

IRISH LANGUAGE SUBCOMMITTEE.

Due to illness at the Institute of Linguists the Irish Language Exams for 1990 were cancelled. They will take place in May 1991.

In February Joseph Watson of U.C.D./"Oideas Gael" presented the Irish Language workshop at the Soar Valley Conference. A large crowd attended and enjoyed it.

Two further Newsletters were sent out to Irish Language Teachers in Britain as well as to Book Publishers and various institutions in Ireland. They contained information about teaching resources, inservice courses and reports of activities from around the country. "Bord na Gaeilge" reciprocated by ^{sending us} free copies of books and tapes to be tried out here. A great deal of interest in our work and exams was shown by Irish teachers who requested more details. Contact with educational bodies in Ireland have been established throughout the year and support and encouragement have come from several areas. No financial support has been forthcoming so far however!

On June 2nd, 1990 an inservice course for teachers was held in Manchester when the tutor was Robby Ó Maolalaigh from Edinburgh University/Oideas Gael. This was well-supported and enjoyed by all.

The 3 recipients of the Gael-linn scholarships—Maureen Broderick, Christine Cahill and Catherine Richards—spent a most rewarding and enjoyable fortnight in the Donegal Gaeltacht attending the Oideas Gael course.

Siobhán Uí Neill and Kate Thompson had a meeting with Peadar Mac An Iomaire of U.C.G./Áras Uí Chadhain in Dublin in the Summer to try to get support from his department for the Irish Language in Britain. They also met Brian Mac Aonghusa of Gael-linn. They are organising a course in Gweedore, Co. Donegal, at Easter 1991 for Irish Language Teachers in this country. Financial aid is to be sought from "Lingua".

A seminar for teachers is being held in Manchester on 3rd November when the tutor will be Nóirin Ní Nuadháin from Limerick. She is a teacher who organises courses/resources for teachers in Ireland and is involved in modern teaching methods as well as the teaching of E.F.L.

Several new classes have begun this Autumn - North Wales and Hull among them. Teaching methods are being standardised and teachers are coming together regularly to discuss progress and exchange ideas.
