



Minutes of LaNGS Meeting: 04/11/2021

1. Registration

(The meeting was conducted on Teams)

2. Welcome from Chair

3. Keynote: Louise Glen - Key Messages from the Local Authority 1+2 Survey 2020-21

- LG extended thanks to everyone for completing the survey.
- An overview of survey responses and headline figures were shared with LANGS by LG.
- Please see details on presentation, available separately.

4. ‘Where do we go from here?’- Discussion and feedback

- Three questions on ‘overcoming challenges’ were discussed in breakout rooms and participants fed back from each group – see link to Jamboard for more details on discussion:

<https://jamboard.google.com/d/12TkI36Av7jUlubWLS7PmtCOG6hsnR5yJO2EO9itedeA/viewer>

5. Education Scotland Update: Shona Hugh

- SG outlined the language support which is available from Education Scotland and shared a useful infographic which will signpost and support authorities and schools. See details on presentation, available separately.
- LANGS Lates: Session 1: Our Evolving Pedagogy: Building Back Better: 24/11/2021, 16.00-17.00. Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/langs-lates-language-learning-our-evolving-pedagogy-tickets-203125573057>

6. Scottish Government update: Owen Griffiths (Head of STEM & Languages Team in SG Curricular Unit)

- Results of I+2 Survey considered to show a pretty successful landscape for MFL, particularly in primary.
- What next? Consolidation – there still isn't full entitlement everywhere, so focus on that; also to learn from instances of best practice wherever they occur. This will ensure a permanent shift in the culture.
- Messaging: some questions have been asked – but I+2 remains a priority.
- Consultation: OECD report: ES and SQA to be reformed. Prof Ken Muir consulting until 26/11/2021: you can contribute via the SG website: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/independent-review-education-scotland-scottish-qualification-authority-professor-kenneth-muir/pages/1/>
- Exchange & Mobility: post Brexit, we have no access to Erasmus. SG would like Scotland to be part of Erasmus (this possibility is still being pursued). Scotland is participating in Turing, despite SG, and other, reservations. As a stop gap, SG is developing its own programme, still to be named, to replace Erasmus (and not just for MFL). It's a work in progress and workshops/consultations are planned, either via LANGS or a standalone.

8a. SCILT/CISS update:

- a) **Fhiona McKay (SCILT)**: upcoming events: see www.scilt.org.uk
- Languages Week Scotland w/c 31/01/2022
 - *Scotland's Languages Landscape: the rights approach* (in partnership with Education Scotland) – 25/02/2022
 - *Learning for Sustainability* (in partnership with Falkirk Council), based on Sustainability Goal No. 14, 'Life Below Water' (French)
 - Creative Puppetry & Languages in Early Years
 - PL opportunities on website – especially important for those authorities with no MFL DO:
<https://scilt.org.uk/Professionallearning/tabid/8328/Default.aspx>
 - Please encourage schools, especially primaries, to sign up to the e-Bulletin: <http://bit.ly/SCILTBulletin>
- b) **Lisa Hanna (CISS)**
- Climate Ready Classroom – showcase event for COP26 on 10/11/2021
 - Discovering China VET (Voluntary Exchange Teacher) programme, enrolling soon for Term 2 classes; available to Confucius Hubs
 - Online classes for NQ Mandarin & Arabic – available to all, details coming early February, 2022.

8b. Ed Welch (successor to Joe Carson), UCMLS

- Looking at how to replace outreach by students in schools.
- Please let UCMLS know how they can help with advocacy for MFL: edward.welch@abdn.ac.uk

9. 'Just A Minute' – Cultural Organisations

- See recording of this section and related presentations, available separately.
- SALT Conference: 13/11/2021 *Diverse Scotland*
- Bilingualism Matters (Kat Przybycien): BM involved in about 30 countries across the world; now becoming a Social Enterprise. Contributed to the UNESCO

- report on education (embargo ends 10/11/2021); Gaelic Learning event 05/11/2021, 15.00. <https://www.bilingualism-matters.org/>
- Embajada de España Consejería de Educación (Javier Ramos Linares): offering blended teacher training: online sessions January -March 2022, followed by an immersion course on Palencia, Easter, 2022. Contact asesoriaedimburgo@educacion.gob.es or visit www.educacionyfp.gob.es/reinounido.
 - Edinburgh College (Caroline Cordier): currently engaged (assisted by Franco-Scottish Society) with 30 H & AH pupils from a variety of schools across Scotland. Both classes had first session in September; second under way. Both workshops are theoretically full, but contact Caroline and she'll see what can be done. Also: 85 further pupils: 45 AH French, Spanish & pilots for Italian & German); 29 H French, German, Italian, Spanish; 11 N5 French, German Spanish...pupils from many regions the length & breadth of Scotland. Next year's offer: H & AH French, German, Spanish, Italian; N5 French, German, Spanish – **all pupils across Scotland qualify for a full fee waiver**. Though enrolled with Edinburgh College, pupils sit exams in their own schools. <https://www.edinburghcollege.ac.uk/courses/for-school-pupils>; Caroline.Cordier@edinburghcollege.ac.uk
 - LFEE Europe (Richard Tallaron): Power Language resources, incl off the shelf L3 package; Internationalisation of Schools: Welsh Govt has [re]joined Erasmus; hope Scotland may do likewise. Festival of Languages: French, English, Spanish: cross-curricular: involves schools in multiple centres. Bid being put together to Turing to enable primary or secondary pupils to go to France, Spain or Germany in 2022/3. Contact Richard: <https://lfee.net/>; info@lfee.net
 - Scottish European Education Trust (SEET) (Jane Byers): upcoming events: Our World, 2021-2; Euroquiz 2021-2, online CLPL (run by Ann Robertson, now one of the SEET Trustees) www.seet.org.uk; info@seet.org.uk
 - French Film Festival (Sylvia Davidson): French Film Festival in schools runs 25/10 to 10/12/2021: films supported by learning packs; films can be downloaded and are completely free for 1 month. Two possible films for primary; two for secondary. <https://frenchfilmfestival.org.uk/2021/>; sdavidson@frenchcomm.com
 - British Council (Liz Neil): Turing: another three years of funding secured. Call for applications will come early 2022. Connecting Classrooms is ending, but online resources etc all remaining; and BC will continue to match schools with global partners: <https://connecting-classrooms.britishcouncil.org/>. FutureLearn online courses, enrolment open until January: <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/learning-live-at-cop26>; <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/learning-for-sustainable-future>

10. Plenary/Close

- Sylvia Georgin thanked everyone for attending and for their contributions.
- Particular mentions for LANGs Lates on 24/11 [Register here](#) and for Languages Week Scotland (January, 2022);
- Next LANGS meetings: **10/03/2022 and 09/06/2022**: not sure, at this point, if these will be on virtual or face to face (hopefully a mixture of the two), but noted the preference of many for face to face opportunity.
- Thanks to Alice Lister for setting everything up and making it work and to Gwen McCrossan, Vice Chair, for all her support and back up.

- Local Authority session followed.