

Ó Bhéal Feirste go Baile

SCÉALTA Ó IARRTHÓIRÍ AN SCG

Ainm: **Dáithí Mac Roibeaird**
 Áit Dhúchais: **Béal Feirste**
 Oiliúint: **Coláiste Mhuire Béal Feirste**
 Faoi Láthair: **Scoil Eoin Pól Loch an Iúir, Co Dhún na nGall**

Rugadh agus tógadh mé i mBéal Feirste. Chuaigh mé go Coláiste Mhuire Béal Feirste agus bronnadh céim B.Oid. orm sa bhliain 1990. Bhain mé céim M.Oid. amach sa bhliain 2000.

Bhí mé ag obair in St Nicholas PS, Carrickfergus agus St Anthony's PS, Larne go dtí an bhliain 2006 agus bhog mé go Scoil Eoin Pól, Loch an Iúir, Scoil Gaeltachta áit a bhfuil mé ag múineadh faoi láthair. Is as Dún na nGall dom' bhean chéile agus shocraíomar ar bhogadh ó Bhéal Feirste go Dún na nGall mar gur theastaigh uainn na páistí a thógáil faoin tuath.

I undertook the modules over three years and found this gave me a better work/ course balance. I was able to follow the course material provided by Marino (*Cóir Ghaoithe*) and this made preparing for the exam all the more easy.

The practical element of

Paper 2 was at the time very time consuming, preparing the course work etc. but as it was based on a local study I found it very useful again and I really enjoyed gathering up the information. I also really enjoyed reading the Prós/ Filíocht and found the choice interesting. It's just a pity there are not more 'Ulster' writers included in *Leoithne Gaoithe*.

Candidates should ask teaching colleagues for their local knowledge especially for Paper 2. Use the course material from Marino – it is most useful for exam preparation. I would also recommend that candidates would seek provisional

recognition at the earliest opportunity as there can be an amount of 'paper work' to be processed which can be time consuming.

I'm glad it's over. Even though I didn't find it too stressful a process the pressure was on to complete it for recognition purposes. Sin ráite tá mé anois ag baint suilt as mo shaol múinteoirachta anseo i nGaeltacht Thír Chonaill. Tá an SCG thart agus dúshlán eile romhainn – WSE – anois, sin ábhar eile!!!!



Ainm: **Helena Martin**
 Áit Dhúchais: **Tamlacht**
 Oiliúint: **Ollscoil Brunel, Londain**
 Faoi Láthair: **Newcastle-Upon-Tyne**

I come from Tallaght and attended St Mark's NS. I completed a BA degree in Geography and Irish at St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra. When I completed my BA, I went to London to complete my Post-Graduate study in Primary Teaching.

In London I attended Brunel University. I decided this was the best route as it meant I would finish my studies a year earlier and it was financially a more viable option. I attended Brunel from September 2005 to June 2006.

For the past year I have been working as a supply teacher in England (Newcastle-Upon-Tyne). I have taught all levels (reception year to year 6).

As I had Irish as a major subject in my initial degree I

was entitled to an exemption from parts of the SCG. I had to complete the Practical Elements of Paper 1 and Paper 2 and I had to undertake the 'Múineadh na Gaeilge' question on Paper 1. I studied for the exam myself. I found the SCG exam to be at an adequate level, even for those who have not studied Irish in the last few years.

There is a lot of work to do in the practical element – research, lesson plans etc. but if you plan accordingly it can all be completed. There is a good choice of questions for the

'Múineadh na Gaeilge' section.

I found it useful to get my information for the Practical Element in English first and then to translate it. Sometimes the schools have information on the area and locality which will be very useful for the project.

It is great to have completed the exam as this means I am now fully recognised in Ireland and it's one less worry!!



TUILLEADH EOLAIS – FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information and registration forms available from the SCG Office, Coláiste Mhuire, Marino Institute of Education, Griffith Avenue, Dublin 9. Tel: 01 8535143. Information and forms may be downloaded from the website www.scgweb.ie

The Scrúdú le hAghaidh Cáilíochta sa Ghaeilge is an Irish Examination which primary teachers who received their training outside of the State must undertake and pass in order to achieve full recognition as

primary teachers within the state. To undertake the exam it is a condition that candidates must hold or must have held in the past provisional recognition as determined by the Department of Education and Science (up to March '06) and subsequently by the Teaching Council.

