

An Gernewegva: A community living through the Cornish culture. Creating a geographic environment where the Cornish culture can thrive.

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When we achieve this dream there will be a real place:

- where Cornish is spoken,
- where Cornish music & dance is played and taught,
- where Cornwall will have a geographical location globally promoting the most exciting elements of Kernow's traditions.

What are the benefits?

The Cornish language and culture is potentially a major contributor to Cornwall's social and economic regeneration. In places that are amongst the poorest in Britain, it can offer people a renewed sense of confidence in themselves and each other, raising their morale and helping them to tackle disadvantage and build a resilient future. It can increase their commitment to those around them and the places where they live, so that they strive to succeed. It can encourage them to make things happen, whether that means getting involved in voluntary activities or making business and industry work. It can help build and strengthen friendships, relationships and networks and provide the means to welcome and integrate new residents.

In other words, Cornish traditions can be used to build social capital and raise human capital, enabling people in all areas of their lives. The project proposed here could provide a powerful engine to drive re-emerging confidence in Cornwall's own special identity.