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Thursday 9 November, 10.00-12.30

	<p>Meeting opens</p>
1.	<p>Sylvia Georgin (Aberdeenshire Council), LANGS chair, welcomed everyone.</p> <p>Next meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday 15th March 2024 (online) • Friday 14th June (in-person at Glasgow Atlantic Quay) <p>Nomination and election of chair for 2024-25:</p> <p>June meeting will be Sylvia Georgin (chair) and Gwen McCrossan's (vice-chair) final meeting in their respective posts. Information on the election process to elect new chair and vice chair will be shared in near future.</p>
2.	<p>Key updates and discussion</p> <p>Scottish Government – local authority survey feedback (Helene Cornu, Scottish Government)</p> <p>View presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helene presented the preliminary results of the Scottish Government 1+2 implementation survey. • Full 2023 report should be released in spring 2024. <p>Education Scotland – SQA analysis, curriculum review & monthly drop-in sessions (Louise Glen, Education Scotland)</p> <p>View presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SQA analysis Louise Glen shared presentation information, details of which can be seen in the attached presentation. • National Curriculum Review: Languages in secondary BGE Held in response to OECD report findings. • Monthly drop-in sessions The next monthly drop-in will be a repeat of the Modern Languages Curriculum Review. It will take place on Thursday 7th December 4.30pm-5.30pm via Teams. Request for suggestions for next set of drop-in sessions. Reminder that Education Scotland offers free bespoke BGE curriculum support events in modern languages, Latin and Scots language through their CLPL menu. Contact Louise Glen for more information.

	<p>Secondary Network Leads (Robbie Kirk)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most local authorities are represented. • Group meets three times a year to share, compare and discuss common issues. • Examples of recent discussions: Developing the Young Workforce, curricular pathways, delivery of Advanced Higher, composite classes in the Senior Phase, improving uptake and profile of modern languages, issues arising from Brexit (e.g. lack of Foreign Language Assistants, trips abroad), moderation processes in the BGE, equity of provision. • Minutes of meetings are shared with various organisations. <p>Discussion</p> <p>Louise Glen, Education Scotland, invited attendees to respond to key questions around curriculum review using a Padlet.</p>
3.	<p>SCILT/CISS update (Fhiona Mackay and Lisa Hanna)</p> <p>View presentation</p> <p>Fhiona Mackay (SCILT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder of professional learning opportunities, including Language Cafes available to Early Career teachers. • Newly appointed PhD student will start in January 2024. He will focus on 1+2 and its impact on transition into the Senior Phase. • Mother Tongue Other Tongue 2023 competition – submission date is 5th December 2023. • Scotland’s Language Explorers Programme in collaboration with UCFLS – currently in second year of pilot. 22 schools have responded. • Teacher of Italian Network – next meeting is 16th January 2024. Contact Sheena Bell for information. • Scotland’s Language Leaders programme – applications for 2024/25 will open on 01.03.24 until 29.04.24. There will be an information session on 21.03.24. In-person sessions will take place on 21st and 22nd June 2024. <p>Coming up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates and further information will be shared via SCILT Weekly Bulletin. • Discovering the World of Arabic (DTWOA) – registration for second level Primary and BGE level Secondary will open in January 2024. Online Arabic classes. • BSL primary classes . • Richard Tallaron book launch on 28th November. • Languages Week Scotland 2024 (29th January – 2nd February 2024). The theme is “Languages for a Sustainable World”. Challenges will be published in advance. <p>Lisa Hanna (CISS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discovering China programme – National Qualifications are offered to schools that don’t have a GTCS-registered teacher of Mandarin. • Chinese Exchange Teachers have arrived. • Learner immersion visits will take place in July 2024. • Tianjin Scholarship 2024 – School leavers can attend for one year, starting September 2024. Applications welcome. • CCEd Mandarin in collaboration with the University of Strathclyde: will commence in September 2024. Target audience is current language teachers who want to teach Mandarin. Attendees to share with colleagues and contact SCILT if interested.

