

## Our Movement – Snippits of History



Lugh the Il-Dana, 1979. Second Version  
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Our efforts have a much greater importance than ecotourism alone. A close relationship with Mainland Europe lies deep within us and in our language. We wish to ensure our cultural freedom and become acquainted with different languages. We wish to rebuild the bridge, broken so very long ago, between ourselves, our old cousins and comrades on the Continent.

The Gaeltacht in Ireland covers seven different districts, where the civilization and language of the Gael live on, despite the horrors of our history on this small island over centuries. Now, although the Gaeltacht occupies not more than 9.9% of the Republic, it once stretched throughout this country, Scotland and the Isle of Man. From within the new Order of the European Union, we very much hope in this isolated part of the Gaeltacht, to advance our acquaintance with the Continent by developing connections with people from the very centre of the Union.

In the future, we should like ourselves to organize trips for our people to France and to Germany, to visit the historic lands of our forebears – to which St Fiacra (of Meaux) and St Cillian (of Würzburg) once returned long, long ago.



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The crèche of Gleann na Muaidhe was established in October 2001 and is run by local people to provide a pre-school service through Irish and to see to the needs of the pre-school children and their parents. The core aim of the service is to afford a rounded development for the child and to employ Irish as the everyday language of the operation.

The Children gather together for three hours, every day, under the care of a Director, in an encouraging environment, where a broad range of activities and games are available, tailored to the age-group taken in. In recognition of their dedicated contributions and to the high standards of the undertaking, the Management Committee was given the 2001 'AIB Better Ireland Programme' award.

In the photograph, with children who are currently attending the crèche, are (from the rere left): Bríd Uí Lionaird (Forbairt Naíonraí Teo.), Treasa Ní Ghearraidh (Rúnaí), Agnes Uí Ruadaigh (Cathaoirleach) – accepting a cheque for €2,500 – then Máire Cáit Uí Mhurchú (Stiúrthóir), Christine Kirby (AIB), Betty Uí Dhéaganaigh (Cisteoir) and Máire Uí Gearbháin (Stiúrthóir Cúnta). The award mobies will be used to procure standard playground equipment, which will add to the service.