Comhairle Lucht Féachana TG4 2025: Ballraíocht

Déanadh na folúntais don Chomhairle Lucht Féachana nua a fhógairt le linn Earrach 2025. Roghnaíodh baill don chomhairle nua le bheith *ionadaitheach ar an phobal féachana agus éisteachta agus, go háirithe, ar phobail Ghaeltachta*.

Leanfaidh an tréimhse ballraíochta reatha ó 2025 go dtí go bhfuil athruithe san Acht Craolacháin curtha i bhfeidhm.

Is iad seo a leanas na Baill den Chomhairle nua:

Ógie Ó Céilleachair: An Rinn
Is as Rinn Ó gCuanach d'Ógie Ó Céilleachair. Múinteoir meánscoile é i nGaelcholáiste Luimnigh, é ag teagasc Staire, Gaeilge, an Pholaitíocht & an tSochaí agus Drámaíocht. Tá téascleabhar staire don Teastas Sóisearach, mar a bhí, foilsithe aige chomh maith the trí leabhar ficsin; Cúpla, Katfish & Scéalta Eile agus Árasán. Tá úrscéal agus gearrscéalta dá chuid ar an liosta molta don tSraith Shóisearach Gaeilge. Is teagascóir é i gColáiste Mhuire gan Smál i Luimneach leis.

Aoife Ní Dhonaile, Baile Átha Cliath
Is aturnae faoi oiliúint as Baile Átha Cliath í Aoife, agus tá an Ghaeilge mar chuid lárnach dá h'obair dheonach. Is bunaitheoir agus cathaoirleach í ar Chraobh Chonradh na Gaeilge Baile Átha Cliath 7. Mar cheannaire ar an ghrúpa comhphobal seo, spreagann sé í chun an teanga a chaomhnú i ngach slí. Tá spéis faoi leith aici in ábhar TG4 ar líne, ceol Gaelach agus ábhar dírithe ar an aos óg.

Colm Ó Baoill, Gaoth Dobhair.
Rugadh agus tógadh Colm i nGaoth Dobhair. Tá sé ag obair sa rannóg Pobal & Gnó le Foras na Gaeilge. Tá sé ar choiste stiúrtha Chomhar Chreidmheasa Ghaoth Dobhair agus Comharchumann Forbartha Ghaoth Dobhair. Tá suim aige i gcúrsaí Pleanála Teanga agus forbartha pobail. Nuair a bhíonn am saor aige, is maith leis seoltóireacht nó ag siúl sna cnoic.

Siobhán Níc an Lia, An Fhód Dhubh (Maigh Eo)
Tá Siobhán lonnaithe san Fhód Dubh, Co. Mhaigh Eo. Oibríonn sí mar Oifigeach Forbartha d'Iorras agus d'Acaill le Tuismitheoirí na Gaeltachta. Is breá leí fuáil, shiúlóidí dúlra agus am lena teaghlach agus lenár gcairde. Tá suim aici I gcláir cúrsaí reatha agus cláir faisnéise. Bíonn sí ag baint úsáide go minic as seirbhís TG4 ar líne chun tacú leis an obair a dhéanann sí le teaghlaigh trí Ghaeilge.

Joe Seoighe, Conamara.
Is as ceantar na nOileán do Joe agus é ina chónaí i Leitir Calaidh. Tá an-suim aige sa Ghaeilge agus i ngach gné a bhaineann léi. Múinteoir meánscoile Gaeilge agus Mata é agus bíonn sé ag teagasc na Gaeilge d'fhoghlaimeoirí fásta freisin.

Aoife Ní Bhraoin, Luimneach
Is as Cathair Luimnigh d'Aoife. Oibríonn sí mar aistritheoir agus iriseoir le ExtraG.ie. Ghlac sí páirt sa Dianchúrsa Oiliúna san Iriseoireacht le déanaí. Tá suim aici i gcúrsaí amharclannaíochta agus siamsaíochta, spórt, cúrsaí polaitíochta, agus go leor eile!

