

Cornish National Minority Status

Implications and Opportunities

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What is “national minority status”?

“National minority status” is conferred under the Council of Europe’s *Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities*.

What is the Framework Convention?

“The Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities, which entered into force on 1 February 1998, is one of the most comprehensive treaties designed to protect the rights of persons belonging to national minorities.....”

What is the Framework Convention?

..... Parties to this Convention undertake to promote the full and effective equality of persons belonging to minorities in all areas of economic, social, political and cultural life together with the conditions that will allow them to express, preserve and develop their culture and identity”.

What is the Council of Europe?

Founded 5th May 1949 by Treaty of London.

Founders included Winston Churchill, Ernest Bevin, Premiers of Germany, Italy, Belgium & French Foreign Minister.

Why the Council of Europe?

6 million Jews

3 million ethnic Soviet POWs

3 million ethnic Ukrainians

2.7 million ethnic Poles

500,000 ethnic Serbs

275,000 people born with disabilities

220,000 Romani

375,000 people sterilised

15,000 homosexual people in concentration camps

What is the Council of Europe?

- Not the European Union.
- Europe's leading human rights organisation.
- 47 member states – 28 of which in the EU.
- Includes Russian Federation and Andorra.
- Includes European Court of Human Rights.
- Enforces European Convention on HR.
- All CoE member states have signed ECHR.

What is the Council of Europe?

- Protect human rights, democracy, rule of law.
- Promote awareness and encourage the development of Europe's cultural identity and diversity.
- Seek solutions to problems facing European society.
- Helps consolidate stability in Europe by backing political, legislative, and constitutional reform.

What is the Framework Convention?

- CoE' s most comprehensive text for protecting the rights of persons belonging to national minorities.
- Legally binding, multilateral instrument.

What is the Framework Convention?

Sits alongside:

ECHR – universal individual rights can also be claimed by people belonging to national minorities.

European Social Charter – protects minorities in social and economic fields.

European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages.

What is a national minority?

- No agreed definition amongst member states.
- Up to member states to include groups.
- Nomination must be made in good faith and in accordance with international law.
- “*Implementation of FCNM should not be a source of arbitrary or unjustified distinctions*” .

UK definition of national minority?

UK Government applies the Framework

Convention to 'racial groups' as defined in the Equality Act (2010) as being national minorities.

“racial group” means a group of persons defined by reference to colour, race, nationality or ethnic or national origins.....

What are national origins?

“Identifiable elements, both historically and geographically, which at least at some point in time reveals the existence of a nation”.

Lord Johnston – Northern Joint Police Board v. Power (1997)

BBC Scotland v. Souster (2001)

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Including the Cornish – a unique case for recognition
Synsyans an Gernowyon – kas unnik rag aswonnvos

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The government formally recognises the distinct identity of Cornish people.



Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Danny Alexander, today (24 April 2014) announced that the proud history, unique culture, and distinctive language of Cornwall will be fully recognised under European rules for the protection of national minorities.

The decision to recognise the unique identity of the Cornish, now affords them the same status under the European Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities as the UK's other Celtic people, the Scots, the Welsh and the Irish. For the first time the government has recognised the distinctive culture and history of the Cornish.

Speaking on a visit to Bodmin, Cornwall, Danny Alexander said:

“ Cornish people have a proud history and a distinct identity. I am delighted that we have been able to officially recognise this and afford the Cornish people the same status as other minorities in the UK.

Johannes Honter 1561



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Antique Maps - Carl Moreland & David Copeland 1989.

What is the Framework Convention?

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Who belongs to a national minority?

Individuals free to decide whether they wish to be treated as belonging to a national minority.

Does not mean people can arbitrarily choose to belong to any national minority. Choice must be based on objective criteria connected with identity, language, religion or culture.

Implications

- Help Cornish people to maintain and develop their culture and identity.
- Encourage tolerance, respect and understanding amongst all people living in the UK.
- Help Cornish people to have access to the media.

Implications

- Recognise the right of Cornish people to use the Cornish language in public and to display information in the Cornish language.
- Try to ensure the use of the Cornish language for street and place names.
- Provide opportunities for Cornish people to learn the Cornish language.

Implications

- Help Cornish people to take part in the cultural, social and economic affairs of the UK, particularly those affecting them.
- Avoid proposals that alter the proportion of Cornish people living in Cornwall.
- Help Cornish people to learn about their own, and other people's, culture, history, language and religion.

Opportunities!

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- Flowing from recognition, and the Government's obligations, there are opportunities for everyone to benefit.....

Opportunities

1. Stronger, more confident communities.

“Communities work better when they are culturally confident”.

We all benefit if we live amongst people who feel empowered and inspired to contribute, participate and create.

Opportunities

2. Greater understanding and tolerance amongst majority and minority communities.

“A confident sense of self worth in being Cornish puts us in a good position to understand other minorities and have a positive approach to multiculturalism”.

Neil Kennedy 1995

People get along better when they feel good about themselves and each other.