4. Comfort Break – 15 mins

'Just a minute' updates from cultural organisations

- **Sylvie Charlotte Hyvernaud Ning, Institut français d'Écosse**
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 - French Teacher Award application process for primary and secondary teachers will commence shortly.
 - Programmes for primary and secondary learners available in Edinburgh:
 - **Ciné 4 Schools** (showing subtitled films) can be booked by teachers. Costs £3 per pupil.
 - **Immersion half or full days** consist of a film (approx. 1 hour 30 minutes) and a French language workshop (1 hour 30 minutes) at a cost of £120 per group (max. 20). Workshops are *à la carte* and are based on teacher preference/current needs.
 - Francophonie 24.
 - Paris Olympic Games 2024: video competition. Entries to be submitted by 31st January 2024. Categories are P1-4, P5-7, S1-3, S4-6.
- **Elaine Buri, Goethe-Institut Glasgow**
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 - Deutschstunde platform with materials for German teachers.
 - 50-year celebration of Goethe-Institut in Glasgow.
 - German career roadshow will be hosted at the University of Aberdeen on Wednesday 15th November.
 - Young Goethe Scheme (interactive presentations for younger learners).
 - Professional development opportunities via language courses.
- 5. • **Thomas Deleuze, Alliance Française Glasgow**
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 - 40th birthday celebrations in Glasgow.
 - New website to be launched. If anyone wishes to participate, please get in touch.
 - Details of Partnership Programme for professional development opportunities shared. Programme for secondary colleagues will launch in February 2024, with SCILT's support.
 - Études en France event launch in Glasgow on 29th November at 2pm
 - There will be open days in February 2024.
 - Alongside the Franco-Scottish Society and SCILT, there will be a contest (with prize) launched in February 2024, with the contest taking place in March 2024.
- **Javier Ramos Linares, Consejería de Educación**
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 - University of St Andrew's will host a Spanish Day on 3rd February 2024. This will include presentations and workshops. Registration is free and will open at the start of December.
 - Immersion courses: one-week immersion course in Salamanca, summer 2024, involving language and culture. Grants available.
- **Jennifer McHarrie, Bòrd na Gàidhlig**
 - [View update](#)

- **Kay Turnbull, British Council**
 - Language Assistants team currently has Language Assistants from France, Spain, Germany and Italy with British citizens also working as Language Assistants in these countries. In addition, there are Language Assistants from Hong Kong. Applications to host a Language Assistant will open in February 2024.
- **Andrew McCulloch, SALT**
 - SALT Conference took place in October 2023 with 140 people attending in-person, and 45 attending online. There were 24 in-person and eight online workshops available.
 - SALT TeachMeets: First TeachMeet looking at *Improving Uptake* took place at end of September. There will be further TeachMeets, including a specific focus on supporting primary teachers.
- **Shona Nic a' Mhaoilein, Seachdain na Gàidhlig (World Gaelic Week)**
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 - World Gaelic Week is from 19th to 25th February 2024. There will be a press release on 9th November 2023, which will include information on grants of up to £500 available to fund and run events. In 2023 there were over 100 events. Seachdain na Gàidhlig acts as a facilitator and promoter of these events.
 - Job opportunity: administrative vacancy. Please see website for details.
- **Sylvia Davidson, French Film Festival UK**
 - [View programme](#)
 - French Film Festival takes place from 30th October – 15th December 2023. Films are free to all Scottish schools. Please see website for the programme and booking form.
- **Sylvia Warnecke, Open University**
 - [View slides](#)
 - Recruitment starting soon for courses in the Scots language. CPD starts 8th January 2024 and here will be 25 funded places for year one of the programme. There is a £200 fee.
 - Scots Language and Languages eTwinning programmes: involves collaboration between the Open University and Frogston Primary School, Edinburgh. There are 48 school signed up. The programme starts on 20th November 2023. Sign-up available until 14th November 2023 and is open to all primary practitioners.
- **Ed Welch, UCFLS**
 - The University of Aberdeen's School of Language and Literature, Music and Visual Culture is in a pre-consultation phase. Specifically, the modern languages programmes in French, Spanish, Gaelic and German, which are currently offered as interdisciplinary degrees across the University, could be reduced to study electives. A steering group will publish its plans for consultation by mid-November.
 - There is a [postcard and social media campaign](#) to highlight the potential closure of the University of Aberdeen's language department, launched by its staff using the hashtag **#SaveUoALanguages**.
- **Jane Halstead, SEET**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ View slides ○ Euro Quiz 23/24 is open to P6. ○ Our World 23/24 is a film making project open to all S1-6. ○ There are recordings of the CLPL sessions for the above events on the SEET website. ○ There were 550 primary schools and 50 secondary schools participating in these events last session; this was the highest participation so far. ○ SEET is 30 years old in 2023 and is inviting schools to celebrate with a multilingual day. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ann Robertson, Lingo Box Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ View slides ○ Ann presented the updated Lingo Box Learning website. Currently consists of mainly French resources, focusing on traditional topics. In time, there will be interdisciplinary resources and Spanish materials available. To celebrate the launch of the new website, until the end of November, you can gain free access for two months to Lingobox, using the code: Lingobox Launch. <p>Other updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Richard Tallaron, LFEE – looking forward to seeing everyone at his book launch, either physically or online on 28th November at 6pm. ● Instituto Cervantes – 10-week introductory course for teachers in Scotland to improve Spanish skills. For more info email SCILT. ● Nuevas Masculinidades, Cinémaatic - five Ibero-American short films that seek to explore changing notions of masculinity, expose patterns that must be left behind and celebrate diversity and different perspectives because being a man is not a one-size-fits-all concept. Find out more.
	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Friday 15 March, 10.00-12.30 – online only ● Friday 14 June, time TBC – in person only, Glasgow
6.	Meeting end