

SCILT update – October 2018

UCMLS

The UCMLS event was held on 15 September as planned with contributions from Wales and Northern Ireland as well as Scotland. The final evaluation report will be published by the end of November.

Scottish Languages Review

SLR Issue 34 was published in August. Hannah Doughty is currently working on Issue 35.

SCILT website - stats

Hannah Doughty is working on updating the statistics page (language trends) on the SCILT website.

SCILT/CISS interns

The SCILT/CISS internship project was launched in March and we recruited six S5 (now S6) pupils from across the country. The aim of the project is to engage with 16-25 year olds through social media to raise the profile of language learning and to tie in with YOYP.

The interns are from Glasgow, East Renfrewshire, North Lanarkshire, Aberdeenshire and Queen Victoria School in Dunblane. Between them, they are learning or can speak French, Spanish, Italian, Gaelic, Mandarin and Korean! They are very motivated and are posting a range of engaging content daily and can be followed on Twitter (@speak_lingua) and Instagram (@speak.lingua). Please encourage our interns by sharing these accounts with learners and inviting them to follow!

Primary workshops

New primary workshops were added to the SCILT CLPL menu in August. They include target language phonics; parental engagement and combining employability skills and languages. Bookings are being taken now for these and the secondary workshops via the online request form.

OU/SCILT online course

The OU/SCILT Teachers Learning to Teach languages programme began earlier this month, welcoming 130 Scottish teachers from various local authorities as well as colleagues from Wales and Northern Ireland. Please follow the #OU_SCILT hashtag on social media to get a sneak peek to what these teachers try out with their young French, German, Mandarin and Spanish learners.

Mini Business Brunches

SCILT welcomed 76 S3-S6 pupils from South Ayrshire on 25th September and 88 S3-S6 pupils from East Ayrshire on 9th October to take part in a mini Business Brunch event hosted by SCILT in partnership with DYW Ayrshire at Prestwick Airport. Approximately 10 employers were present at each event who demonstrated the relevance of language skills in a work context, encouraging pupils to continue their language studies into the senior phase of their secondary education, and beyond school. The final event will take place on 6th November, aimed at North Ayrshire schools.

Business Brunches

In partnership with UCML Scotland and DYW, SCILT will be hosting five Business Brunch events over the course of December this year, and January 19. Dates and venue are shown below:

1. **Wed, 5th Dec 18 – The Glasgow Royal Concert Hall**
Time: 1000-1330
Numbers: 240 x S3-S6 pupils
2. **Tues, 11th Dec 18 – The Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness**
Time: 1000 – 1320
Numbers: 140 x S3-S6 pupils
3. **Wed, 9th Jan 19 – University of Dundee**
Time: 1000-1320
Numbers: 140 x S3-S6 pupils
4. **Tues, 15th Jan 19 – Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh**
Time: 1000-1400
Numbers: 240 x S3 pupils only
5. **Thurs, 31st Jan 19 – The Marriott Hotel, Aberdeen**
Time: 1000-1320
Numbers: 140 x S3-S6 pupils

This Business Brunch events provide meaningful employer engagement and provide relevant careers advice which are both key recommendations of the Scotland's Youth Employment Strategy, "Developing the Young Workforce" by giving young people the opportunity to ask questions and find out more about the role of languages in the business world. Through hearing from a range of business leaders and interacting with employees, the aspirations of the young people who attended previous events were raised.

If you would like to attend, please email e.mclean@strath.ac.uk

Mother Tongue Other Tongue

Registration is open for the 2018-19 Mother Tongue Other Tongue (MTOT) multilingual poetry competition in Scotland and the **closing date is Friday, 26 October**.

All students who are learning a language at school, college or university, or who speak a native language at home, can get involved in celebrating their linguistic and cultural diversity through creative poetry writing as there are options to enter in either the Mother Tongue or Other Tongue category. All entries must be the students' own, original work.

For more information about this year's competition and previous events, visit our [MTOT website](#) and register to take part!

Amazing Spaces Cross Curricular Project (Los Espacios Increíbles)

This is a cross curricular project, between languages and design and technology departments, which will take place primarily in schools. There are five schools participating in this project across three of the challenge authorities, Glasgow City, West Dunbartonshire and North Ayrshire Council.

SCILT will work in partnership with the Faculty of Architecture at the University of Strathclyde, and two lead teachers from each participating school to represent their respective subject areas.

The intention is to build a sustainable project and create a model which can be replicated by other schools and departments within universities throughout Scotland. The rationale for the project is linked closely to the priorities within the National Improvement Framework with a particular focus on improvement in employability skills and closing the attainment gap through wider achievement. Through their participation in this project we hope that learners will be able to make the potential links between the language they are learning and the world of work. By highlighting the opportunities that exist to build on language skills in further education pathways, which are not exclusively language based, we also hope to motivate our learners to continue with their language into the senior phase.

Eòghan Stewart is SCILT's Gaelic Professional Development Officer working on 0.2 PT basis paid for by Bòrd na Gàidhlig's Gaelic Language Act Implementation Fund (GLAIF).

He ran a successful conference on eLearning for Gaelic Learner Education in September. This is looking at developing the promotion, availability and sustainability of eLearning for Gaelic and other languages across Scotland. Eòghan is currently looking at next steps with stakeholders.