



Island Voices Language Capture and Curation Project

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Gaelic: Why *Island* Voices?



For Scotland as a whole, the proportion of the population aged 3 and over able to speak Gaelic was 1.1 per cent (58,000 people). The council areas with the highest proportions able to speak Gaelic were Na h-Eileanan Siar (52 per cent), Highland (5 per cent) and Argyll & Bute (4 per cent).

<http://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/documents/censusresults/release2a/StatsBulletin2A.pdf> Accessed August 2018

Gaelic speakers as a percentage of Scottish population



■ Non-Gaelic speaking ■ Gaelic speaking ■ ■

Gaelic speakers as a percentage of Argyll and Bute population



■ Non-Gaelic speaking ■ Gaelic speaking ■ ■

Gaelic speakers as a percentage of Highland population



■ Non-Gaelic speakers ■ Gaelic speakers ■ ■

Gaelic speakers as a percentage of Outer Hebrides population



■ Non-Gaelic speakers ■ Gaelic speakers ■ ■

Gaelic: Why Island *Voices*?

In 2011, the proportion of the population aged 3 and over in Scotland who could speak, read, write OR understand Gaelic was 1.7 per cent (87,000). Within this group, the number of people who could speak, read AND write Gaelic in 2011 was 32,000, 0.6 per cent of the population aged 3 and over.

<http://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/documents/censusresults/release2a/StatsBulletin2A.pdf>
Accessed August 2018



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Slices of Life and Work in the 21st Century Hebrides – for language learners, and anyone else!

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About

This website hosts pages of links to video and other materials in the Guthan nan Eilean/Island Voices Series, and carries news about the project. It is also a means of communicating ideas and suggestions from local and remote users, who may be teachers or learners of English or Gaelic. Comments are invited on any of the posts, and will be moderated before publication.

Over 150 videos in English and Gaelic can be accessed by clicking on any of the "Series One", "Series Two" or "Extras" tabs at the top of the page. These pages also give links to full transcripts for each clip, formatted as "Clìstore" units (thereby also granting one-click online dictionary access), as well as catalogues for each collection which list topic, level, and language content of the films. The "Playlists" tab gives access to "feature-length" compilations.

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Phase One: Series One



Island Voices

Slices of Contemporary Hebridean Life and Work
in
40 English and Gaelic videos presented for language learners











*Craigard Day Centre – Re-Store Recycling Project – Hebridean Food Ceòlas
Summer School – Taigh Chearsabhagh Museum and Art Centre Bi Beò
Songwriters*

Short online films with transcripts and translations,
suitable for pre-intermediate to post-intermediate learners,
totalling 3 hours of listening material divided evenly between the two languages







