

# POBBLE

## SHESHAGHYN Y CHENGEY- LANGUAGE BUDDIES

Sheshaghyn y Chengey (language partners) are paired speakers who wish to improve their spoken Gaelg in one-to-one conversation over an agreed period. The system pairs a learner with a more advanced speaker who will assist the learner to become more fluent. You do not have to be a very fluent speaker to assist someone with less experience than you. The pairs consist of a 'mainstyr' ('master' or more experienced 'teacher') and a 'prindeis' ('apprentice' or less experienced learner). It is envisaged that both mainstyr and prindeis will gain from the experience, with the mainstyr tending to learn from leading the conversation and the prindeis from receiving specific help, e.g. in forming phrases and using idioms that lead to the development of more fluent and confident speaking. There is no reason why a prindeis cannot also be a mainstyr and vice versa, as there are people at all levels of learning and skill. Prindeisyn should be of at least the intermediate/improver stage of learning.

*All sheshaghyn y chengey prindeisyn must be or become Pobble members on application.*

A co-ordinator keeps a list of those willing to be mainstyr. Those wishing to be prindeisyn or manistyr complete a simple form via the Pobble website with personal and contact details, language aims and general interests and current level of Gaelg. The form may be completed in either English or Gaelg. The co-ordinator seeks to match the prindeis with a suitable mainstyr and contacts the mainstyr who then contacts the prindeis. The sheshaghyn (language buddies) contract to converse for 30 minutes to an hour per session. Sheshaghyn arrange between them the frequency, location and length of the sessions, and the preferred mode of contact e.g. face to face, Skype etc. A fee of £10 for every five sessions or £20 for ten sessions is payable by the prindeis (paid direct to Pobble or via Paypal) to cover Pobble expenses and to enable Pobble to arrange additional support and reward events for the mainstyr, as well as additional learning events to assist the prindeisyn.

The maximum contract is for ten sessions. Should the pair wish to continue beyond the tenth session review, they complete a continuation form via the Pobble website and the prindeis makes a new payment. Should the prindeis wish to try conversing with a new partner, they complete the prindeis form again, making this request and the co-ordinator will try to arrange this.