



MANX MUSEUM AND NATIONAL TRUST

MANX LANGUAGE POLICY

Purpose

The purpose of this policy statement is to outline Manx National Heritage's commitment to the Manx language and sets out our aims to support Manx within the framework of the cross organisational Manx Language Strategy (2017) with respect to our operations and functions.

Manx National Heritage recognises that the Manx language is an integral part of the island's national identity and cultural life. As a key stakeholder Manx National Heritage is committed to the objectives set out in the Manx Language Strategy (2017) and will implement structures and initiatives appropriate to our core functions to ensure the heritage of the Manx language is recorded and the future of the language is secure.

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The Manx Language Strategy sets out four areas for development and the format of this policy follows these themes as they apply to our functions.

Theme 1: Appropriate and Accessible Resources

As the island's national museum, library and archive we hold many valuable Manx language resources including rare early sound recordings and manuscripts. We are committed to protecting preserving and providing access to this material culture including new acquisitions of contemporary Manx language material.

We will protect and preserve the Manx language resources within our collection and seek to fill gaps in our collections where appropriate.

We will provide access to our resources and will seek new methods of presenting our material, embracing new technologies where appropriate, to ensure that we reach as wide an audience as possible.

Theme 2: Manx as an Important Part of National and Cultural Identity

Manx National Heritage has a statutory responsibility to present and promote the cultural and natural heritage of the Isle of Man and considers that language is an integral part of Manx national and cultural identity.

We will record and present the history of the Manx language as well as supporting its future as a part of our contemporary culture.

We will investigate new ways to increase the visibility of the Manx language in our work as well as encouraging organisational awareness and use amongst staff.

Theme 3: Manx for the Manx Speaking Community

Manx National Heritage recognises the vital role it can play in providing resources and opportunities for Manx speakers and learners to develop their use of Manx.

We will seek new opportunities to deliver our services through the medium of Manx.

We will encourage the Manx speaking community to make greater use of our Manx language collections.

Theme 4: Lifelong Learning of Manx from Early to Later Years

Manx National Heritage recognises the need to support lifelong learning of Manx to ensure a secure and sustainable future for Manx as a community language.

We will seek opportunities to work with the DESC Manx Language Unit and Mooinjer Veggey to provide more opportunities for early and school years learning through and about Manx at our sites.

We will support adult learning through the provision of our facilities for classes.

We will create opportunities for staff to learn more about Manx and to learn the language.

Policy Implementation

Manx National Heritage will produce a Manx Language Plan outlining specific objectives to achieve the aims set out in this policy.

This policy applies to all activities and services provided by the Manx Museum and National Trust.

This policy will be published and reviewed from time to time, at least once every three years.

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