The next Exam will take place on 25, 26 and 27 March 2008. Candidates must register with the SCG Office.

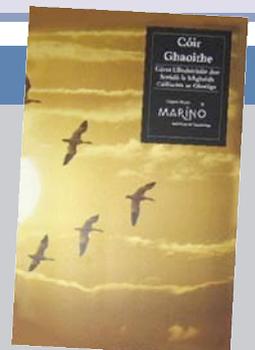
The closing date for registration is 30 September 2007.

SCG Exam – Applicant Numbers 2005 - 2006

2005	524
2006	782
2007	729

Percentage of applicants who achieved 40% or above in the 2007 exam

Paper 1	89%
Paper 2	93%
Aural	93%
Oral	80%



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Ainm: **Susan Durcan**
 Áit Dhúchais: **Ballincollig**
 Oiliúint: **St Mary's University College, Strawberry Hill, London**
 Faoi Láthair: **St Fin Barre's NS, Cork**

I am from Ballincollig in Co Cork. I studied for an Arts Degree in UCC from 1997-2000 and obtained my H Dip in Education in 2001 from UCC. I never taught at second level as it was not what I had really wanted to do. I applied for the PGCE in St Mary's in Strawberry Hill and completed it in 2005. I spent a year working in Windsor before returning home last August. I chose the college because I wanted to spend time living in London



and also because the college had such a good reputation.

I am currently teaching as a mainstream class teacher in St Fin Barre's NS in Cork. I taught Junior and Senior infants last year and will be teaching 3rd and 4th class in the coming year.

The SCG was a very stressful experience for me although the fact that it was condensed into five months probably made it less painful than if it had been spread over a longer time period. I attended an SCG course provided by Cork Education Support Centre

and did all parts of the exam in Easter 2007. The course was extremely helpful and the tutor was very supportive of the whole class. The modular structure of the

SCG was good. Once the Practical Elements had been completed you could concentrate and focus on Papers 1 and 2 in the Easter exam, knowing that you already had some marks under your belt.

My recommendation to candidates would be to start early!! If possible start studying before the Education Centres begin their courses. Go to a conversational Irish course if possible to help your oral Irish.

I was delighted to pass the SCG and did much better than I had expected. It's a great feeling to be able to add it to your CV when applying for jobs. It also means you feel more confident teaching Irish in the classroom and this means your class are more likely to enjoy the subject.

Ainm: **Annette Ní Shé**
 Áit Dhúchais: **Leitir Ceannain**
 Oiliúint: **University of Hertfordshire**
 Faoi Láthair: **Inis Bó finne, Co na Gaillimhe**

I was reared in Letterkenny. I loved Irish at school and achieved an honour in the Higher Level Leaving Cert paper. I went to UCD and took an Honours Science Degree,

majoring in Computer Science then went to New Zealand for a year to work. Eight years ago I decided to visit friends living on Inishbofin Island, Co Galway. Shortly afterwards I moved the retoo with my family.

A couple of years later when my youngest girl was about six I felt I could get back into the workforce and I saw that there was a need for a teacher in the local primary school so I made

the decision to train. The interview process of the University of Hertfordshire, England, was an experience in itself. We were assessed at individual, group and class (of 60+) level. I felt very valued as a mature student, a mother, a person who could bring worldly experiences to the job. My science background

was also



a 'huge plus'. I am currently teaching in Inishbofin NS, a two teacher school with 21 pupils. I decided to tackle the SCG and was determined to do all four papers. I undertook a course in the Galway Education Centre which luckily was held on a Friday evening. The

course was excellent and geared specifically towards the exams. The book *Cóir Gaoithe* was an excellent resource too.

The practical elements were enjoyable and relevant to the teaching of Irish and a very good way of assessing the ability and interest of the teacher in the classroom. In my opinion they should have been weighted higher. I put a lot of effort into the study of Irish Grammar. I wrote my own 'Glance Card' and concise notes. This helped me achieve a high mark on Paper 1 and carried over also to the other modules of the exam. Don't underestimate this aspect!

