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Theme: The Languages Gateway

Background:

The Languages Gateway launched in 2023 as the UK's first national 'one stop shop for all things languages', aimed at signposting information to learners, teachers, and anyone interested in, or involved in, the learning and teaching of languages and cultures in the UK.

The need for this portal was identified by 'Towards a National Languages Strategy', developed by the British Academy, the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), the Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL), the British Council and Universities UK.

Its development was supported in consultation with a wide range of leading organisations and stakeholders representing both the public and private sectors including the Association for Language Learning (ALL), the Association of University Language Communities in the UK and Ireland (AULC), the Chartered Institute of Linguists (CIOL), the Institute of Languages, Cultures and Societies (ILCS), the National Association of Language Advisers (NALA), the Northern Ireland Centre for Information on Language Teaching and Research (NICILT), the National Resource Centre for Supplementary Education (NRCSE – part of the YPF Trust), Scotland's National Centre for Languages (SCILT), and the University Council for Languages (UCFL).

Key messages:

The role of the Gateway is to showcase and drive traffic to organisations and opportunities. As such, it is a dynamic space and its listing is constantly being updated and amended.

The Gateway aims to list a comprehensive collection of resources, networks, organisations and opportunities about as wide a range of languages and cultures as possible, relevant to learners, teachers, parents, employers and policymakers (and more).

The ultimate aim is for the languages communities and ecosystems across the UK to become more aware of each other, discover existing opportunities, identify gaps and create new opportunities.

The ethos of the Gateway is that it is a collaborative and open space, created by and for the whole languages community. Feedback and contributions are welcome.

References:

The website: www.thelanguagesgateway.uk

The Languages Gateway on X (Twitter): www.twitter.com/LangsGateway

Read *Towards a National Languages Strategy* (2020), by the British Academy, AHRC, ASCL, British Council and Universities UK:

<https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/publications/towards-national-languages-strategy-education-and-skills/>

Points for reflection / action:

Explore: Go to the Gateway and explore the different drop-down categories to discover the opportunities that have been listed so far. Filters can be applied singly, or in combination with each other.

Advice on how to use the site can be found at:

<https://www.thelanguagesgateway.uk/how-to-use-this-website/>

Contribute / feed back: Everyone is very welcome and encouraged to contact the Gateway to suggest additions to the listing, improvements to the site, ideas for the future development of the site as well as ideas for collaborations.

This can be done through the contact form at:

<https://www.thelanguagesgateway.uk/contact-us/>

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