

LANGS – 10 November 2017 – updates from the IFE

1. IFprofs

We have just launched IFProfs, the **social network for French teachers**, language leaders and coordinators, trainers, student teachers, French language assistants and all staff involved with French language education.

It is a **collaborative platform** where members can share resources for the classroom, find information about trainings, conferences, competitions and other activities for their class or themselves.

IFprofs is an international platform bringing together French teachers from all over the world. By signing up, you will be able to access resources from IFProfs Royaume-Uni, but also from all other participating countries. All members have in common the French language and this is therefore the lingua franca and only language of IFprofs.

We hope you will take part actively in this network, share resources, documents, lessons plans, best practices and more.

IFProfs is free, you just need to become a member by opening your account.

<https://uk.ifprofs.org>

You will find tutorials to open your account and post your documents on IF profs:

<https://www.ifprofs.org/tutoriels>

2. Concours de la francophonie

We launched in 2016 le concours de la francophonie, a national school competition to encourage all young French learners and their teachers around Scotland and to celebrate the international day of la francophonie.

Many schools across Scotland have taken part in 2016 and 2017 and we hope to receive great entries this year again.

Who can take part? **All Scottish primary and secondary schools** offering French may enter this competition by submitting a short video of a classroom activity in French.

4 Categories: P1/P4 - P5/P7 - S1/S3 - S4/S6

Eligible entries: **A video in French of maximum 5 minutes**. The learners should speak/sing clearly in French. The level of French will be adapted to the learners, not too easy, not too difficult. We will also value the participation of ALL learners in the class and the creativity of the piece.

In primary, you may want to film a regular activity in French: a song you have prepared in class, a game, or a small dialogue etc.

In secondary, students need to show their communication skills in French, so a song is not receivable at that level. Students may want to conduct interviews in their school or create a short drama or else.

How to take part?

- ▶ **State schools:** your council will organise a semi-final to choose their local champions in January 2018. Send your entry before Christmas holiday to your Modern Languages Development Officer or your QIO.
- ▶ **Independent schools:** a jury composed of representatives of the Alliance Française de Glasgow and the Institut français d'Écosse will choose the Independent schools champions in January 2018. Send your video to concours@ifecosse.org.uk before 19 December 2017.

Semi-final winning entries will enter a national competition in early February 2018.

Prizes:

- ▶ first prize in each category: invitation to attend a special French immersion day on **23 March 2018** in Edinburgh to celebrate the international day of la francophonie. Transport and lunch for the entire classroom will be offered. Winners will take part in French workshops and will receive a selection of French books.
- ▶ second prize in each category: a selection of French books

This school competition is sponsored by TOTAL E&P, the Franco Scottish Society and is organised in partnership with the Alliance française de Glasgow, SALT, SCILT, the University of Edinburgh and TV5 Monde.

3. French courses in Scotland and in France

The Alliance française of Glasgow and the Institut français d'Écosse offer French courses and CLPL all throughout the year. If you are looking for French courses in France, please check the list of quality French schools: <http://www.qualitefle.fr/en>

The Institut français d'Écosse is relocating to New Town on the week of 4 December. Our new address will be: Institut français d'Écosse, West Parliament Square, Edinburgh EH1 1RF.

4. Partnerships with French regional education authorities

Most of Scottish councils are engaged in such partnerships (see map in annex). If you need support, do not hesitate to contact me:

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new direct line: 0131 285 6024 (as of 11 December)

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