



GAELTEANGA

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GAELTEANGA'S IRISH LANGUAGE ONLINE CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Gaelteanga offers the best Irish language courses for adults, from beginner to advanced levels, available anywhere online. And that's a guarantee!

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A. General information about Gaelteanga's courses

Gaelteanga offers online Irish language classes for adults at six levels three times a year.

The material used in the classes changes from term to term, therefore a learner can attend all three courses in the series. All the courses are self-contained and can therefore be done in any order.

Term 1, September–December

Term 2, February–April

Term 3, May–July

All of Gaelteanga's language courses are written by Éamonn Ó Dónaill, the company's Director of Education. Éamonn has been teaching Irish to adults for over forty years now and has written many books for teachers and learners, including the multimedia courses *Turas Teanga* and *Now You're Talking* and the grammar books *Irish Grammar You Really Need to Know* and *Gramadach gan Stró!*, which is the best-selling Irish-language grammar book of all time.

B. Course duration and class times

The Term 3 course will commence on the week beginning the 20th May 2024 and will continue for a total of ten weeks. The participants will attend one class a week for two hours (between 7.00pm and 9.00pm).

C. Course levels and schedule

Level	Day and time	Commencing	Finishing
Beginners	Monday, 7.00–9.00pm	20 May	29 July
Elementary	Monday, 7.00–9.00pm	20 May	29 July
Lower Intermediate	Tuesday, 7.00–9.00pm	21 May	23 July
Upper Intermediate	Tuesday, 7.00–9.00p	21 May	23 July
Advanced 1	Wednesday, 7.00–9.00pm	22 May	24 July
Advanced 2	Thursday, 7.00–9.00pm	23 May	25 July

D. The most suitable level for you

If you're not sure which level would best suit you (if you can't decide between Lower Intermediate and Upper Intermediate, for example), read the description of the various levels (Section H below). If you're still not sure, please call us on +353 89 251 0296 or send us a WhatsApp message and we'll be happy to help you make the decision. You can also try our online language placement test – it's available [here](#).

E. Course fee and booking a place

The 20-hour course will cost €180. You can book your place on the course by clicking [here](#).



F. Course content

- A two-hour live online class each week for 10 weeks
- Course booklet containing all class material
- Access to online content for review and practice between classes
- Online content includes audio and fun interactive quizzes
- Full support throughout the course
- Content can be accessed easily from any device

G. Teaching approach

- Gaelteanga's teachers use a fun, learner-centered approach to teaching and we guarantee that our course materials are the best available anywhere.
- The language is taught in a clear and accessible way and pair work and group work activities are used extensively to give learners an opportunity to participate in the classes and to practise what they have been taught.
- The focus in our classes is on spoken Irish and grammar is taught in context as it is required.
- Useful everyday language is taught and interesting and relevant topics are discussed.
- Gaelteanga's classes follow the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), from level A1 to level C2.

H. Description of the levels

Beginners / Bonnleibhéal 1 (Level A1)

- This level is aimed at those who have no knowledge of the Irish language or who know only a few words and phrases.
- The class is not suitable for anyone who has studied Irish at secondary school.
- The emphasis is on developing speaking and listening skills. Grammar is taught in context for the most part.
- By the end of the course participants will have learnt how to engage in basic everyday interactions, talk about themselves and their background, the work they do, etc. and will have acquired a basic knowledge of grammar.

Elementary / Bonnleibhéal 2 (Level A2)

- This level is suitable for those who have already attended a beginners class or who are able to communicate at a basic level in Irish (greetings and introductions, for example).
- The material covered in the beginners class is revised at the beginning of the course but the class then progresses to other topics not covered at the lower level.
- As with the beginners level, the emphasis is on developing speaking and listening skills and grammar is taught in context for the most part.
- In an Irish context, this level usually suits those who did ordinary level Irish in the Leaving Cert.

Lower Intermediate / Meánleibhéal 1 (Level B1)

- This level is intended for those who have studied Irish at school, perhaps a good number of years ago, who understand a great deal of the language but have had few opportunities to use it in recent years.
- Some basic language is taught initially but the class then progresses at a faster pace than a lower-level class would.

- The emphasis is on developing speaking and listening skills, but students also have some opportunities to read and to write the language.
- Grammar is taught in context, as it is required.
- In an Irish context, this level usually suits those who did higher level Irish in the Leaving Cert.

Upper Intermediate / Meánleibhéal 2 (Level B2)

- This level is aimed at those who are reasonably fluent in Irish and who use it from time to time (in a social context, for example).
- It is suitable for those who can understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc. and who can produce simple connected text on topics that are familiar or of personal interest.
- They can deal with most situations likely to arise whilst talking to native speakers.
- The range of topics covered at this level is more extensive than those covered in the Lower Intermediate class.
- Participants have the opportunity to extend their vocabulary and to learn more about grammar.

