



THE FUTURE OF FRENCH ~~X~~ EN ÉCOSSE

The way ahead

Join us for a free in-person
conference for teachers
and lecturers

23 June 2025
University of Edinburgh

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Welcome: 10:00	Stéphane Pailier, <i>Consul général de France à Édimbourg et Glasgow</i> Message from Jenny Gilruth, <i>Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills</i>	
Presentation 10:15	Learner voice: Survey outcome	Cédric Moreau, <i>University of Strathclyde</i> Sheena Bell, <i>SCILT, Scotland's National Centre for Languages</i>
Panel discussion 10:30	Overview and outlook: where are we now and where are we going?	Dr Fiona Barclay, <i>Senior Lecturer in French, University of Stirling</i> Laura Morris, <i>Principal Teacher of Languages, Mintlaw Academy</i> Dr Jayne Duff, <i>Research Fellow, Queens University Belfast</i>
Workshops 11:15	Transitioning towards more meaningful activities	Transitioning from one phase to another
12:45 LUNCH	Le marché - networking and stalls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institut français d'Écosse • Alliance française de Glasgow • Franco-Scottish Society • French Film Festival Learning Programme • Maison des Langues (publisher) • Campus France (studying in France) • Association Fleur • Edinburgh College • La Belle Adventure (bookshop) • L'École Buissonnière de Glasgow • La Petite École d'Édimbourg
Workshops 13:45	Transitioning towards more meaningful activities	Transitioning from one phase to another
Roadmap 15:15	Creating a roadmap for a better future Collectively defining a direction for the way ahead.	Cédric Moreau, <i>University of Strathclyde</i> Sheena Bell, <i>SCILT, Scotland's National Centre for Languages</i> Prof Lorna Milne, <i>President of the Franco-Scottish Society</i>
Event close 16:15 Networking 17:00	Networking and cocktails at the Institut français d'Écosse, featuring a short talk on Creative Puppetry toolkits by Tania Czajka	



Workshop information - sessions will be repeated in the afternoon

Morning session - 11:15
Afternoon session - 13:45

Transitioning towards more meaningful activities:

In this workshop we will look at examples of activities designed to engage learners and promote language learning.

Ruth Gallacher will reflect on her experience of leading Project-Based Learning with BGE (S1 to S3) learners at Paisley Grammar School.

Amy Kerr from St Andrews High School and Sue Parsons and Louise Robertson from Doune primary school will talk about their participation in the “Concours de la Francophonie”, a competition open to primary and secondary schools across Scotland organised annually by the Institut français d’Écosse.

Dr Elise Hugueny-Léger and Audrey Debard will share ways that creative writing has been used to enhance language learning at the University of St Andrews and the University of Edinburgh. Elise will give an interactive presentation, and Audrey will present the Modern Languages creative writing magazine of the University of Edinburgh.

The presentations will be followed by group discussions.

Transitioning from one phase to another:

In this workshop we will look at initiatives designed to ensure, ease and enhance the transition experience between each phase of language learning.

Joanne Curran will present Larbert High School’s Lingo Leader programme where senior phase learners are trained to deliver sessions in their cluster primaries, building relationships and language confidence.

Pamela Tosh will showcase a series of initiatives carried out in collaboration with the University of Edinburgh. These are designed to encourage senior phase learners to pursue language learning at university level and to support primary and secondary schools through working with university students.

Dr Caroline Cordier will share the work of Edinburgh College, which has been delivering online Modern Languages courses at Higher and Advanced Higher level to keep languages accessible to high school learners across Scotland.

The presentations will be followed by group discussions.

