

LANGUES NETWORK GROUP SCOTLAND (LANGS)



LANGS Meeting

Wednesday 27 November 2024, 14.30-16.30

Meeting notes

Meeting opens
Welcome and introductions by Laura Morris, Robbie Kirk, Co-chairs and Joanna Paterson, Vice Chair.
Keynote: Curriculum review, Education Scotland Louise Glen, Senior Education Officer & Shona Hugh, Education Officer View slides <ul style="list-style-type: none">Looking at the improvement cycle ES are keen to establish what is working well and what could change.ES are working with a broader group of language partners.There is a new website scotlandscurriculum.scot for updates on the curriculum review.There will be PT focus groups on Friday 6 December and there will be further meetings organised with primary practitioners.Emphasis that any changes need to have inputs from teachers and pupils.Future analysis coming on feedback from staff and pupils. View feedback board
Scottish Government Update – Helene Cornu, 1+2 Policy Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none">Slight restructure at Scottish Government. English literacy and modern languages are now grouped together.There will be a new 1+2 policy survey coming in 2025 and Scot Gov are currently reviewing questions for this.
SCILT/CISS update – Fiona Mackay, Director View slides <ul style="list-style-type: none">Can the group please share out the Teachers of German in Scotland Event.

- Polish pilot project for heritage learners – get in touch with SCILT for further information on this.
- Moving forward with languages event – can this please be shared with schools.
- SCILT are accepting expressions of interest for Chinese Exchange Teachers for August 2025.
- Languages Week Scotland 2025 will take place from 3 - 7 February and will be a week of activity across the country. The theme for 2025 is “Our multilingual futures”. There will be daily challenges and resources available.
- Prof learning resources on anti-racist approaches and strategies to language learning.

‘Just a minute’ updates from cultural organisations

Camille Dinkell, University of Teacher Education State of Vaud

- Looking for secondary school internships, the first placement is starting Jan 2026. If interested please send Camille an email and please share flyer with schools.
- [View slides.](#)

Jane Halsted, British Council

- ‘Where will Languages take me?’ event has got webinars for practitioners to access via website.
- Schools can link with other schools via the international schools partnership.
- Schools and LA can sign up to the newsletter from British Council:
<https://confirmsubscription.com/h/y/0546776CCFDE7282>
- Contact: Jane.Halstead@britishcouncil.org

Leo Siebert, Goethe Institute

- Wuschel auf der Erde book - available for order from the Goethe-Institut Glasgow and London, or pick up a copy at GI library. Resources are also available for primary age pupils.
- Share QR codes for newsletter and events.
- Resources for primary pupils.
- [View slides.](#)

Antonio Jesús Goñi Mues, Spanish Embassy Education Office

- Language learning materials for the classroom.
- Free teacher training.
- Lesson plans.
- Digital resources.
- Literacy resources.
- [View slides](#), [further information](#) and [contact details](#).

Charlotte Hyvernaud - Institut français d’Ecosse

- Le concours de la francophonie 2025.
- There will be two competitions in the 10th edition in 2025: one for primary school pupils (P1/P4, P5/P7) & one for secondary school pupils (S1/S3, S4/S6). All primary and secondary schools in Scotland offering French and participating in the French Film Festival UK Learning Programme will be eligible to enter the “Concours de la francophonie”, in line with the rules found on IfE website.

- Puppet show for Languages Week Scotland – Tania Czajka will perform Lapin is cold. Registration available via leaflet.
- [View slides](#).

Marylyn Waters, SQA

- The publication of [Prospectus for Change](#) is now live for learners, parents and carers, and educators take part in surveys. The link to take part is <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/96570.html>

Andrew McCulloch, SALT

- Teach Meet events have been successful, and they will listen to feedback from the conference when planning the next.

Chris Sagan, Polish Social and Educational Society

- There are 70,000 Polish people in Scotland and there are 29 Saturday schools for young people to come together to learn about Polish language and culture.
- L3 training in Polish – could this be promoted by the group?
- Pilot course for S5 and S6 which offers a certificate on completion.

Gwen McCrossan, Argyll and Bute

- Introduction of online live lessons. Please share this information with schools and LA.
- These courses provide on the job professional learning and help teachers make time for languages in the curriculum. Teachers learn alongside their pupils in real time and are supported to lead the learning in their own class.
- [View slides](#) and [live lesson sign up](#).
- Contact: gwen.mccrossan2@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Other updates:

- French with Mr Innes: [view slides](#).

LANGS vision

- Do councils have a plan to move away from using X (Twitter)? If so, what platforms will you be using moving forward?
 - [Provide/view feedback](#).
- LANGS vision statement:
 - [View options 1/2/3 and provide feedback](#).

Date of next meetings

- Wednesday 12 March 2.30–4.30pm – online
- Friday 13 June time TBC – in-person

Meeting end