Opportunities

3. Distinguishes us through ‘difference’ in the market place.

“Dignify the Cornish with recognition under the Framework Convention – it’s good for business”.

Kevin Lavery 2010

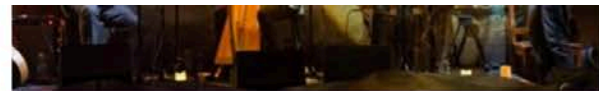
A strong Cornish identity provides an opportunity, post-Brexit, to promote ourselves to the world.

Opportunities

We have a raft of cultural features and living traditions to help promote Cornwall, whilst at the same time helping Cornish people to maintain and develop their culture and identity.

The Prince's Passions

HRH The Prince of Wales shares his Welsh passions, and memories of 55 years as The Prince of Wales.



Cerys' Welsh lullaby

Cerys Matthews' beautiful Welsh lullaby *Mil Harddach* haunts Visit Wales' newest TV campaign.



Discover Welsh language

Where did Welsh begin, who uses it now and how can you order a pint?



Traditional Welsh recipes

Welsh cooking is top-quality ingredients, lamb from mountains, Welsh beef, and abundant seafood.



National Eisteddfod

Immerse yourself in Eisteddfod and see the very best of Welsh culture in a summer spectacular.

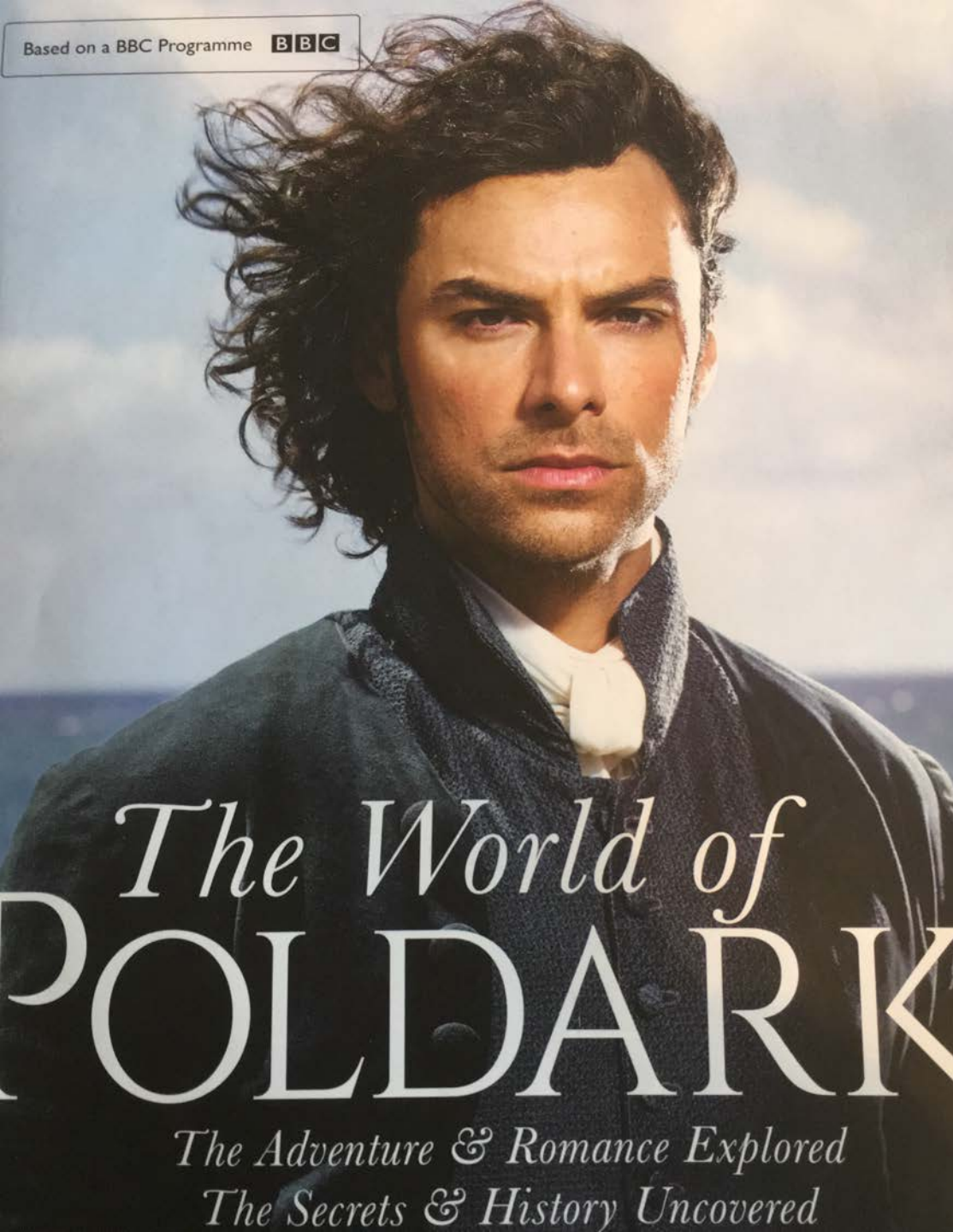
Poetry in motion - discover the language of Wales

If Welsh can seem complex and beautiful, it's because it's spent 4,000 years evolving. What's certain is that it's Britain's oldest language. From Indo-European and Brythonic origins, the Romans were the first to commit these words to paper, introducing elements of Latin still present today. Historians see clues in the prose of the earliest Welsh poets, writing between the fifth and eighth centuries. They pinpoint Early Welsh, Breton and Cornish as being related.

