

# Kerry Education and Training Board Language Policy

- Kerry ETB is committed to implementing the Kerry ETB Language Scheme.
- Kerry ETB Head-Office staff will be supported in providing quality service to the Irish speaking community by having access to both Language Awareness Training and to Irish Language Training.
- Kerry ETB will take Irish language competence of new staff into account at recruitment stage.
- Kerry ETB is committed to engaging positively and proactively with language planning efforts in the Gaeltacht areas and to building co-operative relationships with the main organisations operating in the Gaeltacht.
- Kerry ETB will take specific actions in the Gaeltacht which will serve to strengthen the Irish language community in that area by delivering programmes, spanning different age groups and areas of need, which will be delivered through Irish, thus increasing the language domains in which Irish can be used.
- Kerry ETB will adapt its actions in the Gaeltacht to suit the needs of the Irish speaking community.
- Kerry ETB's offices in Gaeltacht areas will have Irish as the working language of the office.
- Kerry ETB aspires to have a fully resourced Irish language function of the Organisation.