Katie Bán Breathnach, Conamara
Rugadh agus tógadh Katie in Indreabhán, agus tá clann óg á thógáil aici ina ceantar dúchais. Is múinteoir bunscoile í le breis agus cúig bliana déag, agus tá sí gníomhach i gcúrsaí pobail agus cultúir sa cheantar. Tá taithí aici ar obair le daoine ó gach aoisghrúpa idir pháistí, déagóirí, tuismitheoirí, foghlaimeoirí agus an pobal i gcoitinne. Tá suim mhór aici sa spóirt, agus in ábhar clár don óige.

Labhaoise Ní Dhonnchadha, Gaillimh
Is cainteoir líofa Gaeilge í Labhaoise atá mar Bhainisteoir Tionscadail le Ollscoil na Gaillimhe. Bhí cónaí uirthi sa Ghaeltacht agus tá sí gníomhach i saol na Gaeilge; agus tá an Ghaeilge mar chuid lárnach dá saol, idir meáin, chultúr agus phobal.
Mar thuismitheoir, tá léargas aici ar na cineálacha ábhair a gcuireann daoine óga spéis iontu. Tá suim aici i fhorbairt Cúla4 agus ardáin TG4.

Bríd Ní Raghallaigh, Maigh Cuilinn
Tá cónaí ar Bhríd i Maigh Cuilinn i nGaeltacht na Gaillimhe. Is múinteoir bunscoile í agus tá suim aici i gcúrsaí Ghaeilge agus ag cur na gaeilge chun cinn. Tá sí ina ball do Ealaín na Gaeltachta agus scríobhneoirí Gaeltachta Thra Lí. Tá sí paiseanta faoi chúrsaí oideachais agus ag tacú le foghlaimeoirí ag gach aoisghrúpa. D'obair sí mar theagascóir le daltaí le míchumas.

Caitríona Buidhléir, Corca Dhuibhne
Is ó Bhaile an Fheirtéaraigh, Corca Dhuibhne í Caitríona. Tá sí mar bhainisteoir ar Dhún Chíomháin, Ionad Ollscoile sa Ghaeltacht a bhaineann le hIonad na Gaeilge Labhartha, Coláiste na hOllscoile Corcaigh. Bíonn an tIonad ag freastal ar mhic léinn agus ar fhoireann na hollscoile, mic léinn eachtranacha mar aon le pobal áitiúil na Gaeltachta.

Cormac de Búrca, Baile Átha Cliath / Gaoth Dobhair.
Is ó Ghaoth Dobhair ó dhúchas é Cormac, ach tá sé lonaithe i mBaile Átha Cliath faoi láthair. Is múinteoir scoile é i Scoil Neasáin, bunscoil lánGhaeilge i mBaile Hearmain. Tabharfaidh Cormac dearcadh na ndaltaí scoile maidir le ábhar TG4 mar aiseolas don Chomhairle Lucht Féachana. Tá suim mhór aige i gcúrsaí spóirt.

Cliodhna Ní Mhianáin, Carn Tóchair (Doire).
Is cainteoir dúchais í Clíodhna as Carn Tóchair, pobal beag tuaithe as deisceart chontae Dhoire a bhfuil cliú air de bharr na hathbheochana teanga atá tarlaithe sa phobal ansin le 30 bliain anuas. Bhain Clíodhna a cuid oideachais iomlán amach trí mheán na Gaeilge agus tá sí ag obair faoi láthair mar Aistritheoir Imréitigh in RTÉ. Tá suim mhór aici sa

Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, sa cheol Ghaelach agus i gcúrsaí reatha. Is boscadóir í agus imreoir camógaíochta lena club Sleacht Néill.

Éamon Mac Donncha, Rath Cairn
Is as Rathcairn i gCondae na Mí é Éamonn, agus é ag tógáil clainne le Gaeilge ansin. Is ceoltóir é agus gníomhaí pobail sa Ghaeltacht.

