

I am writing in response to advertisement in the national press in 2011.

In the latter part of 2011 there was correspondence in the letters ~~and~~ page of the Irish Times in relation to the Irish Language and some of the letters complained of people/writers who were anti the Irish Language. I found it difficult to conceive of this as I cannot recall meeting anyone who was anti the language but several who were anti Irish language policies. But even at that I think the biggest complaint was dealt with in 1973 with the removal of the requirement for ~~the~~ public service jobs. (Irish was a requirement for all public service jobs. I was lucky to get hours Irish in the learning cert is otherwise I would not have been able to work in the public service for 43 years.)

Little aspects however still ~~rankle~~ rankle the biggest of course was all the controversy over

the name Dingle. Dingle was the word used
worldwide to market the ~~best~~ ^{spot} beautiful, but
the proponents of Dingle we have had little interest
in Dingle or its people - a language took priority
Having to print everything even if it never
used doesn't make sense either.

All policy and its application should
be directed at encouraging and enticing
people towards the language - marketing should
be directed at enticement not compelling which
has not worked.

Oh I nearly forgot. There's a real silly
and ridiculous one recently - the word TAXI
is an international but ~~and~~ who ever thought
up that silly word TACSAI. That only makes
a laugh of our ancestral language.

Yours sincerely
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