

Proposals for a change in funding arrangements for Irish language voluntary sector groups: summary timeline

Dates	Development
2.12.09	Foras na Gaeilge is directed by the North-South Ministerial Council to restructure its funding for the core-funded groups within the Irish language voluntary sector.
26.5.10	<p>A set of key recommendations is presented by Foras na Gaeilge to the North-South Ministerial Council. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New funding model based on a portfolio of schemes, announced openly to the entire Irish language sector, rather than just the 19 previously core-funded bodies. • Currently, these schemes are designed to include: local radio, the arts, education, family support, community empowerment, youth, advocacy and research. • Ministers decide that officials from the sponsor departments should now work up these plans into a more detailed form by the end of June 2010.
9.7.10	Foras na Gaeilge forwards a proposal document, <i>New Funding Model for the Core-Funded Organizations</i> , to the core-funded groups.
6.9.10 – 30.9.10	A public consultation is issued.
21.10.10	Joint Committee for Core-Funded Groups appears before the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure, and provides a written submission in which they express concerns about whether a Regulatory Impact Assessment, or an Equality Impact Assessment, have been carried out.
3.11.10	At the North-South Ministerial Council, ministers note progress: a project manager has been appointed, and a steering committee and advisory committee established.
18.11.10	Ultach Trust appears before the Committee for Culture, Arts and leisure, and provides a written submission in which they state that there are 'significant differences in the context in which the language is developed in the two jurisdictions – political, legal, educational, social and infrastructural and these can require significantly different strategies'.