** Comhalta eile le ceapadh.

Ionadaithe ó Bhord TG4 ar an gComhairle Lucht Féachana.
Cathaoirleach: Sonia Nic Giolla Easbuig, Gaoth Dobhair. (ball Boird TG4)
Is léiritheoir / stiúrthóir teilifíse í Sonia, agus tá sí mar phríomh fheidhmeannach ar an gcomhlacht léirithe teilifíse Ligid. Tá sí ag obair mar léiritheoir le breis is 25 bliain agus tá réimse leathan cláir léirithe aici idir cláir Faisnéise, Siamsaíochta agus Drámaíochta. Tá taithí aici ag léiriú clár do chraoltóirí mar TG4, RTE, BBC agus do chraoltóirí go h-idirnáisiúnta mar Discovery agus Arte. Tá sí mar bhall giúré Idirnáisiúnta ar Fhéile na Meán Cheilteach.

Muireann Ní Chíobháin, Port Láirge / Corcaigh (Ball Boird TG4)
Is scríbhneoir do phaistí (i mBéarla agus i nGaeilge), scríbhneoir scripte agus taibheoir í Muireann Ní Chíobháin. D'oibrigh sí le TG4 agus RTÉ, ina measc mar Eagarthóir Coimisiúnaithe do Dhaoine Óga (Cúla 4) ó Nollaig 2022 go Nollaig 2023. Scríobh sí agus rinne sí eagarthóireacht ar roinnt thograí teilifíse do phaistí ar RTÉ agus ar TG4. I measc a saothar mar údar tá: Gealach agus Grian (Samhain 2023); Wild Wonders (Samhain 2023); Murphy's Law (O'Brien Press – 2022); Eoinín (Futa Fata Éire 2021, 2022); GIY's Know-It-ALLmanac (GIY Books, Ireland 2019).

Curtesy Translation
The vacancies for the new Audience Council were advertised during Spring 2025. Members of the new council were selected to be representative of the viewing public and, in particular, of Gaeltacht communities.

The current membership period will continue from 2025 until changes to the Broadcasting Act have been implemented.

The following are the Members of the new Council:

Ógie Ó Céilleachair: An Rinn
Ógie Ó Céilleachair is from Rinn Ó gCuanach. He is a secondary school teacher in Gaelcholáiste Luimnigh, teaching History, Irish, Politics & Society and Drama. He has also published a history textbook for the Junior Certificate, as well as three books of fiction; Cúpla, Katfish & Scéalta Eile and Árasán. His novels and short stories are on the recommended list for the Junior Cycle of Irish. He is also a tutor in Coláiste Mhuire gan Smál in Limerick.

Aoife Ní Dhonaile, Baile Átha Cliath
Aoife is a trainee solicitor from Dublin. The Irish language is a central part of her volunteer work. She is the founder and chair of the Dublin 7 Branch of Conradh na Gaeilge. As leader of this group, she is focused on encouraging the use of the language in every way. She has a particular interest in TG4 online content, Irish music and content aimed at young people.

Colm Ó Baoill, Gaoth Dobhair.
Colm was born and raised in Gaoth Dobhair. He works in the Community & Business section of Foras na Gaeilge. He is on the steering committee of Comhar Chreidmheasa Gaoth Dobhair and Comharchumann Forbartha Gaoth Dobhair. He is interested in Language Planning and community development. In his free time, he enjoys sailing or hill walking.

Siobhán Níc an Lia, An Fhód Dhubh (Maigh Eo)
Siobhán is based in An Fhód Dubh, Co. Mayo. She works as a Development Officer for Iorras and Achill with Tuismitheoirí na Gaeltachta. She enjoys sewing, nature walks and spending time with her family and friends. She is interested in current affairs and documentaries. She often uses the TG4 online service to support the work she does with families through Irish.

Joe Seoighe, Conamara.
Joe is from Conamara Gaeltacht. He has a great interest in the Irish language and all aspects of it. He is a secondary school teacher of Irish and Maths and also teaches Irish to adult learners.

Aoife Ní Bhraoin, Luimneach
Aoife is from Limerick City. She works as a translator and journalist with ExtraG.ie. She recently took part in the Intensive Journalism Training Course. She is interested in theatre and entertainment, sports, politics, and much more!

