

A quick guide to...

... those annoying bits you're not sure of.

- **Adjudicator** -Adjudicators are invited by the committee to judge competitor performance at each competition.. Each competition will have at least one adjudicator though where appropriate, two adjudicators may judge- one concentrating on music, the other on aspects of Gaelic language (e.g. pronunciation).
- **Adjudication sheet**- Adjudicators use these sheets to comment on performance, and in the case of the National Mòd, allocate marks. The sheets are available in the Mòd Office for competitors to take home.
- **Bardachd**- poetry
- **Chair**- each competition will be hosted by a chair person. They will keep track of competitors and pass on any important information to adjudicators and audience.
- **Mòd Office**- The Mòd Office compiles all the results from each competition and distributes adjudication sheets on each performance. Office staff are there to help you with any queries throughout the day.
- **Prescribed pieces** - some competitions may have prescribed pieces such as music or poetry which must be used for entry to that competition. These are set by the National Mòd committee and are available from them well in advance of the Local and National Mòds. Often, participating schools and instrument teachers will use these pieces for both the Local and National Mòds.
- **Puirt-a-beul**- 'mouth music', singing without instruments or accompaniment.
- **Syllabus** - the syllabus is a list of all competition categories including competition number, and age guidelines.



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The Edinburgh Local Mòd



A Beginner's Guide to the Mòd

Mòd Ionadail Dhun Èideann The Edinburgh Local Mòd

The Edinburgh Local Mòd is an annual event bringing together family, friends and the local Gaelic community. Over 200 children take part in two days of competitions across a wide range of categories. To ensure the continued success of the Mòd we charge a small fee for competition entry and an adult entrance fee on the day. We hold charitable status through our parent organisation, An Comunn Gàidhealach.

Who we are

The Local Mòd committee are a group from the local Gaelic community. We come together over the year to organise the event on an entirely voluntary basis.

Am Mòd Nàiseanta Rìoghail The Royal National Mòd

The Royal National Mòd is organised by An Comunn Gàidhealach (The Highland Association) which was founded in Oban in 1891 and has HM The Queen as its Patron.

Famous for celebrating our Gaelic linguistic and cultural heritage, Scotland's premier Gaelic festival provides opportunities for people of all ages to perform across a range of competitive disciplines including Gaelic music and song, highland dancing, instrumental, drama, sport and literature.

Come along, get involved!

Our Edinburgh Local Mòd is an excellent opportunity to celebrate Gaelic Culture within our local community. It also provides our children with a chance to prepare for competitions they may enter at the National Mòd.

There are competitions available for both learners and those who are fluent in Gaelic. The instrumental competitions are open to all levels of ability.



Volunteer

We depend on a great many volunteers on the day to keep things running smoothly. If you feel you would like to help us out, please get in touch. Your help is much appreciated.

How to enter

- Full information and guidelines on all Local Mòd competitions are circulated by participating schools and our Local Mòd website.
- Participating schools and teachers will usually advise on the appropriate competition for your child. If in doubt, contact us and we would be happy to help.
- Some competition categories are set by age on the day of the Local Mòd. PLEASE NOTE: should your child go on to compete at the National Mòd, the competition may change as the categories are set by age on the day of the NATIONAL MÒD for these events.
- The Local Mòd does not set prescribed pieces for any competition. However, your child may choose to use prescribed pieces from the National Mòd.
- A copy of chosen pieces need only be submitted where the pieces are OWN CHOICE. If your child is using a prescribed piece from the National Mòd, or the Clarsach Traditional Music Syllabus, then there is no need to submit a copy.
- PLEASE CHECK DEADLINES : Entry deadlines may vary dependent on the competition.

How you can help us

Your children work extremely hard to prepare and perform on the day. Please support them by:

- Ensuring other children are quiet during performances and during any commentary from adjudicators.
- Please do not enter or exit competitions during individual performances.
- COME PREPARED. We are visitors in the venues that we hire and do not have permission to use all facilities.
- Do bring entertainment for younger and older children should you feel they need it. We try to provide appropriate areas for play away from the competitions. Just ask, and we will try to help.
- Stewards are available at every competition to aid and advise should you require any assistance.