



**GOETHE-INSTITUT
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The 'Goethe Institut' is the Federal Republic of Germany's cultural institution operational worldwide (144 branches in 80 countries). We promote the study of German abroad and encourage international cultural exchange. We also foster knowledge of Germany by providing information on its culture, society and politics.

The Institute's Teaching Liaison Department is a partner for educational institutions, teachers' associations, universities, colleges, schools, language institutes, teachers and pupils to encourage the teaching of German as a foreign language. We endeavour to support German teachers by providing them with various teaching materials, holding local seminars, supporting local projects and running professional development courses in Germany. Each year 1,700 German teachers across the globe are given grants to attend courses in Germany. Finally, our information centre is stocked with a wide range of materials and resources.

In Scotland we took an active part in promoting the MLPS (Modern Languages in the Primary Schools) programme from the very start and have been successful in organising stimulating conferences and seminars for teachers of all sectors. A regular programme with interesting and motivating events for pupils of all ages is geared to support classroom work like, for example, the "Landeskunde" exhibition recently shown in Dundee.

General aims and objectives for our work and the budget allocated to the local Institute and department are worked out once a year by a meeting of all the regional Institutes in Northwest Europe. Our budget is part of yearly grants from the German Foreign Office and this relationship is governed by general agreement. Nevertheless we have to increasingly rely on self-generated income and contributions from sponsors and patrons, partners and friends to keep up the scope of our work.

The Goethe Institut, Glasgow works as a team but our friends and partners in education have usually one main contact. This is currently a locally employed member of staff but at other times it could be a 'rotating' employee who stays approximately 4 – 5 years before moving to one of the other 143 branches.

Guidelines for our work are set out by our regional co-ordinator in the context of the general aims of the Goethe-Institut. In addition to this we aim to have a productive, respectful and co-operative relationship with all our local partners.

If you would like to obtain further information or would like to get in touch, please visit our website www.goethe.de/glasgow. Your local contact for 2005-06 is Lilo Börgmann and her email is boergmann@glasgow.goethe.org.