

CULTURAL ORGANISATIONS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES GROUP (COALA)

Minutes of meeting held on Friday, 24th October, Goethe-Institut, Glasgow

Welcome

Many thanks to Goethe-Institut, Glasgow for hosting. Well attended COALA with 18 LAs represented.

Attendance and apologies attached.

Welcome to:

- Thomas Chaurin, IFE, replacing Marie-Christine
- Xabier San Isidro - Consejería de Educación, replacing Joaquín
- Olivia Menzies – Education Officer for Dundee
- Sonia Coughlan - 1+2 DO for East Ayrshire
- Fiona Moffat for Stirling and Clackmannanshire
- Gordon Smart - QIO, East Dunbartonshire Council
- Kathryn Williamson and Margaret Ballantyne, Midlothian Council – 1+2 DOs
- Fiona O’Hanlon – Edinburgh University
- Timofey and Olga Kunitskiy - Russian Vice Consul
- Catherine MacLennan – Senior Education Officer, Western Isles
- Judith Boulton-Jones – ML DO for 1+2, East Renfrewshire
- Anne-Marie Moore – DO for 1+2, North Ayrshire Council
- Tracey Stewart – Education Officer, Dundee
- Laurence Giraud-Johnstone – University West of Scotland representing UCMLS
- Fhiona Fisher – new Director of SCILT/CISS

Farewell to:

Mary Larkin – East Dunbartonshire

Rosanne Hirst – British Council

Marta Majchrzyk – European Parliament

Matters arising:

- Summary of LA views sent to Toria Fraser regarding Language Assistant Programme
- Meeting with Dr Mary Fischer from The University Council for Modern Languages (UCML) re: universities and 1+2 languages policy did not take place
- Effective Practice in Senior Phase is still outstanding and will be covered by Fiona Pate in today’s meeting with follow up at later date from Louise Glen/Shona Hugh.

Supporting the 1+2 Agenda

Cultural Organisations

LFEE Europe, Richard Tallaron <http://lfee.net/>

- New dates for immersion courses in French and Spanish (see website)
- Problems last year with Erasmus + Programme, schools finding difficult to apply
- Erasmus + Programme Application live in January (31st March deadline)
- LfEE can help with the application process
- New 3 week immersion course for secondary teachers (French & Spanish) is accredited by GTCS -participants receive professional recognition on completion

Alliance Française, Glasgow, Nathalie Korkmaz <http://www.ifecosse.org.uk/>

- New 10 week course for primary teachers starting next week until March, 10 different topics – flexible, can attend as many topics as you like. Further information: education@ifecosse.org.uk
- Free online resources with sound files: www.ifecosse.org.uk
- Sets of posters free of charge

Goethe-Institut, Lilo Börgmann <http://www.goethe.de/ins/gb/gla/enindex.htm>

- New opportunities – Scientific Exhibitions for learners. Opportunity to embark on IDL teaching STEM subjects. Accompanied with workshops for teachers and teaching materials online. Maths exhibition, March 2015: WEC Community Centre, Bishopbriggs. Environmental Exhibition, June 2015: Science Centre Glasgow.
- Courses for Primary Teachers. New dates Glasgow (08.11.2014-02.12.2014) and Edinburgh (17.01.2015-12.02.2015) in conjunction with Felix & Franzi online materials: <http://www.goethe.de/ins/gb/lp/lhr/mat/fuf/enindex.htm>
- Programme of online workshops for teachers in the making
- Erasmus + Residential Courses available: <http://www.goethe.de/ins/gb/gla/lhr/sem/en884818.htm>
- Online Resources. Relevant contexts for Senior Pupils – Webportal 'Vorsprung mit Deutsch': <http://www.goethe.de/ins/gb/gla/lhr/vor/en9047080.htm>
- E-Book: Insights WWI Teaching module to support IDL classroom practice. Tasks for smartboard, worksheets and texts. <http://www.goethe.de/ins/gb/gla/lhr/mat/matd/en5621228.htm>

Spanish Consulate, Xabier San Isidro <http://www.mecd.gob.es/reinounido/>

- Online Spanish Language Courses for Teachers (12 weeks) starting on 20/10/2014 and finishing on 18/01/2015 AULA, Cervantes Institute <http://tinyurl.com/q2fctmg>
- Immersion days for Higher & Advanced Higher Students – designing a pre-prepared package for councils
- Workshops- longer courses for language and methodology being developed
- 30 Spanish Modern Languages Assistants this year
- Talks about Spain & Spanish Language
- Priority action lines: *teacher training/certification/ qualification * CLIL Pilot Programmes* Motivation through culture related programme and events
- Follow on Twitter: [@asesoriaedimbur](https://twitter.com/asesoriaedimbur)

