

## HITZARGIAK – Languages illuminating each other

### Community-based online language capture and curation

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

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<b>1</b>	<b>Name</b>	Guthan nan Eilean – Island Voices
<b>2</b>	<b>Language</b>	Gaelic
<b>3</b>	<b>Working area</b> (education, communication, teaching, leisure, administration...)	Education, Community Development and Social Media
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<b>5</b>	<b>Social networks</b> (Webpage, Facebook, Twitter...)	Website: <a href="https://guthan.wordpress.com/about/">https://guthan.wordpress.com/about/</a> Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/GuthanVoices">https://www.facebook.com/GuthanVoices</a>

#### DESCRIPTION OF GOOD PRACTICE

<b>1</b>	<b>Description of the practices</b>	Community-based online language capture and curation
<b>2</b>	<b>Brief description of the practices</b>	<p>This project is bilingual and aims to record and collect “slices of life and work” in Scotland’s Outer Hebrides (Western Isles), primarily for language learners. The 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.</p> <p>Over 150 videos in English and Gaelic can be accessed. The documentary clips give a plain language introduction to a topic. These are complemented with more challenging authentic speech interviews with actively involved community members, which give the viewer a closer insight into the subject.</p> <p>This project remains work in progress, as the <a href="#">homepage blog</a> continues to record ongoing activity in the community, and adds to it. Users are invited to browse through past posts to learn about the history of the project, and see examples of more work by learners and other community members. Selections of this work are also gathered together in thematic pages with titles such as “Bonnie Prince Charlie”, or “The Great War”.</p> <p>For those interested in the community and linguistic issues that surround the project, there is also a <a href="#">Research/Reports</a> page, which gathers together a range of associated research projects and articles. The work is islands-based, and has included provision for training for tutors and others, with a view to encouraging further community-based recording.</p>



3	<b>Precedents</b> (reasons, needs...)	To help language learners, particularly with authentic speech grounded in everyday community practice
4	<b>Objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To include all community members</li> <li>• To encourage language capture and curation online</li> <li>• To reflect bilingual reality</li> </ul>
5	<b>Main and close working areas</b>	Outer Hebrides, Scotland
6	<b>Collaborating entities and their working areas</b>	Local individuals, businesses, community groups and educational institutions. European partners in Lifelong Learning. University research networks
7	<b>Implementation period</b>	Ongoing since 2005

## FILE FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT BEST PRACTICES

8	<b>Expansion</b> (number of influenced people, internal and external expansion...)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over 100 local individual and group participants.</li> <li>• 200 Clilstore units.</li> <li>• 160,000 hits on YouTube</li> <li>• 1,800 followers on Facebook</li> <li>• 2,200 followers on Wordpress</li> </ul>
9	<b>Investment</b> (economic, time, people...)	G. Wells, part-time co-ordinator (2005-15)
10	<b>Results</b>	Growing archive of locally produced language artefacts in a range of media. Ongoing voluntary participation across the community
11	<b>Documentation, reference material</b>	See: <a href="https://guthan.wordpress.com/research/">https://guthan.wordpress.com/research/</a>
12	<b>Presentation video</b>	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e3u-b8ZVN3I&amp;list=PL08FC4A3C6BBD0E4C">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e3u-b8ZVN3I&amp;list=PL08FC4A3C6BBD0E4C</a> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v0OQNvT-IAI&amp;list=PL9C520FF657D3731B&amp;index=4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v0OQNvT-IAI&amp;list=PL9C520FF657D3731B&amp;index=4</a> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7bizb_Y_mU8&amp;index=5&amp;list=PL0ku8VJ3RjvItduBPtAUtj3HDHtCqtxlr">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7bizb_Y_mU8&amp;index=5&amp;list=PL0ku8VJ3RjvItduBPtAUtj3HDHtCqtxlr</a>
13	<b>Other relevant information</b>	<b>Island Voices Videos (Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, 2010, Gordon Wells):</b>  YouTube Channel, 150+ video clips for learners of Gaelic and English, <a href="http://www.youtube.com/user/GordonWellsUist">http://www.youtube.com/user/GordonWellsUist</a>