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Irish Language Syllabus Development at Third-Level – the work of *An Mheitheal um Theagasc na Gaeilge ar an Tríú Leibhéal*

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The national syllabus for Irish at third level project was directed by *An Mheitheal um Theagasc na Gaeilge ar an Tríú Leibhéal*. Prof. Máirín Nic Eoin of the Department of Irish, St. Patrick's College and Dr. John Walsh of the Department of Irish, NUI Galway were Joint Directors of the project, which was co-funded by Foras na Gaeilge and the participating Colleges.

This lecture (see abstract below) will review the objectives and achievements of *An Mheitheal*, and discuss the importance of the syllabus project for the ongoing development of third-level Irish-language courses and as a model for similar initiatives in other language areas.

At a later date, there will be a second lecture by Dr. Ríona Ní Fhrighil of the Department of Irish, NUI Galway, who was also involved in the syllabus project.

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Wednesday, 5 February 2014

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Tríonóide/Trinity College, BAC/Dublin 2

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IRAAL Lecture abstract

The syllabus project for Irish at third level was initiated and carried out by a national working group, An Mheitheal um Theagasc na Gaeilge ar an Tríú Leibhéal, established in St Patrick's College, Drumcondra, in 2008. Professor Máirín Nic Eoin of the Department of Irish, St Patrick's College, and Dr John Walsh of the Department of Irish, NUI Galway, were joint Directors of the project, which was co-funded by Foras na Gaeilge and the participating Colleges.

The aim of the project was to design, create and digitally publish a third level language syllabus at level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, as well as sample teaching and learning materials to support the implementation of the syllabus. A collaborative structure was developed by An Mheitheal, where Project Manager Ailín Ní Chonchúir was supported by a central working group with expertise in syllabus and course design, teacher education, computer-assisted language learning, and assessment. This facilitated the efficient sharing of research-based insights and regional resources, thus ensuring that the syllabus and accompanying teaching and learning resources reflected the language learning needs of third level students on a range of undergraduate degree programmes.

This lecture will review the objectives and achievements of the working group, and discuss the importance of the syllabus project for the ongoing development of third-level Irish-language courses and as a model for similar initiatives in other language areas.