

# 2001 Immersion Weekend

## Fàilte gu Boulder!

The College Inn in beautiful Boulder Colorado will be the venue for our annual immersion, June 8-10. We will be adding more travel and other information here, so check back often.

Gaelic instruction will be offered at 4 levels:

- New Beginner
- Advanced Beginner
- Intermediate
- Advanced

And workshops will be held in Gaelic song and many other related topics.

There will also be extracurricular activities, including a workshop open to the public on Friday evening and a Saturday night ceilidh, where students are invited to share their singing, dancing, poetic and instrumental talents in a participatory acoustic environment.

The tuition is available at a discount for early registrants and for ACGA members. Tuition covers classes, materials, lodging for two nights, meals, and activities. A limited number of private rooms are available for an additional fee.

We will be posting travel and tourist information for Colorado and the Boulder area here. Travel information and other details will be sent upon receipt of registration and fees. For those traveling by airline, we recommend Denver International Airport (DIA) and local transportation services. More information about travel, the conference venue and what to do while you're here is now available

To receive a flyer and application form, contact:

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For more information contact: Glenn Wrightson, Committee Chair  
303-698-9023 (Colorado)

"I had never before taken a class nor heard the language used conversationally [but the Immersion Weekend classes] never felt overwhelming... (I knew it was a worthwhile weekend when I woke up Sunday morning hearing a bird singing in gaelic: ceithir, ceithir!!)"

~ *Doyen Mitchell,*  
1999 Student

## Co bhitheas a' teagaisg? [Who will be teaching?]

**David Livingston-Lowe** teaches Scots Gaelic language in the Celtic Studies Program at the University of Toronto. He has studied Gaelic in Nova Scotia, Scotland, and Ireland and has been involved in several local efforts to promote the Gaelic language in Ontario. He has recently translated the poetry of a 19th century immigrant Gael in Ontario.

**Muriel Fisher** is a native Gaelic speaker from Skye. She is currently teaching in Tucson, Arizona. A Radio Correspondent for BBC Alba from 1988 to the present, she is the director of the Tucson Gaelic Institute. Visit her web site at <http://www.dakotacom.net/~skye/muriel.html>

**Jamie MacDonald** has his Ph.D. in Scottish Studies and Gaelic, from the University of Edinburgh. He is currently teaching in North Carolina.

**Seumas Watson** is Gaelic editor for Am Bràighe magazine, and Gaelic Heritage Co-ordinator at Nova Scotia Highland Village in Iona, Cape Breton. He has taught Gaelic language and conducted workshops for more than 20 years. Seumas specializes in seanachas (tales or stories), basing his lessons on field work in Cape Breton's Gaelic-speaking communities. He provides distance tutorial services through Gaeltalk Communications, and is well-known in Scotland and Ireland.

Advanced learners and other teachers attending the Immersion will also be available to interact with beginners and assist them with their studies. Everyone is welcome!  
(*Staff subject to change.*)

"The [Immersion] Weekend worked really well for me. I found myself automatically trying to translate stray thoughts into Gaelic for days!"

~ *Suzanne McDougal,*  
1999 Student

## Schedule of Activities (subject to change)

### Feasgar Dihaoine [Friday afternoon/evening]

- 1:00 - 4:00 Check-in
- 4:00 - 5:00 Welcoming/Orientation Session
- 5:30 - 6:30 Dinner
- 7:00 - 7:30 Ceòl is Fàilte
- 7:30 - 9:30 Opening Workshop (Seumas Watson)
- 9:30 - 12:00 Friday mixer

### Disathairne [Saturday]

- 7:00 - 8:00 Breakfast
- 8:20 - 8:25 Assemble as a group to walk to classroom building
- 8:25 - 8:35 Walk to classroom building
- 8:40 - 9:00 Morning meeting and announcements
- 9:00 - 10:30 Gaelic Classes
- 10:30 - 10:45 Break
- 10:45 - 12:00 Gaelic Classes
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
- 1:15 - 2:45 Choice of workshops
- 2:45 - 3:00 Break
- 3:00 - 4:15 Gaelic classes
- 4:30 - 5:15 Book Sale
- 5:30 - 6:30 Dinner
- 7:15 - 8:00 Pronunciation session for beginners (Muriel Fisher)
- 8:15 - 8:30 Flowers of the Forest
- 8:30 - 9:00 Workshop: Òrain Luaidh (Seumas Watson)
- 9:00 - 1:00 Cèilidh

### Di-Dòmhnaich [Sunday]

- 7:00 - 8:00 Breakfast
- 7:45 - 8:30 Gaelic service
- 8:45 - 9:00 Morning meeting and announcements
- 9:00 - 10:30 Gaelic classes
- 10:30 - 10:45 Break
- 10:45 - 11:45 Closing workshop (Muriel Fisher)
- 11:45 - 12:00 Group picture session
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 - 1:45 Pack, pay-up & check-out (College Inn guests)
- 1:45 - 2:45 Feedback session

3:00 - 6:00 Annual General Meeting

6:30 - 8:30 Dinner at Conor O'Neills