

Minutes for COALA Meeting, 29th of January 2016

- Welcome and introduction of new members
- Minutes of previous meeting were accepted
- Action points rather than detailed minutes to be taken
- Focus Group Nominees were listed
- Format of the meeting was introduced: Chair to rotate every two years; possible rotation of location for meetings; no commercial items on the agenda; marketplace will be open to businesses; voting on new name will be done through survey monkey; themes will be used as a focus for future COALA meetings and they will be voted on electronically; at the current meeting 3 collaborative conversations were taking place for members to explore a number of issues in a team discussion
- SCILT: working group on parental engagement; sharing research session will be advertised through eBulletin; inclusive language learning will be taken forward by Lynne in line with “languages for all”; Hannah mentioned the Scottish Language Review; business brunches were successful and Amanda thanked all involved.
- Education Scotland: engaging with local authorities is ongoing through partnership agreements with 6 authorities; working group is developing national guidance on progression from 1st to 2nd level; principles and practice paper has been updated; Es and Os are now more detailed for practitioner to make better use of the guidance within; glow meets have been delivered and can be watched back; ES is liaising with Glasgow University on L2 French at 2nd level and materials are being developed; there is a Polish as an L3 pack available on the ES website; Louise asked that COALA members promote the category “making languages come alive” at the Scottish Education Awards; Scots as an L3 is also being further developed (Gruffalo in different Scots dialects); COALA members to ensure they receive the eBulletin from ES re languages / literacy; Louise asked attendees if a DO conference would be welcomed again.
- Scottish Government Updates from Toria Fraser: Toria thanked attendees for their work in languages; Dr Allan is happy with our progress; funding and budget is still being decided at that point and she couldn’t comment further; ADES research re 1+2 is being carried out at the moment since we are at half-way point with 1+2; the implementation group is looking at changing attitudes in society and other issues regarding languages in Scottish education; Toria welcomes the fact that the Languages Show Live was coming to Glasgow.
- Patrick Cheek on Languages Show Live: Patrick was pleased to take the show to Scotland and is relying on authorities to support the event; he asked that attendees pass on information in their authorities; he hopes that the show is supporting the implementation of 1+2 and if schools / authorities need more promotional materials, he can send them out to us
- 3 collaborative conversations:
 - British Council, eTwinning and T Chaurin
 - M Spöring and H Doughty on UCMLS
 - Inter-Authority Working Group: E Sowerby and B Murray
- Chair Ann Robertson: new format and workshops have been welcomed by attendees; workshop time could be slightly longer to allow for more in depth discussions; open floor discussions may also be an option; important to have a focus / theme for the meetings

Lunch ☺