Katie Bán Breathnach, Conamara
Katie was born and raised in Indreabhán, and is raising a young family in the area. She has been a primary school teacher for over fifteen years, and is active in community and cultural affairs in the area. She has experience working with people of all ages from children, teenagers, parents, learners and the general public. She has a keen interest in sports, and in youth programming.

Labhaoise Ní Dhonnchadha, Gaillimh
Labhaoise is a fluent Irish speaker and Irish is a central part of her life, between media, culture and community. She is a Project Manager with Galway University. She spent time living in the Gaeltacht and is active in the Irish language community. As a parent, she has insight into the types of content that young people are interested in. She is interested in the development of Cúla4 and the TG4 digital platforms.

Bríd Ní Raghallaigh, Maigh Cuilinn
Bríd lives in Maigh Cuilinn in the Galway Gaeltacht. She is a primary school teacher and has a keen interest in Irish language and promoting the language. She is a member of Ealaín na Gaeltachta and the Gaeltacht Writers,TráLí. She is passionate about education and supporting learners of all ages. She has worked as a tutor with students with disabilities.

Caitríona Buidhléir, Corca Dhuibhne
Caitríona Buidhléir was born and raised in Corca Dhuibhne and is raising her family there. Caitríona is a teacher with University College Cork, and is manager of Dún Chíomháin, the University's learning centre in Corca Dhuibhne. She is rooted in the Gaeltacht community and is active in the community and language development. She also brings experience as an educator and as a parent raising a young family through Irish.

Cormac de Búrca, Baile Átha Cliath / Gaoth Dobhair.
Cormac is originally from Gaoth Dobhair, but is currently based in Dublin. He is a school teacher at Scoil Neasáin, an Irish-medium primary school in Baile Hearmain. Cormac will provide the school pupils' views on TG4 content as feedback to the Audience Council. He also has a keen interest in sports.

Cliodhna Ní Mhianáin, Carn Tóchair (Doire).
Clíodhna is a native speaker from Carn Tóchair, a small rural community in south County Derry which is renowned for the language revival that has taken place in the community over the past 30 years. Clíodhna completed her education through the medium of Irish and currently works as a Clearing Translator for RTÉ. She has a keen interest in the GAA, traditional music and current affairs. She is a box player and a camogie player with her club Sleacht Néill.

Éamon Ó Donnchadha, Rath Cairn
Éamon was raised in an Irish speaking household in Dublin. He is renowned for his music and singing, and is acclaimed for winning the coveted Corn Uí Riada (sean nós singing competition) three times. Éamon is also well known to the Oireachtas na Gaeilge community for his writing (lúibíní and agallaimh beirte) and as a judge at Oireachtas

competitions. Éamon spent 20 years as a teacher in Rath Cairn, where he lives with his wife and family.

** Comhalta eile le ceapadh.

Representatives from the TG4 Board.

Cathaoirleach: Sonia Nic Giolla Easbuig, Gaoth Dobhair. (ball Boird TG4)

Sonia is a television producer/director, and CEO of the Donegal based production company Ligid. She has been working as a producer for over 25 years and has produced a wide range of programmes including Documentaries, Entertainment and Drama. She has produced programmes for broadcasters such as TG4, RTE, BBC and for international broadcasters such as Discovery and Arte. She is an International Jury Member of the Celtic Media Festival.

Muireann Ní Chíobháin, Port Láirge / Corcaigh (ball Boird TG4)

Muireann Ní Chíobháin is a children's author (Irish and English languages), screenwriter and performer. She has worked with both TG4 and RTÉ including serving as Young People Commissioning Editor (Cúla 4) from December 2022 to December 2023. She has also contributed as creator, writer and story editor on a number of children's television projects on both RTÉ and TG4. Muireann is also a children's author, her works include: Gealach agus Grian (November 2023); Wild Wonders (November 2023); Murphy's Law (O'Brien Press – 2022); Eoinín (Futa Fata Éire 2021, 2022); GIY's Know-It-ALLmanac (GIY Books, Ireland 2019).