## Timire

I have been elected as Timire for ICA Westmeath Federation and I am hoping to promote the use of Irish by our members with their help and co-operation. Ní neart go chur le chéile.

Tá Gaeilge ag gach duine sa Bhantracht na Tuaithe ach níl aon cleachtadh againn. Tá súil agam go mbeimid ag caint Gaeilge anois is arís. Is féidir linn an Gaeilge a chur chun cinn.

At our Federation Meeting, 30 Mean Fomhair I spoke to our members and gave my proposed plan for the year for their consideration. We had an enjoyable time refreshing our Cúpla Focal, by using simple phrases (Ceacht 1). We had a go at singing 'Baidín Fheilimí'. Tús maith sé leath na hoibre! At the meeting each Guild received a starter pack with some helpful information. (Buíochas do mo chara Michaál agus Foras na Gaeilge).

It is hoped that each Guild in the County will participate and perhaps start by using the Cúpla Focal at their Guild meeting.

Tá moltaí agam (suggestions)

- ICA prayer as Gaeilge
- Refresh our National Anthem (Curfá)
- Revitalise all the beautiful poems and songs that we learned at school as Gaeilge

Ta aidhm agam freisin (aim)

In March 2016 it is hoped to hold an Irish Night where each Guild will make a presentation as Gaeilge (or indeed bilingual) with the theme of "Celebration" to celebrate the lives of some famous women in the ICA and perhaps the women who took part in the 1916 Rising.

It is hoped by our next Federation meeting in November that each Guild might have prepared their proposed plan for the Irish Night in March.

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