Institut Français, Edinburgh, Thomas Chaurin <http://www.ifecosse.org.uk/>

- Bilateral agreements France- Scotland. Links with French regions can be facilitated contact Thomas Chaurin education@ifecosse.org.uk
- Training session for MLAs in Glasgow and Edinburgh - 60 assistants this year
- Les Rencontres Théâtrales – Drama Competition <http://www.ifecosse.org.uk/Drama-competition-for-schools-2014.html>
- French Film Festival 7-16 November
- French Posters for classes available. Contact: education@ifecosse.org.uk
- Immersion days and language days available

Scottish European Educational Trust (SEET), Sophie Buxton <http://www.seet.org.uk/>

- Our Europe Film Competition <http://oureuropecompetition.com> - S3-S6 pupils from all secondary schools in Scotland invited to take part and be in with the chance to win an educational tour of Brussels. Visits to schools to help with filming available. Supporting teaching resources: <http://oureuropecompetition.com/competition/resources-for-students> Flyers available for schools.
- Euro Quiz 2015 Registration is now open. Euroquiz for P6 pupils, which sees teams of four pupils working together to broaden their knowledge of Europe. The winning team from each authority area competing in the national final, which takes place in the Debating Chamber of the Scottish Parliament in May. <http://www.seet.org.uk/activities/euroquiz.php>

British Council <http://scotland.britishcouncil.org/>

- January registration for MLA will be launched
- Erasmus + designated contact for Scotland: Liz Neil
- 4th November Erasmus + Training morning and afternoon sessions
- Erasmus + New guide on how to apply <https://www.erasmusplus.org.uk/how-to-apply>
- Subscribe up to Erasmus+ Newsletter <https://www.erasmusplus.org.uk/latest-news/subscribe-to-our-newsletter>
- Erasmus + Programme Application live in January (31st March deadline)
- Connecting Classrooms funding. Deadline 31.10.14 <https://schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org/programmes-and-funding/linking-programmes-worldwide/connecting-classrooms/partnerships>
- Charles de Gaulle and Lefèvre Grants £5000 per school: Secondary schools, sixth form or further education colleges that already have a partnership with a school in France, can apply to receive funding for reciprocal student visits. Deadline 11th November <https://schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org/programmes-and-funding/charles-de-gaulle-and-the-lefevre-trust>

Dundee: 1+2 progress so far – Olivia Menzies

- L2 Blanket French, L3 Cluster Approach

- Using resources PLP Platform successfully in all schools
- Pilot schools 17 out of 35 schools. 10 schools rolled out from P1, 7 schools have adopted a whole school approach
- Positive and enthusiastic response from primaries
- 1 education support officer and 3 staff tutors working across authority offering support and twilight training
- Dundee University employed to evaluate impact 1+2 approach to uptake of languages
- Difficulties: training, time, supply cover

SCILT update – Fhiona Fisher

- Vacancies: Professional Development Officers 1+ 2 Transition & Primary Specialist, Depute for SCILT & Confucius Institute.
- Jude McKerrecher - new Confucius Institute Professional Development Officer.
- New 1+2 Languages parent leaflet for schools to engage with parents. Available to order from SCILT free of charge.
<http://www.scilt.org.uk/LearnersParents/Parentleaflet/tabid/1875/Default.aspx>
- Train the Trainer Course – feedback from summer course was that it was really successful and that has made an impact, helping plan progressive PLL in LAs. Second Train the Trainer course taking place in October – will inform SCILT of impact that TTT has on strategy.
- SCILT running successful CLPL courses for BEd students. Something to consider building into 1+2 probationer programmes (support is there from SCILT)
- Business Language Champions (BLC) programme continuing to grow. Linking schools and businesses together to work on meaningful projects. Latest projects in Russian and BSL.
- Word Wizard Competition for French, Spanish, German, Gaelic and Mandarin. Encourage schools to enter. Word lists to go out shortly. There will be a semi-final this year.
<http://www.scilt.org.uk/S1S3/Celebratinglanguages/WordWizard/tabid/4782/Default.aspx>
- CISS new appointee, Hongyu Li, teacher in China will be offering Mandarin Classes to primary teachers, hopefully in January of next year. These will be free of charge.
http://www.strath.ac.uk/media/faculties/hass/scilt/ciss/cpd/CISS_Professional_Learning_Programme_2014-15.pdf
- 5 e-books about to be launched in Mandarin available for learners P1 to P7. Launch November 10th at SCEN Conference at Gleneagles.
- CISS has been working with British Council to ensure the new Chinese Language Assistants have relevant induction to familiarise them with CfE.
- There will be 21 Confucius Hubs by the end of next year – greatest number per capita of any country.
- Reminder of SCILT CLPL Programme which is free of charge, delivered by primary and secondary specialists: <http://www.scilt.org.uk/S1S3/ProfessionalLearning/tabid/1428/Default.aspx>

SQA update: feedback – Janey Mauchline

-Encouraged to look at SQA website for resources: <http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/45775.html>

Action: Janette Kelso from SCILT to be asked to come and update COALA on SQA.

