

LEASANAN OIDE | OIDE LESSONS

Cuireadh tagradh a dhèanamh gus leasanan air-loidhne a chruthachadh mar phàirt den t-seirbheis FèisTV aig Fèisean nan Gàidheal

Invitation to tender for the provision of online lessons as part of Fèisean nan Gàidheal's FèisTV service

Ceann-latha airson tagraidhean: Dihaoine 8mh Màirt 2025 @ 5f

Closing date for submissions: Friday 8 March 2025 @ 5pm

Simple proposal required - a maximum 2 x A4 pages - including:

- **Instrument/Discipline for which lessons are offered**
- **Outline of material to be included**
- **Outline of relevant experience of tutor/s in delivering lessons**
- **Costs of devising and delivering the series of lessons**
- **Additional costs of providing video recordings, if applicable**

1 Geàrr-iomradh

Tha sinn a' sireadh thagraidhean gus seirbheisean a thoirt gu Fèisean nan Gàidheal, air am mìneachadh sa phàipear seo, a' leasachadh agus a' libhrigeadh leasanan air-loidhne, clàraichte ro-làimh, mar phàirt den sruth Oide aig FèisTV.

'S e companaidh earranta a th' ann am Fèisean nan Gàidheal, clàraichte ann an Alba (àireamh SC130071) agus na Bhuidheann Charthannais Albannaich (àireamh SC002040), maoinichte le Alba Chruthachail, Bòrd na Gàidhlig is eile.

Bidh Cunnaidearan a shoirbhicheas, no duine sam bith air am fo-fhastadh, an urra ris an stiùireadh agus na riaghailtean co-cheangailte ris a' chùmhnannt. Bidh an Cunnaidear ag obair gu dlùth ri Ceannard Fèisean nan Gàidheal, no neach ainmichte eile bho sgioba Fèisean nan Gàidheal na àite.

1 Summary

Contractors are invited to submit proposals to offer services to Fèisean nan Gàidheal, as specified in this document, to develop and present online, pre-recorded tuition videos as part of the Oide strand of FèisTV.

Fèisean nan Gàidheal is a company limited by guarantee (registered number SC130071) and a Scottish Charity (number SC002040) funded by Creative Scotland, Bòrd na Gàidhlig and others.

Successful Contractors, and anyone sub-contracted by the Contractor, shall be subject to the notices and instructions that may be issued from time to time in regard to the contract. The Contractor shall be responsible to Fèisean nan Gàidheal's Chief Executive or a member of the Fèisean nan Gàidheal team.

2 Background to Fèisean nan Gàidheal and FèisTV

Fèisean nan Gàidheal is a national association of 47 local Fèisean working across Scotland, one of Creative Scotland's multi-year-funded organisations and has a clear [Programme Plan](#) in place. This



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commits Fèisean nan Gàidheal to delivering its mission of inspiring young people to value our culture, delivering a programme covering five areas of work:

- (a) Support and Develop Fèisean
- (b) Enhance Skills and Creative Talent
- (c) Enhance Gaelic Arts and Culture in Creative Learning
- (d) Engage and Develop Audiences
- (e) Maintain High Standards in Governance and Staffing

Work areas (b), (c) and (d) of the Programme Plan are especially relevant to this opportunity.

FèisTV was launched by Fèisean nan Gàidheal with support from Bòrd na Gàidhlig and HIE, to allow people across the world to experience events streamed from Fèisean, the Blas Festival and other performances in which we are involved, as well as providing a dedicated online traditional music tuition service - Oide. Oide allows users access to a range of pre-recorded tuition videos at beginner, intermediate and advanced levels from a range of experienced traditional musicians and Gaelic singers. Introductory lessons for all disciplines are free, with a paid subscription required for additional lessons.

3 What we would like delivered

We are seeking proposals to deliver online lessons for a range of traditional instruments and Gaelic song, both from Gaelic speaking tutors who would be able to deliver music lessons in Gaelic and music tutors who could deliver lessons in English. Proposals from Gaelic speakers should aim to provide lessons in both languages.

- Contractors should draw lesson material from the extensive repertoire of traditional music and Gaelic song of Scotland
- Contractors should provide background information orally to the material being used in the tuition series
- Contractors should feel free to include any elements they deem appropriate/necessary for a full and informative lesson series
- Written content and supporting materials, if applicable, should be supplied for participants to use during and after the training courses which would be downloadable from the FèisTV website in PDF format.

Proposals should cover:

- A series of lessons covering 3 levels of ability - beginner, intermediate and advanced.
- Each series should include *at least* 8 x 10-minute lessons of traditional music/Gaelic song for each ability level – about 4 hours of content per language
- Each series should ensure progression as users advance through the series.

We are keen to develop our offering and build on the success of the previous lessons made available. We are particularly interested in providing lessons in **Button Box/Melodeon** (Key of B/C), (concentrating on traditional Scottish tunes), **Accompaniment** (Piano/Guitar accompaniment for Gaelic songs and tunes) and **Gaelic Drama** (with a focus on Gaelic language-based warm-ups, games, acting skills and activities).

We would also welcome proposals for other disciplines, including a progression of lessons already available in Accordion, Fiddle, Clàrsach, Chanter, Step-dance, Piano, Whistle, Guitar and Gaelic Song. Sight of the previously recorded Oide lessons would be available to potential Contractors to ensure progression and no duplication.

For the avoidance of doubt, filming of the successful Contractor's lessons will be arranged and paid for separately by Fèisean nan Gàidheal although we are also willing to discuss the option of self-recording/recording at home with successful Contractors.

4 Period of Contract

The successful Contractor will be issued with an agreement outlining the full terms and conditions, but it should be noted that we seek to have the recorded material available on the Oide website for a maximum of 20 years.

We would be flexible on the contract period but would generally expect a successful Contractor to devise and be ready to record the series of tuition videos, and produce the supporting materials, within four to six weeks from the date of the contract being signed.

5 Indicative Budget

Given the preparation time and anticipated length of lessons, as well as the time required to record them, we believe a budget in the region of £1,500 plus VAT (if applicable) and reasonable expenses to be appropriate for providing lessons in both languages, with 50% of that amount available for lessons in one language only. However, we are content to receive proposals for alternative budgets, all of which will receive careful consideration.

6 Gaelic Language

As indicated above Fèisean nan Gàidheal is seeking proposals from Gaelic speaking tutors to deliver lessons entirely in Gaelic and music tutors who can deliver lessons in English. However, all lessons, including those delivered primarily in English, should include some basic Gaelic content (e.g. welcomes, Gaelic tune names used where applicable, count-ins etc). Support will be offered in the preparation stages to agree Gaelic terminology for use in the lessons.

In any proposal, prospective Contractors should have regard to Fèisean nan Gàidheal's Gaelic Policy, available [here](#).

7 Form of submission

Potential Contractors should submit a short proposal (maximum 2 x A4 pages) outlining proposed material, detailing the personnel who would be involved and their past experience in this area of work, or other teaching work, along with costs. If they have the ability to make video recordings at home, potential Contractors should include any additional cost for that element separately within their proposal.

Submissions should be made electronically by the closing date to Fèisean nan Gàidheal by e-mailing tv@feisean.org. All submissions will be acknowledged before being evaluated by a panel representing Fèisean nan Gàidheal which may also include an external advisor.

Any successful Contractor may be appointed based on their written submission, or interviews may be arranged in order to discuss proposals further before appointing a Contractor.

For further information, or an informal discussion about what may be required, please contact Calum Alex Macmillan, Fèisean nan Gàidheal Development Manager, by e-mailing calum@feisean.scot.