English	Gàidhlig
Craigard Day Care Centre	Creag Àrd
Cilstore Unit 601	Cilstore Unit 701
Interview: Client Donald Mackinnon Cilstore Unit 602	Agallamh: Dòmhnall MacFhionghuin Cilstore Unit 702
Interview: Supervisor Marnie Keltie Cilstore Unit 603	Agallamh: Fìoraidh Dhòmhnallach Cilstore Unit 703
Re-Store Furniture Recycling Project	Pròiseact Re-Store
Cilstore Unit 604	Cilstore Unit 704
Interview: Craftsman Seumas Macdonald Cilstore Unit 605	Agallamh: Seumas Dhòmhnallach Cilstore Unit 705
Interview: Director Neil Macdonald Cilstore Unit 606	Agallamh: Niall Dhòmhnallach Cilstore Unit 706
Hebridean Food: Smokehouse	Taigh Toitidh
Cilstore Unit 607	Cilstore Unit 707
Interview: Environmental Health, Alasdair MacEachainn Cilstore Unit 608	Agallamh: Alasdair MacEachainn Cilstore Unit 708
Hebridean Food: Cookery Demonstration – Taste of Uist	Còcaireachd – Blas Uibhist
Cilstore Unit 609	Cilstore Unit 709
Interview: Isabel Graham Cilstore Unit 610	Agallamh: Iseabail Graham Cilstore Unit 710
Ceòlas – Music Summer School	Ceòlas – Sgoil Shamhraidh
Cilstore Unit 611	Cilstore Unit 711
Interview: Chair Mary Macinnes Cilstore Unit 612	Agallamh: Màiri NicAonghais Cilstore Unit 712
Interview: Administrator Mary Ellen Stewart Cilstore Unit 613	Agallamh: Mary Ellen Stiùbhart Cilstore Unit 713
Interview: Student Dale Cummings Cilstore Unit 614	Agallamh: Ruairidh MacIlleathain Cilstore Unit 714
Taigh Chearsabhagh Museum and Art Centre	Taigh Chearsabhagh
Cilstore Unit 615	Cilstore Unit 715
Interview: Heritage Officer Caitriona MacCulish Cilstore Unit 616	Agallamh: Caitriona NicCurnhais Cilstore Unit 716
Interview: Student Donald Ferguson Cilstore Unit 617	Agallamh: Dòmhnall Fearghasdan Cilstore Unit 717
Bi Beò Songwriting Partnership	Bi Beò
Cilstore Unit 618	Cilstore Unit 718
Interview: Lyricist James MacLetchie Cilstore Unit 619	Agallamh: Seumas MacIlleÌidich Cilstore Unit 719
Interview: Musician James de Las Casas Cilstore Unit 620	Òran: Seumas MacIlleÌidich Cilstore Unit 720

Phase One: Series Two

Island Voices *Outdoors*

Slices of contemporary Hebridean Life and Work
in
32 English and Gaelic videos presented for language learners



*Croftwork and Harvesting – Peat Cutting – Lazy Bed Construction
Catching Razorfish – Surfing and Windsurfing*

Short online films with transcripts and translations,
suitable for pre-intermediate to post-intermediate learners,
totalling 2 hours 40 minutes of listening material between the two languages



Island Voices *Generations*

Slices of contemporary Hebridean Life and Work
in
32 English and Gaelic videos presented for language learners



*Children's Parliament in Uist and Barra – Crofting and Boatbuilding Skills at School
Lifelong Learning at Scotland's Gaelic College – Family Fun at Grimsay Boat Day*

Short online films with transcripts and translations,
suitable for pre-intermediate to post-intermediate learners,
totalling 2 hours 50 minutes of listening material between the two languages



Island Voices *Enterprise*

Slices of contemporary Hebridean Life and Work
46 English and Gaelic videos presented for language learners



*Seatrek to St Kilda – Greenspace Research – Galson Estate Trust
Seallam Genealogy Centre – Tobar an Dualchais Digitisation Unit
Am Pàipear Community Newspaper – Writer Norman Maclean*

Short online films with transcripts and translations,
suitable for intermediate and post-intermediate learners,
totalling 3 hours 50 minutes of listening material between the two languages



Phase One: Sample Documentaries and Interviews

<u>Peatcutting</u> <i>Clilstore Unit 624</i>	<u>Buain na Mònadh</u> <i>Clilstore Unit 724</i>
Interview: Peatcutter Archie Campbell (Process) <i>Clilstore Unit 625</i>	Agallamh: Eairdsidh Caimbeul (Buain) <i>Clilstore Unit 725</i>
Interview: Peatcutter Archie Campbell (Social practices) <i>Clilstore Unit 626</i>	Agallamh: Eairdsidh Caimbeul (Cleachdaidhean) <i>Clilstore Unit 726</i>

Phase Two: Community Creation

Great War

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This page brings together all the recordings made as part of the “An fheadhainn tha laighe sàmhach” project commemorating the outbreak of the First World War – An Cogadh Mòr. You can find out more about it on the [project blog](#), run by Comann Eachdraidh Uibhist a Tuath (North Uist Historical Society). In the links column you can click on the “Ipadio” or “Youtube” link to go directly to the recording, or on the “Wordpress” link to read the Island Voices blogpost about it. A “Clilstore” link will take you to a wordlinked transcript.

