

Recent reports of interest

- In depth: language learning in Scotland's schools | The Herald on British Council Scotland's report finding that 'Scotland has an "excellent foundation" for language learning compared to the rest of the UK, but raises concerns about a number of "structural barriers" to further progress.'
- 1+2 languages policy: Findings from the 2024-25 survey of local authorities - gov.scot
- Article with Wendy Ayres-Bennett on 'Why top-down language policy matters'
- Contribution to the recent Duolingo collection on HHCLs and broader linguistic ecologies.
- Short report compiled by Wendy Ayres-Bennett and Charles Forsdick on Languages and the Government's missions.

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French / Language skills boost employability and key across many sectors

General:

- German and French remain by far the most sought-after languages on the UK job market: Top in-demand languages for professionals in the UK (2026) | City Lit
- French-speaking jobs are the most lucrative language jobs in the UK, paying 6% above the UK's average job salary. French-speaking IT job roles offer the strongest salary in the dataset at £101,807, more than double the pay available to German-speaking IT roles (£47,417).
- SCILT's Business case for languages
- Employability resources on The Languages Gateway
- The new Scottish Arts and Humanities Alliance (SAHA) report 'Languages in a Global Scotland' is now available to download.
- Breakdown of transferable skills derived from language degrees.
- Language Skills Still Needed in the UK's Job Market despite, or because of Brexit, a breakdown per sector

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By sector:

Journalism:

- [Language learning, journalism and sport | Cambridge English](#)

Travel and tourism:

- [Breaking the language barrier report](#)

Diplomacy and intelligence and national security:

- [Britain risks losing language skills to understand its enemies](#)
- [The procession of university language closures will trip up UK diplomacy](#)
- [Britain's diplomats are monolingual](#)

Technology and AI:

- [Languages & AI - new roles for linguists](#) (podcast episode)
- [Language specialists are needed in AI engineering](#)

Translation and AI:

- [Translating Europe Forum - Multilingualism, translation and language-based AI services](#): The Translating Europe Forum is scheduled to take place November 2026. This hybrid event serves as a platform for dialogue between the EU institutions and the wider language sector. Under the theme "Language professionals matter: Adding value in a changing industry", the 2026 edition will address the evolving role of human expertise within the translation profession.

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Export and recruitment

- Making the Case for Languages report
- Business, management, marketing: Language skills as core business capability that minimizes risk, unlocks strategic growth and improves retention: Why Language Skills Are Becoming a Strategic Asset for Modern Businesses - Global Gurus

Accountancy:

- The Value of Language-Speaking Accountants · IN2 Consult

AI myth busting:

- If AI can translate instantly, why learn another language?
- How studying languages could help protect you in the AI race and future-proof your career

Health benefits of French / Languages

Learning another language appears to slow brain ageing, scientists say
| Languages | The Guardian

Challenging the dominant narrative:

Modern languages has a future – and it's all about access | Wonkhe
'Understanding the languages "crisis" as an issue of access rather than demand leads to a different conclusion about the future of the discipline. Beginners' provision is not peripheral but central. It offers a practical means of expanding the pipeline, diversifying participation, and ensuring that language study does not become an additional marker of educational privilege.'

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Cutting language courses puts social mobility at risk, say UK experts | Education | The Guardian

"Instead of the current tendency to go for retrenchment as the only way of balancing the books, we need universities to think really creatively. [Cutting courses] precludes you from a joined-up approach to learning. If you haven't got a language faculty any longer in the university, it can't link with tech and engineering, and digital, and all the other possibilities that now exist."
(David Blunkett)

The joy and vitality of languages - HEPI (Higher Education Policy Institute), blogpost by Fiona Devine and Jo Fox: 'Limited opportunities have suppressed demand. But interest in languages is not limited, and it is important not to forget the joy and vitality of languages too. [...] We think it is important to work in collaboration where we want to and, most especially, where we need to. Without being naive, we have a sense of agency to do something where we can, so we can feel positive and confident about languages and know they have a future. [...] We can easily forget that, on the ground and every day, languages are very much alive in communities, in the workplace, in classrooms, at festivals and in numerous cultural venues. [...] Wherever multilingual environments are created, people flourish in them and [...] seize the opportunities created.'

Language Ambassadors play a key role in outreach and advocacy work needed to sustain the pipeline of French / Languages learners
Stephanie McIntosh Exploring language pathways with the University of Aberdeen | News Articles - Robert Gordon's College

SCILT Language ambassadors online sessions in which different universities are involved - 2026-7 dates will be released early September: Language Ambassadors Online

Set up a partnership with a school abroad through Schools Connect | British Council