

## SCILT

- Series of 4 national workshops in October/November “Bilingualism Does Matter” in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Inverness and Aberdeen all sold out. Run in partnership with Glasgow City Council EAL department and Bilingualism Matters, University of Edinburgh.
- 5 local authorities have signed up to our support for practitioner enquiry project – East Ayrshire, Dundee, Perth and Kinross, South Lanarkshire, Dumfries and Galloway. We’ll update you as it progresses.
- Short Life Working Group on Languages and Inclusion has just met for the second time supported by Education Scotland, University of Glasgow and Lio Moscardini from the Strathclyde SoE. SCILT is currently developing a “Languages for All” section of the website and will be populated by the work generated by this group. This work will be closely linked to GIRFEC and the National Improvement Framework.
- 13 of SCILT’s Train the Trainer participants have recently received professional recognition from GTCS for their work on leading language learning.
- SCILT, in partnership with Education Scotland is organising the national conference for language development officers on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November. In partnership with University Council for Modern Languages Scotland, there will be an open session in the morning for a Skype presentation from Angela Scarino, University of South Australia, who is one of the architects of Australia’s ambitious national languages policy. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A session. More information will follow.
- SCILT has been approached by Jackie Kay, the Scots Makar offering her services as the official patron of the Mother Tongue, Other Tongue poetry competition. Jackie will promote the competition as part of her laureate project and will present the prizes at the final celebration.
- Another series of 5 Business Brunches will be offered to schools in Nov/Dec/Jan in partnership with UCMLS featuring talks and workshops led by a range of business leaders who value language skills in their workforce.
- A reminder that two new case studies have been published on the SCILT website. Douglas Academy and Renfrew High School working towards successful implementation of L3 without sacrificing time from the L2. The studies should help secondary schools find creative ways of introducing an additional language into the BGE so that all learners receive their full entitlement.

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- Formal confirmation of 12 new primary Confucius Classrooms has just been received from Hanban. Their plaques are now in the post and we look forward to working closely with all twelve. The application process for final tranche of 9 is now underway and we hope to have them officially confirmed in the New Year.

- CISS has just published Self-evaluation for self-improvement in Confucius Classroom hubs in Scotland: putting quality improvement at the heart of what we do. Written by Fiona Pate, HMI the document will help local authorities embed the work of the Confucius Classroom into the work of the school. Feedback about the document has been very positive with some colleagues intending to use it to help evaluate their establishments’ provision for other languages too. We are in the process of developing an online version so if you don’t have a Confucius Classroom in your LA, you can still access it should you wish to do so.
- We were very grateful to receive some additional funding from Fiona Hyslop’s team to support visits to China for young people coming from disadvantaged backgrounds. As a result, we have been able to fund a China Club group at Queen Anne High School in Fife who will be learning Mandarin and about China as a means of closing the attainment gap.
- Tianjin Scholarship. We currently have 22 young people studying Mandarin in Tianjin this year and the application process has just opened for next year’s cohort. If you are in an LA with a Confucius Classroom, please ensure that the information about this is distributed as widely as possible. For issues of fairness, we do not ask for a high level of Mandarin as an entry requirement, we are looking more for young people who can demonstrate the potential to learn and adapt to living for a year in a foreign country.
- Almost all our Hanban teachers have now arrived in Scotland and their professional learning programme has started. On the 11<sup>th</sup> of November we will have a development day for teachers who will be mentoring them that will help develop their coaching and mentoring skills and give information about how they can apply for GTCS Professional Recognition for coaching and mentoring as result of the work they are doing to support the Hanban teachers. Please encourage anyone in your LA who is involved with supporting Hanban to register.
- Plans are now underway for Chinese New Year celebrations. This year we will welcome Guangdong Puppet Art Theatre Troupe – Glasgow, Aberdeen and St Andrews. Dates and venues will be advertised through the usual channels
- Mandarin classes for teachers including follow on from last year and teacher immersion. This includes on online course via Glow so people out-with the central belt can access free lessons. Space allowing, we are happy to offer thee lessons free of charge to teachers from LAs that do not currently have a Confucius Classroom.
- Working with John Muir Trust and Junior Award Scheme Scotland, we’ve adapted nationally recognised awards for the BGE which can be used as a reciprocal project between countries or as a stand-alone project in your school. The materials were originally developed in Mandarin but can be used for any language and focus on wider achievement, outdoor learning and progress naturally into the Duke of Edinburgh award. Further information and support is available from our development officers.
- CLPL menu – reminder that CISS CLPL is regularly updated and includes support for practitioner enquiry with Chinese language in different contexts.