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In-Depth Survey on the Irish Language in Loughrea

Gaeilge Locha Riach, Loughrea's Irish language office, in conjunction with post-graduate Language Planning students from Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta, NUIG in An Cheathrú Rua and Galway County Council are conducting an in-depth survey on the Irish language in Loughrea.

At present a number of persons have been randomly selected in accordance with best practice for surveys and these people are being contacted to fill in a questionnaire.

The survey focuses not only on people's ability in and use of Irish but especially on Initiatives that might be taken which would enhance the use of Irish amongst the young and also the community at large.

The survey team would like to invite teachers, parents, community groups, people from the business community as well as interested individuals to learn more about this survey and will also give people the opportunity to make submissions on this matter.

A June in Naomh Brendan Credit Union at 8.30p.m. public meeting on this survey will take place on Thursday 18th June in Naomh Breandán Credit Union at 8.30p.m.

As the random sample survey should be completed by then we hope that some preliminary initial results will be available on the night.

Interested individuals and groups in Loughrea are welcome and invited to contribute their opinions and ideas. The meeting on June 18th will be through the medium of English. Other meetings will be organised *as Gaeilge*.

Gaeilge Locha Riach would like to ask for co-operation in this survey as it is important that we get a true reflection as to people's opinions towards the language and which initiatives people feel would be worth pursuing.