Angus Macleod Lecture - The Place of Gaelic in Modern Scotland

John Swinney, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, delivered the Angus Macleod Lecture in Stornoway as part of the 2016 Royal National Mòd.

Full text of John Swinney’s speech.
Press report from the Press and Journal.

[Press and Journal](https://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/fp/news/islands/western-isles/1059731/swinney-calls-for-an-end-to-hostility-against-gaelic-in-mod-lecture/)

Live tweets from the lecture.

[Angus Macleod Archive](https://angusmacleodarchive.org.uk)

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   The Angus Macleod Archive angusmacleodarchive.org.uk #Mod2016
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3. @LornaMCampbell
   @JohnSwinney acknowledging those who have delivered the Angus Macleod lecture before him and the tireless work of Angus himself #Mòd2016
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   @JohnSwinney Macleod’s writing records the what people endured at the hands of unjust land holding practices #Mòd2016
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   @JohnSwinney during the land riots, the women ran rings round those sent to enforce the evictions #Mòd2016
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6. @LornaMCampbell
   @JohnSwinney Angus’ commitment to people and place deserves our recognition #Mòd2016
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.@JohnSwinney talking about An Comunn Gàidhealach commitment to supporting Gaelic language, education and arts #Mòd2016

@JohnSwinney talking about the importance of professional courtesy regardless of political differences #Mòd2016

Donald Stewart introduced a Gaelic Bill to Parliament in 1980. The bill was thrown out by the Conservatives. #Mòd2016

Our democracy is now much closer to home, enshrined in the Scottish Parliament, and so much easier to hold to account #Mòd2016

In the early 1980's there were important gains in Gaelic education, arts, drama and road signs! #Mòd2016
The establishment of Comhairle nan Eilean Siar was an important step in furthering support for Gaelic #Mòd2016

We have a successful Gaelic education sector & a dedicated body that provides support & resources for teachers #Mòd2016

Stòrlann Nàiseanta na Gàidhlig stornn.co.uk #Mod2016

We must ensure the structures we have in place are used to strengthen the Gaelic language #Mòd2016

The Government's aim is to increase the number of people using and speaking the Gaelic language #Mòd2016
@JohnSwinney Gaelic is an integral part of our heritage, it is not a nationalist plot as some have suggested #Mòd2016

@JohnSwinney Many of you have encountered hostility to Gaelic, these views are groundless and misleading #Mòd2016

@JohnSwinney Hostility to Gaelic has absolutely no place in Scotland. Gaelic is a language in daily use that deserves support #Mòd2016

@JohnSwinney Gaelic belongs to all of Scotland and we should all unite behind it to support the language #Mòd2016

@JohnSwinney We want to increase the numbers of people speaking, using and learning Gaelic #Mòd2016

@JohnSwinney Earlier this year the Government passed and Education Act that strengthens the provision of Gaelic in schools #Mòd2016
There has been a 32% increase in parents seeking a Gaelic education for their children #Mòd2016

£700,000 has been allocated to Glasgow's two Gaelic schools to develop STEM & ICT resources and capabilities #Mòd2016

We must align the development of Gaelic with the economic outlook and value of our country #Mòd2016

@LornaMCampbell @JohnSwinney #nacionlatina supporting the Gaelic language, Scottish culture and diversity, the World is not Anglo-saxon

The strategic benefits of Gaelic media accrue to all of Scotland, not just Gaelic speakers #Mòd2016

We need a dynamic agenda for economic growth in the use of the language to create opportunities within Scotland #Mòd2016
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@JohnSwinney The opportunity of digital connectivity stretches the reach of Gaelic in ways we could not have appreciated #Mòd2016

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@JohnSwinney Digital connectivity affords new highways to share and appreciate the importance of Gaelic #Mòd2016

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@JohnSwinney We must use digital technology to ensure that the benefits of Gaelic are broad, comprehensive & far reaching #Mòd2016

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@JohnSwinney Gaelic belongs in and to all of Scotland #Mòd2016

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@JohnSwinney expanding on his vision for using digital technology to support and further the development of Gaelic education #Mòd2016

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@JohnSwinney Scottish Government has made a pledge to facilitate 100% digital connectivity #Mòd2016

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@JohnSwinney Digital technology can be used to share Gaelic education opportunities across sectors and communities #Mòd2016

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