

## John Macleod 1951 - 2019



JOHN Macleod (in Gaelic, Iain Macleoid), who died in January 2018, was a much-respected champion of the Gaelic language in **Scotland**, having worked for a decade as president of An Comunn Gàidhealach, the body which organises the annual

Royal National Mòd, as well as serving as convener of the National Gaelic Parents Association Comunn nam Pàrant and chairperson of its **Edinburgh** branch, a board member of the Gaelic society Comunn na Gàidhlig and a director of the governmental Gaelic body Bòrd na Gàidhlig.

By profession a **police** officer in Edinburgh for 30 years, before his retirement at the rank of inspector in 2000, the details of Mr Macleod's life are a singular illustration of someone who gave themselves not just to public service but to making a contribution to the community around them.

He was also a member of Lothian and Carloway Gaelic Choirs (and a tutor for the former), Gaelic advisor to Edinburgh International Harp Festival, a committee member of the Edinburgh branch of the Clàrsach (Gaelic harp) Society and a member and twice president of the Edinburgh Caithness Association.