

Press Release

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Language Teacher of the Year Awards 2017

Many of us know a very special language teacher – a teacher who inspires and motivates pupils through superb, innovative teaching; who engages young learners, opening their eyes and broadening their horizons – and a teacher who supports colleagues by sharing their expertise and ideas.

The **Language Teacher of the Year Awards** were established to recognise and celebrate the talent and hard work of language teachers in the UK. The Awards were created in England in 2014, with help from Routes into Languages and funding from the Higher Education Funding Council for England. They are now continuing into 2017 – and expanding throughout the UK – thanks to funding from the Association for Language Learning (ALL), the UK's major subject association for teachers of languages, and generous sponsorship from Early Start Languages and Halsbury Travel.

ALL are looking for nominations in two categories for the 2017 awards – which are open to teachers across the UK:

- The **Primary Language Teacher of the Year Award** – for an outstanding primary teacher of languages (sponsored by Early Start Languages)
- The **Secondary Language Teacher of the Year Award** – for an inspirational secondary languages teacher (sponsored by Halsbury Travel)

The aim of both Awards is to support and promote language teaching and to raise the profile of language teaching as a career, recognising exciting, motivating practice among language teachers, and celebrating imaginative teaching which inspires language learning in pupils. The closing date for nominations is **Friday 21 October 2016**.

The presentation of the 2017 Awards will take place on Saturday 25 March 2017 at Language World 2017 in Nottingham – the event of the year for language teachers, and a chance to celebrate success with the rest of the UK language teaching community.

Further information about the **Language Teacher of the Year Awards**, including timetable, nomination forms and eligibility criteria, can be found on our website: <http://tinyurl.com/LTOTYAwards>.

ALL would like to thank **Early Start Languages** and **Halsbury Travel** for their generous support of these awards.

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Notes to Editors:

1. **Language Teacher of the Year Awards 2016:** further information about our winners and pictures of them receiving their awards: <http://tinyurl.com/LTOTYAwards>
2. **The Association for Language Learning (ALL):** is the UK's major professional association for teachers of foreign languages, with around 4,500 members in all educational sectors: www.all-languages.org.uk
3. **Language World 2017:** Language World is the annual conference and CPD event of the Association for Language Learning – in 2017 it will be in Nottingham. <http://tiny.cc/LW2017>
4. **Early Start Languages:** Thousands of primary schools enjoy success teaching languages with Early Start Languages: www.earlystart.co.uk
5. **Halsbury Travel:** Halsbury Travel is a friendly, family-run school tour operator that specialises in tailor-made school trips abroad: www.halsbury.com
6. **Routes into Languages:** is a consortium of universities working together with schools and colleges, to enthuse and encourage people to study languages: www.routesintolanguages.ac.uk
7. **HEFCE:** the Higher Education Funding Council for England promotes and funds teaching and research in higher education institutions: www.hefce.ac.uk