

# THE FUTURE OF FRENCH ~~X~~ *EN ÉCOSSE*

French Forward



Join us for a free in-person  
conference for all teachers of  
French at primary, secondary  
and tertiary level

Monday 22 June 2026  
University of Aberdeen



Registration and coffee from 9:45

**Welcome:**  
10:00

**Michelle McLeod**, *Head of the School of Language, Literature, Music and Visual Culture (LLMVC), University of Aberdeen*  
**Stéphane Pailler**, *Consul général de France à Édimbourg et Glasgow*

**Keynote panel**  
10:15

**A roundtable focused on French in Scotland across the different levels of language teaching (primary, secondary and higher education)**

**Fiona Barclay**, *Professor of French and Associate Dean (Internationalisation), University of Stirling; Chair of University Council For Languages Scotland*  
**Charles Forsdick**, *Professor in French, University of Cambridge; British Academy Lead Fellow for Languages*  
**Lisa Hanna**, *Senior Education Officer for Languages, Education Scotland; Depute Director of SCILT; Teaching Fellow at the University of Strathclyde*  
**John Paul Cassidy**, *HM Inspectorate of Education*  
**Laurence Findlay**, *Director of Education and Children's Services in Aberdeenshire Council; President of the Association of Directors of Education in Scotland*  
**A Principal Teacher of Languages**, *Aberdeen City Council*

**Workshops**  
11:35

**Employability - Advocating for French Language skills**

**French Language ambassadors - Sharing and shaping language learning**

**13:10 LUNCH**

**Le marché - networking and stalls**  
James McKay Hall and Gallery

- Institut français d'Écosse
- Alliance française de Glasgow
- Franco-Scottish Society, Aberdeen branch
- French Film Festival Learning Programme
- CLE International
- Tania Czajka Creative Puppetry
- Campus France
- Aberlangs
- Languages Gateway
- Écoles FLAM

**Workshops**  
14:00

**Promoting the use of French in the classroom (FLE)**

**Keeping the Fun in French across the curriculum**

**Presentation**  
15:50

**Languages and Coding**

**16:30**

**Closing session**

**Followed by networking reception until 17:30**