Advanced 1 / Ardleibhéal 1 (Level C1)

- Aimed at those who can communicate so spontaneously and fluently that a normal conversation with native speakers is easily possible without a great deal of effort on either side.
- They can express themselves on a wide range of topics in a clear and detailed manner, explain their position on a current issue and indicate the benefits and drawbacks of various options.
- Those who attend this level have an opportunity to add to their vocabulary and range of idiomatic expressions.
- There is a greater focus on grammar and writing than in the Lower Intermediate level courses.

Advanced 2 / Ardleibhéal 2 (Level C2)

- Suitable for those who can understand a wide range of challenging, longer texts (both spoken and written) and also grasp implicit meanings.
- They can express themselves spontaneously and fluently without having to search for words frequently and noticeably.
- They can use the language effectively and flexibly in their social and professional life or in training and studies.

They can make clear, structured and detailed statements on complex topics.

- Those who attend a class at this level have an opportunity to learn quite complex grammatical rules and add greatly to their vocabulary.
- They also have an opportunity to engage with authentic texts, both written and aural.

I. Additional information

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J. Frequently asked questions

1. What platform is used to deliver the classes?

All classes are taught on Zoom.

2. What equipment do I need to attend classes?

You will need a laptop or desktop computer, a reasonably good broadband connection and a headset with a microphone (a USB headset, if possible). Headsets can be purchased online on Amazon and other websites.

3. Can I use my phone to access the classes?

You cannot fully participate in the classes (e.g., in pair work and group work activities) when using a phone or tablet, therefore it's best to use a laptop or desktop computer.

4. Do I need to buy a textbook for the course?

No – all the course content is provided by Gaelteanga at no extra cost.

5. Will I have access to content that I can use to practise what I've learnt?

Yes, you will be given access to an online course where you can do interactive exercises to reinforce what you have learnt in class.

6. Do I need to study between classes?

Studying between classes is not compulsory but learners are strongly advised to study the online content to revise what they've covered in class.

7. Do I need to do the Term 1 and Term 2 courses before undertaking a Term 3 course?

No – all the courses are self-contained and can therefore be done in any order.

K. Information about Gaelteanga

Gaelteanga was established in April 2021 by Éamonn Ó Dónaill and Qinmin Zhang. Éamonn is the company's Director of Education, while Qinmin is Gaelteanga's Commercial Director.

Éamonn Ó Dónaill is regarded as one of the leading experts in the field of Irish-language teaching and learning. He has been teaching Irish to adults since 1981 and his books for learners and teachers are used extensively, both in Ireland and abroad. His grammar book *Gramadach gan Stró!* is the main textbook used for teaching Irish in most of the third-level colleges in Ireland and has sold nearly 30,000 copies since it was first published in 2008.

Éamonn is originally from the Donegal Gaeltacht of Gaoth Dobhair. He spent six years (1996–2002) working as Director of the Department of Modern Irish's Language Centre, UCD, and subsequently worked as a language consultant.

Éamonn was editor of the online magazine *Beo!* from its establishment in 2001 until September 2007. He was also a director of Sult Ltd, the company that ran an Irish language club, Sult, in Dublin city centre between 1999 and 2007. Éamonn was on the founding committee of Raidió na Life, the Dublin-based Irish language community station established in 1992, and he spent several years broadcasting with the station on a voluntary basis.

He has been language co-ordinator of two television series aimed at adult learners: *Turas Teanga*, which was broadcast by RTÉ in 2004, and *Now You're Talking*, which was shown on BBC and RTÉ in 1995. He also wrote the books that accompanied those two series.

Éamonn has written the following books for learners of Irish: *Gramadach gan Stró!* (Gaelchultúr, 2008/2011/2013/2016); *Gaeilge gan Stró! – Beginners Level* (Gaelchultúr, 2011), *Gaeilge gan Stró! – Lower Intermediate Level* (Gaelchultúr, 2009) and *Irish Grammar You Really Need to Know: Teach Yourself* (John Murray Press, 2014). In 2010, Gaelchultúr published *QuickGuide Irish Grammar*, a glance card that Éamonn wrote with his colleague Helen Hegarty.

Éamonn was one of the founders of Gaelchultúr in 2004 and was centrally involved in the establishment of Coláiste na hÉireann/Gaelchultúr (CÉ/G), the first Irish-language third-level institution, in 2013.

He left his position as Gaelchultúr's Director of Education in March 2021 but has continued as chair of the Postgraduate Degree in Translation course that has been offered by CÉ/G since September 2013.

