

## LANGS

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### UPDATES - Institut français d'Écosse

- **Teachers' training**

The **Institut français d'Écosse** is organising a four-day online training session in **June/July 2026**. This professional development opportunity is designed to support **primary teachers in Scotland with little knowledge of French** with:

- **Classroom-ready activities:** Practical methods and resources that you can use with your learners.
- **"French for holidays":** Specific training to boost your own language skills and confidence for travel.

### Our experienced trainers

The sessions will be led by Valérie and Sophie, from our experienced teaching team. Valérie Laplanche-Ferguson has taken part in various training courses organised by the Scottish Government (from its inception as the MLPS programme, later revised and rebranded as the 1+2 Approach) and regional officials, covering courses with specific language objectives as well as professional development training. Sophie Samalens has also taken part in numerous training courses aimed at promoting the French language and supporting the professional development of primary and secondary school teachers (MLPS, PLL and the 1+2 Approach), accredited by the General Teaching Council for Scotland (GTCS) across Scotland's 32 local authorities.

- **Celebrate the Institut français d'Écosse's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday with us!** 🎂

In 2026, [Institut français d'Écosse](#) turns 80! To celebrate this special moment, we want to light up our façade on West Parliament Square with **your** messages. We're inviting the Institut's learners to join the party with messages in French or English. Selected messages will be featured in a unique **video mapping display** on the façade of our building from November 3<sup>th</sup>–7<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

✨ **Want to see your words in lights?** Fill out the form here by **June 26<sup>th</sup>**: [Institut Français d'Écosse - 80th Anniversary Message Submission Form \(IFE\) – Fill in form](#)

- **Concours de la francophonie 2027**

For primary schools' learners, in partnership with the French Film Festival, Education programme.

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