Opportunities

“[By contrast] within the UK the power of the current discourses which construct Wales as Other especially those of the media is such that a campaign portraying a distinctive Welsh identity still remains problematic in the domestic market. Its emotional geography is thus constructed by its marketers as a natural space of escape and freedom from urban alienation not as a landscape which is culturally and linguistically distinct”.

"Culture, identity and tourism representation: marketing Cymru or Wales?"
A Pritchard & N Morgan (1999)



Cornish dialect

Cornish language

Cornish dance

Cornish music

Cornish customs

Consulted
Grand Bard of
Gorsedh Kernow.



Brought Cornish
culture to the public
realm.

Enriched!

Elevated!

Celebrated!

Recognised!

Authenticated!

Driven tourism!

“A fantastic mines advisor from Levant gave us a lot of historical references and research. Many people gave us a lot of help, so we could get all the detail correct” .

“Helston Museum was also incredibly helpful. The local museums have more in-depth local knowledge” .

Catrin Meredydd – Poldark Production Designer

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Following



The Cornish language is intrinsic to Cornish culture. Please sign this petition to stop funding cuts! petition.parliament.uk/petitions/1284...
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Petition: Please continue to provide annual financial support...

In 2002, Cornish was granted official “minority language” status under Part II of the 1992 Council of Europe Charter for Regional and Minority Languages (Hansard 5 Nov 2002 : Column 207W).

petition.parliament.uk

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Opportunities

- Unrealised assets – free.
- Resources available to help.

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www.cornwallforever.co.uk

www.gorsedhkernow.co.uk

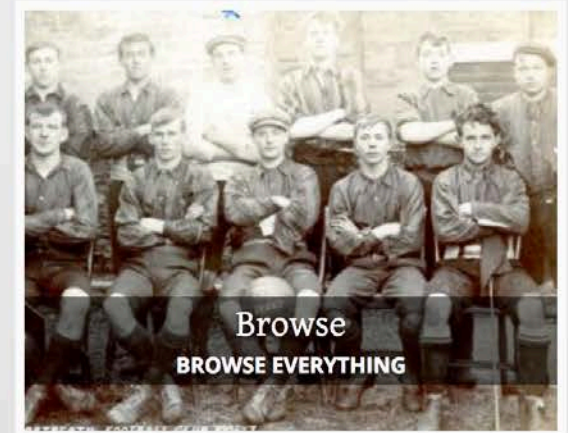
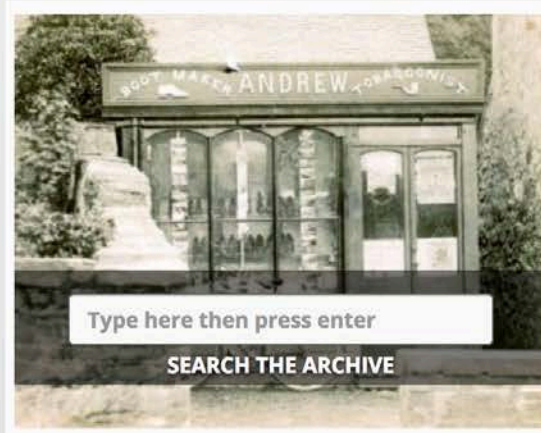
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Dynergheugh why -Welcome!

An Daras, doorway in Cornish, is an outreach project of [Lowender Peran](#), Cornwall's Celtic festival, and provides a portal to the distinctive traditions of Cornwall .
The links on the site map will take you to the tunes, songs, dances and associated traditions of Cornwall. There are also links to teaching materials and further research work and publications on Cornish Folk Tradition.

Books, and teaching / information packs with CDs and DVDs are available from our on line shop.



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The Cornish language is in a stronger state than it has been for a long time, but just like all small languages, there is a need for a programme to protect, support and develop the language. Cornwall Council leads the Cornish language programme which is made up of four main parts: Status, Use, Acquisition and Corpus. The aim of the programme is to increase the number of Cornish speakers and create more opportunities to use Cornish.

Cornish Language Office

The Cornish Language Office is part of Cornwall Council and coordinates the Cornish language programme.

Learning Cornish

Find out how to learn Cornish, either attending a class or learning online, how you can introduce Cornish in your



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Before you leave

Rychhe! | Enrich!

Derevel! | Elevate!

Solempnya! | Celebrate!

Aswon! | Recognise!

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