



# SCILT Professional Learning Opportunities

## Monthly bitesize and drop-ins for teachers

Professional learning on a theme that is on demand, live and open to all in-service and student teachers. The theme is announced in the SCILT e-bulletin. Some months, the theme is applicable to both primary and secondary teachers, in other months it is sector specific. A short film or a piece of reading is posted on the SCILT website (c.15 mins) and registration opens for the live drop-in session in the middle of the month. The drop-in takes place at the end of the month. It is an informal forum to discuss the bitesize and share experiences on the theme (c.45 mins). [Access the resources and sign-up for the next drop-in.](#)

## Online workshops for authorities, clusters or schools

Choose from our varied menu of online workshops for primary or secondary colleagues. Bookings taken from language leads at school, cluster, local authority or RIC level. These up-to-date and interactive sessions last 60 minutes and take place on a platform of your choice. Requests for bespoke online workshops are welcomed. Our team of experienced Professional Development Officers are happy to design and facilitate inputs that are tailored to your specific needs. [Request a SCILT online workshop for colleagues in your school, department, cluster, local authority or RIC.](#)

## OU SCILT course: Teachers learning to teach languages

Teachers Learning to Teach Languages (TELT) is an innovative, distance-learning, professional learning programme offered by the Open University in partnership with SCILT. Teachers simultaneously learn a new language and the skills to teach that language in the classroom. The languages strand is offered in four languages – French, German, Mandarin and Spanish – and at two levels – beginners and post-beginners. The pedagogy strand covers a diverse range of pedagogical approaches i.e. embedding, cultural and interdisciplinary contexts for language learning.

TELT is open to all primary teachers and secondary teachers who have a role in primary schools. The programme carries Professional Recognition from GTCS and Masters credits from the OU. There is a cost for the programme and typically local authorities sponsor their teachers. Find out more about [TELT](#).

## Languages Leadership Programme

The flagship languages leadership programme (LLP) is run collaboratively by SCILT, Education Scotland and local authority partners. The LLP is open to post-probationer teachers working in

primary, secondary or special education settings and is aligned to the GTCS Professional Standards. Participants complete a 2 day core national programme in June. Then through the following academic year, you choose from a varied offer of workshops and seminars presented by experienced educators from across the country. Reflecting the ambition of Scotland's languages policy, the LLP supports the development of leadership capacity nationwide, ensuring strategic leadership of languages education and high quality teaching and learning in languages.

## Professional Learning Partnerships

Professional learning partnerships (PLPs) bring together teachers, SCILT Professional Development Officers and any number of other partners from education, business or charity sectors. Each partner brings different understanding, expertise and professional networks to the project. A partnership agreement is drawn up at the start of a PLP and is revisited throughout, shaping the improvement project and reflecting HGIOS4 quality indicators. All PLP partners commit to sharing the work and outcomes of the project in and beyond their own contexts.

Working together, typically over a year, partners adopt a collaborative and enquiring approach to address a specific need identified by the teachers. Some previous partnerships have focused on exploring curriculum models to support increased uptake in Senior Phase; developed challenging interdisciplinary contexts for BGE language learning; family learning and strengthening literacy skills across languages in primary. Each PLP is unique. If you have an identified need and are able to commit to this longer term, organic format of professional learning please get in touch.

## Anytime professional learning for teachers

Professional learning that is free to access, that you can complete in your own time and at your own pace has been collated on our website. [Browse the diverse collection.](#)

## Additional opportunities

Other free professional learning opportunities hosted by SCILT during the year will be advertised through our regular communications channels. To be the first to know about these additional opportunities [sign up to receive the weekly SCILT e-bulletin direct to your inbox.](#)

## Contact

For any queries you have about these opportunities, please email [scilt@strath.ac.uk](mailto:scilt@strath.ac.uk).