

## THE LANGUAGES GATEWAY

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The Languages Gateway is the UK's new portal for languages. The Languages Gateway is a portal for, and on behalf of, everyone engaged in the sector; a collaborative venture through which we can facilitate access to information, and communicate a clear narrative to prospective and future linguists. It is a gateway to opportunities, resources and information about [the wider field of] languages, and how they link to an understanding and appreciation of cultures and societies. The Gateway is a key element in a new strategic approach for languages, in both educational and professional contexts, formal and informal.

### ***Our Vision***

We are committed to supporting a strategy in which all languages are valued and where a majority of the public has some ability in at least one language in addition to English.

### ***Our Mission***

We aim to increase language learning across the UK by facilitating access to existing opportunities and information, by increasing awareness of them, and by fostering links between different sectors. In particular we seek to enhance coordination, communication, and collaboration between the various bodies that make up the wider languages sector across the UK.

### ***Advocacy***

The site will offer advocacy for languages, the key message is that an interest in different languages, cultures and societies it to be both celebrated and encouraged, regardless of age, gender, ability, or ethnicity. The ambition is to increase take-up of language learning for all languages and for all purposes in different parts of the UK, for a variety of learner types, ages, objectives, and outcomes, in both formal and informal settings, in the public, private and voluntary sectors.

### ***Content***

The Gateway is designed to support all those interested in languages: learners, families, community groups, teachers, school leaders, academics, policymakers, subject associations. The site will not duplicate or replace information that is already available. It will offer awareness of and access to this information, re-directing users to original sources of information and resources as appropriate.

In this respect, if you are involved in the sector you are encouraged to engage with the website and ensure your content is represented. Only through a sense of collective ownership will the site contribute to fulfilling our mission and vision.



*The Languages Gateway - Theory of change*

The Languages Gateway has been created through an initiative laid out in [Towards a National Languages Strategy](#) published in 2020. This document was published by The British Academy, the Arts & humanities Research Council (AHRC), The Association of School & College Leaders (ASCL), the British Council, and Universities UK. The Gateway has an Editorial Group and Advisory Group made up of representatives from key organisations and associations representing the languages sector at a number of levels and is increasingly supported by the majority of professional and educational associations and learned societies across all nations and regions of the UK.

Nevertheless, The Languages Gateway is not owned by any single organisation. It is intended as an inclusive and collaborative space. The site is open, diverse and inclusive, a tool for everyone to use and contribute to, building a collective sense of ownership and partnership. The Languages Gateway is ***your*** site.