Bonnie Prince Charlie

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This page brings together all the recordings made as part of the Stòras Uibhist Bonnie Prince Charlie project. You can find out more about it on the [Visit the Outer Hebrides](#) site. In the links column you can click on the “Ipadio” link to go directly to the recording, or on the “Wordpress” link to read the Island Voices blogpost about it.

Phase Two: Individual Creation

2. Sgeulachdan Thormoid



This collection of six Gaelic stories (plus an introduction) was created by Norman Maclean – Tormod MacGill-Eain. The recordings were made during visits to his house by Gordon Wells in October 2015. In the “links” column you can click on “Youtube” to go directly to the recording of the appropriate story. A “Clilstore” link will take you to a wordlinked transcript. You can click on any word to take you directly to an online dictionary to find its meaning.

Cilistore online dictionary access

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Cilistore About Island Voices Sgeulachdan Thormoid Unit info

Dòmhnall Phàdraig agus Màiri Claire



Dòmhnall Phàdraig agus Màiri Cl...

Dà fhichead bliadhna pòsda. Sin cho fada 's a tha Dòmhnall Phàdraig agus a bhean, Màiri Claire, air a bhith a' fuireach còmhla ann an taigh beag tughaidh san Àird Mhòr an Uibhist a Deas. Bha am bodach 's a' chailleach cho sona ri dà bhròg agus chan iarradh iad an saoghal fhàgail. Aaw!

Sin gus an deach Màiri Claire gu fèill Strachan ann an Talla An Iochdair air an t-seachdain seo chaidh! Nach do thill i dhachaigh le **sgàthan** mòr coig troighean air fad 's air leud, is chuir i e an taic a' bhalla anns an taigh bheag.

An ath latha, tràth sa mhadainn, an dèidh dhan bhodach 'bass' a ghabhail, bha e ga thiormachadh fhèin leis an t-searbhadair air beulaibh an sgàthain.

Bha a bhean an ath doras anns an t-seomar-cadail. Bha i gun èirigh fhathast 's i feuchainn ri norrag a ghabhail. A dh' aon bheum, chuala i an duine aice a' burralaich:

"A MHÀIRI CHLAIRE, A MHÀIRI CHLAIRE, BHEIL THU GAM CHLUINNTEIL?"

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gd English (en) Am Faclair Beag meanbh



Am Faclair Beag

Cainnt nan daoine, leis na daoine, airson na daoine

Cuir a-steach am facal a tha thu a' lorg:

☒ Lorg adhartach...

Am Faclair Beag	Dwelly
sgàthan /sga:han/ <i>fir. gin. -ain, iol. -an</i> 1 looking glass, mirror 2 reflector	sgàthan -ain, -an, <i>sm</i> Mirror, looking glass. 2** Gazing stock. Is math an sgàthan sùil caraid,... an corr
's math an sgàthan sùil caraid the best mirror is an old friend, a true friend will speak the truth	sgàthan balgach <i>sm</i> Convex mirror.
sgàth /sga:/ <i>fir. gin. -a, iol. -an</i> 1 shade, shadow 2 dread, apprehension	sgàthan-còmhnard <i>sm</i> Plain mirror.
sgàth /sga:/ <i>boir. gin. -a, iol. -an</i> 1 hurdle 2 wattled door	sgàthan tolgach <i>sm</i> Concave mirror.
sgath /sgah/  <i>fir. gin. -a, iol. -an</i> 1 tiny piece, particle 2 anything 3 nothing	feath nan eun <i>sm</i> Calmness. Feath nan eun mar sgàthan , as calm as a mirror: Feath nan eun fion... an corr
sgàthan-bearraidh <i>fir. gin. -ain-bhearraidh, iol. -an-bearraidh</i>	