Action: French/Gaelic & ESOL fall on May weekend. Invigilators require speaker of the language in the room for listening exam. Teachers who take part in this are usually given a day in lieu =cost implication for authorities.* A note in to SQA to consider this for next year.

Language Assistants' Programme, response from Scottish Government + update – Toria Fraser

- Funding for 1+2 Languages will be at least of a similar level next year
- Currently 108 FLAs (22 from Independent Schools) over 12 local authorities
- LA Views submitted by Janey Mauchline, Chair of COALA last session on how to increase numbers of Modern Language Assistants. Majority of LAs preferred the option for MLAs to be funded directly by Scottish Government.

Action: Issue to be discussed with ministers and Toria Fraser to feedback to COALA

- New Glow Service - The Glow Service was successfully transitioned to a new, flexible, cloud-based arrangement over the weekend of 3-6 October
 - The new service arrangement includes a range of core applications and services such as blogs and broadcasting (Glow Meet/Glow TV)
 - A wiki service is also being developed and will be in place in the near future
 - All pupils and teachers have access to new Microsoft Office which provides
 - Collaboration and sharing tool through SharePoint
 - 1TB of online storage space through One Drive
 - A Glow email account through Outlook
 - Access to the online Office – Word, Excel, PowerPoint
 - Users also have the option to add a range of educational app 'tiles' to their Glow Launchpad. Apps are available in the App Library and are categorised by curricular area (mixture of free and paid for content). Tiles can also be customised to link to specific web pages.
 - Glow can be accessed anytime from most web-enabled devices, including most smartphone and tablets.
- Glow & 1+2 Languages – Education Scotland staff and LA development officers can access all Glow services through their unique log-in details.
- A space is being developed for SCILT (titled SCILT Blether).
- There are several LA sites set up within the new Glow supporting national 1+2 development.
- A process has been established for external partners to be given guest accounts for Glow with differing levels of access dependent on need; this would include access for schools/pupils/teachers in other countries. Local authorities themselves can provide guests with access in accordance with the process. Glow Programme/Education Scotland are happy to be approached to help decide on the best solution.
- Strategic Implementation Group (SIG) to table a discussion on the sustainable implementation of 1+2 Languages Recommendations. Looking at aspects such as: changing attitudes and perceptions of language learning, shared commitment of all stakeholders, strong leadership and teacher capacity.
- Address by Dr Alasdair Allan on Scottish Language Policy
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rmFt2zVPKrl&sns=tw> may be useful as a LA resource

Transcript and video available on SCILT website:

<http://www.scilt.org.uk/A12ApproachtoLanguageLearning/tabid/1715/Default.aspx>

Effective practice in the Senior Phase – Fiona Pate on behalf of Shona Hugh, Education Scotland

- Flexibility in senior phase to study a language in different ways - not simply a national qualification.
- Positivity in LA strategies.
- Ensure the message of flexibility in senior phase is not lost.
- In order to support effective practice there will be publication of guidance of L3 (by end of Dec).
- SCILT/Education Scotland L3 Saturday morning learning event - looking for examples of L3 in Secondary (master classes, inserts in BGE) get in touch with Fiona Pate. This would mean supplying a case study and possibly a visit.
- Implications of L3 need to be planned for because of timetabling in secondary – need for open discussion with secondary schools.
- By January hopefully a document on promoting languages in the Senior Phase will be produced - including case studies of innovative practice.
- Introducing the Languages for Life and Work Award/ Units with other subjects to get pupils into languages. More opportunities in terms of qualifications and awards.
- Es and Os Modern Languages 1st Level coming March 2015.
- **Action:** Shona Hugh to feedback on how Education Scotland can support opening up these discussions in the secondary school.

Erasmus+ - your experiences

- New application form similar to last year's application
- Live from January
- Deadline 4th March
- New Communication team
- QIOs and D.Os can apply this year
- Plea for British Council to consider:
 - That different local authorities have different protocols financially
 - Difficulties of when can go on motilities due to cover
 - Future inclusion of initial Teacher Training (ITE) groups
 - Key Action 2 (Local Authority) Administrative school only gets confirmation email, could all partners in the project receive communications from British Council

Russian Vice- Consul for Russian Embassy, Timofey Kunitskiy www.rusemb.org.uk

- Importance of Russian and transferrable skills
- Russian Higher numbers almost doubled this year
- Would like to make a case for Russian language
- Plea to work with representatives from different institutions - contact Timofey at visa@edconsul.co.uk

Next meeting will be held on Friday, 23rd January at the University of Strathclyde.