



Call for Contributions

Language World is the annual conference and CPD event of the Association for Language Learning. It is a highlight of the year for languages education and attracts up to 250 participants a day from across all educational sectors, with a large number coming from primary and secondary schools.

The title of Language World 2018 is *Flying the Flag for Languages*.

Contributions

Talks and Workshops

We are now constructing the programme for the 2018 event and welcome contributions for talks and workshops which cover the areas below. We are very interested in papers which focus on evidence-informed practice, innovative use of technology and collaborative initiatives in languages education between schools, colleges and universities. Proposals which include examples from current innovative practice in all sectors, and the principles that underpin them, are especially welcome, as are hands-on workshops of a practical nature. Contributions are welcome from teachers and specialists in languages education both in the UK and from overseas.

Focus for talk and workshop sessions

We are specifically interested in submissions for talks and workshops which focus on these areas:

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- Celebrating languages beyond the classroom context, including trips and extra-curricular activities
- Managing learner progress in the classroom and beyond, including independent homework activities
- Using schemes of work to make the most of curriculum time
- Encouraging a passion for grammar
- Promoting languages across the curriculum, including CLIL
- Engaging and raising aspirations for more able learners
- Inspiring learners with SEND in the languages classroom
- Leading effective MFL provision in primary and secondary schools
- Planning for progression and transition: KS2-3, KS3-4, KS4-5, KS5-HE

- Meeting the challenges of bilingual learners in schools
- Maximising progress in listening, reading, writing and speaking skills
- Focusing on skills of the linguist e.g. translation, phonetic awareness, memorisation
- Ensuring positive assessment outcomes for learners at all stages, including GCSE and A level
- Sharing intercultural understanding through authentic texts, film and literature
- Using technology to enhance MFL teaching and learning
- Nurturing MFL teachers at all stages of the profession
- Convincing school leaders and the wider community of the importance of languages in a post-Brexit era
- Creating innovative approaches to ITT partnerships for MFL
- Motivating learners beyond GCSE

What else can you expect from Language World 2018?

ALL is a partner in a collaborative project comprising ten international partners, working on the development and launch of an interactive game which will measure primary languages learners' progression. The project is led by the Goethe-Institut and known as THE LANGUAGE MAGICIAN. The official launch of the game is Language World 2018.

ALL will be highlighting the findings from its' in-depth research exercise undertaken as part of the **Language Futures** initiative. Language Futures centres around student choice and agency, creating and fostering a broader language learning community beyond the classroom doors, with teachers acting as facilitators of project-based learning. Dr Rachel Hawkes will present this year's conference keynote on ***Language Futures - lessons for the mainstream classroom and beyond.***

ALL will focus on how you can engage with and contribute to ALL's new online collection of articles hosted under ***Learning from the Classroom.*** This is a new ALL initiative to connect and share research for the benefit of members and is intended as an opportunity for sharing classroom-based interventions, inquiry and small-scale research.

ALL runs an annual award scheme and will be announcing the **Primary and Secondary Language Teachers of the Year 2018** at an awards ceremony at Language World 2018.

Back by popular demand! ALL is lucky to have a Sketchnote wall again for Language World 2018, capturing all of the conference and exhibition highlights as a visual treat.

ALL will be running a new session on Friday 23 March - 'Five in Five'. A range of presenters will showcase a précis of their work/research using five PowerPoint slides in five minutes flat. Guaranteed to be fast paced and dynamic - a great opportunity for quick bursts of information sharing in a fun format. We might even ask delegates to capture highlights of each short presentation in sketchnote form!

ALL will be running a 1:1 career clinic for student teachers and NQTs at different points during the conference - an opportunity for those new to the language teaching profession to tap into the wealth of expertise and knowledge which our more experienced members have. We anticipate a rewarding experience for all concerned and a positive buzz permeating the conference as a result.

Speaker Guidelines

1. Attendance as a major talk or workshop presenter: In order to attend sessions, **an online booking form must be completed**. Speakers whose papers have been approved by the panel will be contacted by ALL's Conference management provider KC Jones conference&events, when it is time to book.

2. Major talk and workshop speaker expenses: We very much hope that our speakers will be able to attend the whole conference. We are able to offer **one speaker per session one free day's attendance** at the conference, on the day of their talk (includes lunch and tea/coffee). Additionally ALL is offering a subsidised place for one speaker per session to attend the Conference Dinner on the evening of Friday 23 March 2018. We are also able to offer a subsidised day delegate rate for the day preceding or following a speaker's session, should you wish to attend the full conference. Speakers are requested to pay for their own travel to and from conference. We are more than happy for two or more speakers to present together, but as we are a small charity we are unable to cover a second speaker's conference attendance. Additional speakers are expected to register as Language World delegates. Like all subject associations we depend upon the goodwill of speakers and their employers in order to provide a high-quality conference at the lowest possible cost to participants. Our funds do not permit us to offer a fee for speakers, nor overnight accommodation.

3. Length of talks: With the exception of keynotes, all sessions will last c. 45 minutes, and we request that you ensure a prompt start and finish to your talk. The exact timings for speakers will be indicated to aid in your preparation at the point of confirmation of inclusion in the programme.

4. In preparing major talks / workshops please take into account that the Association serves and represents all sectors of education and all languages and examinations systems in the UK. Content should therefore be as inclusive as possible.

5. Inclusion and accessibility: Please bear in mind the importance of preparing a talk that will be accessible to all participants. Ensure that visual aids are completely legible with large print and give the audience adequate time to read visual aids. We will ask participants to inform us of any special requirements they have prior to the conference, and we will inform you if your talk needs to address any specific special requirements.

Submit your proposal for a talk or workshop at <http://tinyurl.com/LW2018>