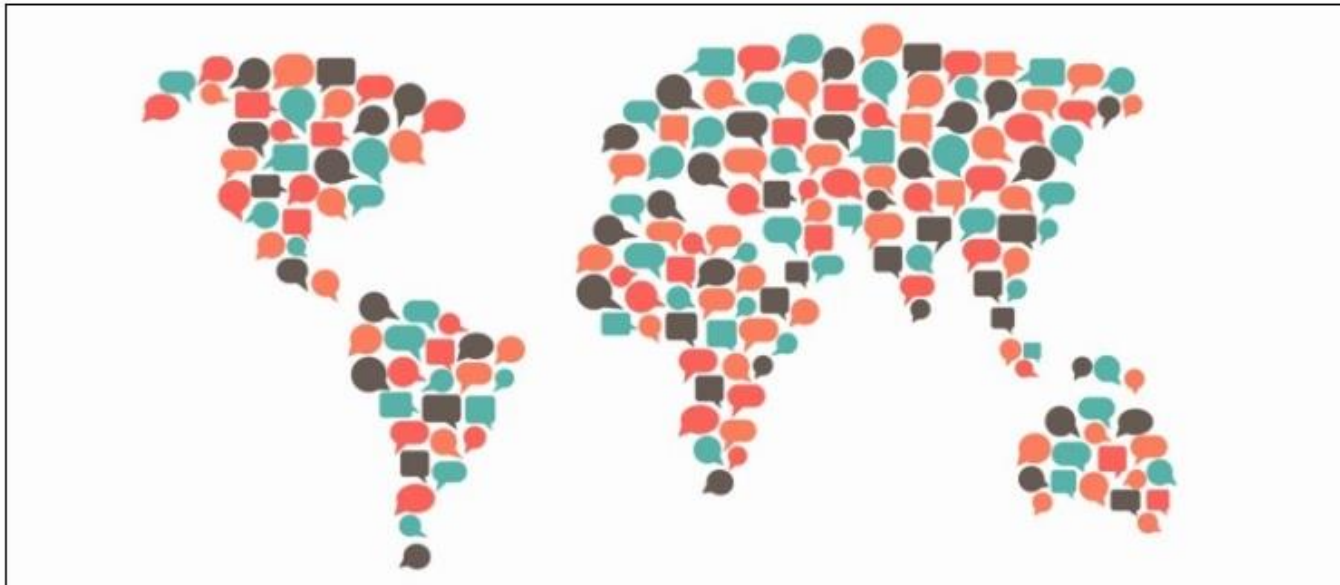
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Other Tongues

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In the spirit of **"Sharing Gaelic Voices"** and **"Mother Tongues and Other Tongues"** this page brings together links to the various Island Voices video documentaries from **Series 1**, from Series 2 **Outdoors**, **Generations**, or **Enterprise**, or from **Gaelic Journeys** which are now also available in languages other than English and Gaelic. Click on **"YouTube"** to go straight to the film, **"Clilstore"** if you also want the Wordlinked transcript, or **"WordPress"** for the original Island Voices post which introduces the film.

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In addition to pursuing practical community-based actions the project maintains a research and reporting perspective, particularly in relation to language learning, bilingualism, and languages and digital media.

The reports, articles, and other papers listed below have been produced in collaboration with a range of organisations or institutions with an interest in language research and development. Some focus on Island Voices specifically, while the others draw on the work of the project as part of a wider topic or debate of local or more general interest.

Perceptions of Gaelic Learning and Use in a Bilingual Island Community: an Exploratory Study (2011)

[Full report here](#)
[Am Pàipear summary here](#)

ESOL in the Hebrides and Island Voices: “Hey, hang on a minute, tha mise bilingual!” (2012)

Chapter 12 (p153) in [this book](#)

Gaelic Digital Literacies in a Bilingual Community: a Sampling of Practices and Preferences (2013)

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CALL Support in Context: Contrasting Approaches in Irish and Scottish Gaelic (2014)

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Sharing Gaelic Voices: Peat-cutting in Polish, or Surfing in Sindhi? (2016)

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Saoghal Thormoid – Norman’s World: Synopses and Transcripts, and Foreword by Conchúr Ó Giollagàin (2017)

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Reading Island Voices: Issues around the Primacy of Speech and the Privileging of Literacy, from a Hebridean Viewpoint (2018)

[Full transcript here](#)

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