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Message:

I am devastated that such scant regard is given to the Irish language in this plan. Surely the government realises the important place Irish has had and continues to have for so many people living in Ireland today and for the thousands who visit our country every year attending courses in Gaeltacht regions. . People in Galetacht areas face the same difficulties and challenges as others in rural Ireland, except that we wish to live as a bilingual society.

I also regret the fact that the arts are allocated to such a low level. In advertising Ireland as a corporate state open for business (and little else) you're leading our population to a funless, joyless land where medication will be thrown at people to make them try and 'feel' human. Look at Americal today where the opiod tragedy is ripping societies asunder at the seams and where mental health issues are saveging rural communities. As Irish people, we need (actually need) the arts in our lives - the dance, the music, the songs, and the stories. Personally I feel that this plan has been written by civil servants in Dublin for people in Dublin.

I would be grateful for your opinions regarding this subject.

Regards,

Eithne Ní Ghallchobhair

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