

# Fill ar an Ghaeilge | Get back to Irish

## Diploma in Irish Language

### Mid Ulster centre at Cookstown

An bhfuil Gaeilge agat? Would you like to acquire a high level of competency in Irish? Anyone who has studied Irish to GCSE or O Level at school and would like to get his/her knowledge of Irish back on track is encouraged to apply for the Diploma in Irish Language, **starting this September at The Burnavon, Cookstown**. 2015-16 is the fourth year of the programme with 33 successful graduates so far. You could be next!

This course is ideal for those currently attending night classes who want to take **the Líofa (fluency) challenge** to the next level. Parents of children attending a Naíscoil / Gaelscoil are particularly encouraged to enrol and the course is perfect for those with some knowledge of Irish who want to improve their grammar or enhance personal confidence and fluency.

It is a **two-year course** and there are no official exams in Year 1. Students take 3 modules each year focusing on listening, speaking, reading and writing. There are two terms per year, each lasting 12 weeks comprised of:

- 1 night of class per week (Monday 6pm-9pm)
- 3 Saturday morning boot-camps (9.30am-1pm)
- 1 Gaeltacht weekend (Gweedore, Co. Donegal) \* B&B accommodation package = €50 extra
- Online support and revision activities every week

A full course induction is provided and you do not need to have previous knowledge of computing. **The Diploma in Irish Language is also available at Magee (Derry) and York Street (Belfast).**

It is possible to apply online, just visit [www.ulster.ac.uk/applyonline](http://www.ulster.ac.uk/applyonline) to register and select 'Taught UG Programme'. **OR**

Contact the School Secretary, Mrs Ros O'Hagan: [r.ohagan1@ulster.ac.uk](mailto:r.ohagan1@ulster.ac.uk) or call **028 7137 5277**.

Fees are currently £832.80 per year or 10 monthly instalments (e.g. £83.28 per month).

Scholarship funding is available to **GAA members through Gaeilge sa Chlub**. Please contact Sharon Haughey: [sharon.haughey.ulster@gaa.ie](mailto:sharon.haughey.ulster@gaa.ie) or call **028 3751 7182**.

Government support available for those in receipt of benefits: [www.studentfinanceni.co.uk](http://www.studentfinanceni.co.uk)

**On completion of the Diploma students can proceed to the degree course BA Irish Language and Literature and modules taken on the Diploma are credited towards the final degree.**

# Diploma in Irish Language (Cookstown)

## Semester1 (2015/16)

Classes every Monday evening in The Burnavon, Cookstown, 6pm-9pm

Week	Monday
1	21 September
2	28 September
3	05 October
4	12 October
5	19 October
6	26 October
7	02 November
8	09 November
9	16 November
10	23 November
11	30 November
12	07 December

## Saturday boot-camps & Gaeltacht residential

### Induction

**Saturday 19 September, 9.30am-1pm**

- Registration process
- Introduction to Course Team
- Distribution of Course Handbook/Workbook (inc. Assessment Schedule)
- Taster session for each module

### Residential

**Friday 16 October – Sunday 18 October**

- Immersion weekend in Gaith Dobhair, Co. Donegal
- Emphasis on speaking and listening
- Use of Irish in practical situations
- Social activities through Irish

### Revision

**Saturday 14 November, 9.30am-1pm**

- Personal feedback/progress update
- Grammar/Structure focus
- Dictionary usage
- Personal target-setting

### Plenary

**Saturday 12 December, 9.30am-1pm**

- Mock Assessment Feedback
- Summary of key tenses/structures
- Short speaking presentation
- Listening exercises