

Shaetlan Language Plan

Wirkin in pairtnership wi Shetland-baessed community groups UHI Shetland is gyaan fir da follooin key objectives:

Objectives

- 1) Tae heichten da profile o Shaetlan haemaboot, nationally, an internationally
- 2) Tae promote da øs o Shaetlan, includin ithin education setteens
- 3) Tae bigg up resaerch acteevity about da understaandeen, da øs an future poseetion o Shaetlan as a ivvryday language

Key pairtners: Shetland ForWirds, I Hear Dee, Shetland Amenity Trust, UHI Language Sciences Institute, UHI Institute for Northern Studies, Shetland Islands Council, Education Scotland, Scottish Government, MSPs.

Dis objectives gings along wi wir strategy tae be collaborative an inclusive, an da language plan suppoarts wir veesion o bein a inspirational hub fir new notions and lairneen designed tae meet da needs o Shetland fukk.

1. Heichtened profile

Locally tae suppoart an implement projects at heichtens fukk's awaarness o Shaetlan, includin:

- Recognisin da wye at Shaetlan spaekers is bilingual an biggin up confidence in ivvryday øs.
- Da development and proveesion o adult learneen opportunities in Shaetlan – fir dem at døsna spaek Shaetlan tae lairn, an fir Shaetlan spaekers in writeen (e.g. da freely avelable primer maed bi I Hear Dee).
- Makkin ordinary da øs o Shaetlan in signage and plaessnaems (spaekin wi national boadies tae help dis).
- Øsin Shaetlan in a bilingual context ithin UHI Shetland, includin i wir signage.
- Makkin a wirkin group maed up fae interestit cooncil offeecials, fukk fae da community, Shaetlan language boadies/organisations an UHI staff

Nationally tae heichten da profile o Shaetlan as a ivvryday language

- Promote da inclusion o Shaetlan (an Orcadian) as recognised languages ithin da neest Scottish Census
- Develop and suppoart resaerch tae bigg up understaandeen o da impoartance o Shaetlan ithin ivvryday øs

Internationally

- Bigg apün ineetiatives fae aforehaand tae celebrate Shaetlan as a minority language apø da international stage (e.g. I Hear Dee's collaboration wi Marine Conservation ithoot Borders gyaan on eenoo is tae be suppoarted bi UHI Shetland)
- Tae tak pairt in international language resaerch projects
- Suppoartin da publication o Shaetlan language books and resaerch trowe UHI ePublishin

2. Øs ithin education

Tae promote da inclusion o vernacular minority languages in teacher traineen at UHI, an Shaetlan at UHI Shetland.

- Suppoart da development o educational mataerials in Shaetlan fir øsin ithin skùls includin da development o curriculum at da primary level
- Gie a haand til community groups in makkin educational mataerials (e.g. I Hear Dee's translation wark gyaan on eenoo o mataerial supplied bi Marine Conservation ithoot Borders)
- Spaek wi Shetland Islands Cooncil tae promote an normalise da øs o Shaetlan in educational setteens
- Da makkeen o coorses fir adult learneen

3. Resaerch

- Develop and suppoart resaerch tae bigg up understaandeen o hoo impoartant Shaetlan is fir ivvryday øs.
- Suppoart resaerch in pairtnership wi UHI Language Sciences Institute an idder key stakehowlders
- Help tae alloo fir stakehowlders an fukk idda community gittin involved wi resaerch
- Gie a haand wi da pitteen oot o da ootcomes .