréachtú: Deiseanna agus Dúshláin - Léargais na Cosaive Mentor Borovci, Stiúrthóir na hOifige Dlí in Oifig an Phríomh-Aire, an Chosaiv
4:15pm – 5:00pm	Seisiún 5: 'Cearta Gaeilge a Threisiú trí Fhógraíocht Tráchtála' Páidí Ó Lionáird, Bainisteoir Cumarsáide, Oifig an Choimisinéara Teanga, Éire
5:00pm – 5:30pm	Focal Scoir na Comhdhála - príomhdhíola suntais agus na chéad ghníomhartha eile (Rapóirtéir - Máire Ní Neachtain)

AGENDA

Wednesday 9 September 2026	
Venue: ILAS Building, University of Galway, (Upper Newcastle, Galway H91 C7DK)	
9:15am	Registration
9:30am	Welcome - IALC Chair, Séamas Ó Concheanainn, an Coimisinéir Teanga
9:45 – 11:00am	Session 1: 'Strengthening Language Rights - Lessons from Yesterday, Strategies for Today' • Osian Llywelyn – Deputy Welsh Language Commissioner (Language Standards) • Séamas Ó Concheanainn, An Coimisinéir Teanga, Ireland (National Workforce Planning) • Pól Deeds – Coimisinéir na Gaeilge, Northern Ireland (The linguistic landscape) Session Moderator: Dr. John Walsh, Associate Professor, Irish Language Department, University of Galway, Ireland
11:00 – 11:30am	Coffee / Tea Break
11:30am – 1:00pm	Session 2: 'Improving access to public services by aligning delivery models with the needs of language communities' Contributions on: • Decentralising Public Services / Distributed Public Service Models: Tomás Ó Siocháin, CEO, Údarás na Gaeltachta, Development Agency for An Ghaeltacht (Official Irish-Speaking Districts) • Building Public Trust – 'The Active Offer' Perspectives from Canada: • Kelly Burke: Commissioner of the Official Languages, Canada • Shirley C. MacLean (KC): Commissioner / Commissaire of the Official Languages for New Brunswick • Carl Bouchard: French Language Services Commissioner - Ontario Ombudsman
1:00 – 2:00pm	Lunch – ILAS Building, University of Galway

2:00pm – 3:30pm	Afternoon Session – Opening Address by the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht Dara Calleary, TD Session 3: 'Language Rights in the European Sphere: From National Recognition to EU-Level Engagement- NPLD - Network to Promote Linguistic Diversity' Panel discussion with • Roger Serra: Vice Chair of the NPLD and Director General for Language Policy in the Technological and Audiovisual Sectors, Government of Catalonia (Spain) • Marco Torresin: International Relations Officer at the Regional Agency for the Friulian Language (ARLeF) (Italy) • Hasier Morras: Head of the Basque Language Development Service in Public Administrations, Euskarabidea - Government of Navarre (Spain) • Eke Folkerts: Deputy for Language and Language Education, Province of Fryslân (The Netherlands) Moderator: Eoin Ó Droighneáin, Principal Officer, Rannóg na Gaeilge agus na Gaeltachta
3:30pm – 3:40pm	Coffee / Tea Break
3:40pm – 4:20pm	Session 4: 'Drafting Bilingual Language Rights Legislation Opportunities and Challenges - Insights from Kosovo' Mentor Borovci, Director of Legal Office within the Office of the Prime Minister, Kosovo
4:20pm – 5:00pm	Session 5: 'Strengthening Irish Language Rights through Commercial Advertising' Páidí Ó Lionáird, Communications Manager, Oifig an Choimisinéara Teanga, Ireland
5:00pm – 5:30pm	Conference wrap-up - key takeaways and actionable next steps (Rapporteur - Máire Ní Neachtain)

