

Leeds Language Week

Leeds Language Week, a programme of free activities, aims to raise awareness of the different languages and cultures in Leeds, where more than 170 languages are spoken. The project also highlights the importance of language learning in higher education, hoping to inspire people to take on further study.

The initiative began in 2023 as part of Leeds Year of Culture and has since been organized by Bettina Hermoso-Gomez and Sofia Martinho, from the University of Leeds.

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11th – 15th November 2024

Celebrating Leeds' languages, cultures and global connections

In 2024, Leeds Language Week reached more than 1,000 people across Yorkshire. The most popular activities were:

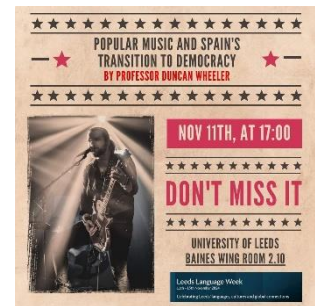
- **Language tasters** in Chinese, French, Arabic, German, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish and Ukrainian
- **Mother Tongue Other Tongue Competition, Digital Anthology and Exhibition:** submissions in 12 languages. Spanish, French, German, Italian, Arabic, Portuguese, Welsh, Hungarian and Polish among other languages





- **Wonder Books in Wonder Languages:** dual language story and rhyme sessions at Leeds Libraries in Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese and Polish

- **CPDs and Talks:** What Languages Can Do for You, Cherishing and Maintaining the Heritage Language at Home, Popular Music and Spain's Transition to Democracy amongst others.



Recognising the success of the recent event and the growing interest in the activities, the organisers are currently planning a larger and enhanced edition for 2025, called Leeds City of Languages. They hope to secure the support of additional partners and stakeholders, which will enable them to curate an even more vibrant and enriching program that will resonate throughout the heart of Yorkshire. They want to create an unforgettable experience that ignites inspiration and connection.

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