

Routes into Languages and Association for Language Learning (ALL) Language Teacher of the Year Awards 2016

The three awards are:

Primary Language Teacher of the Year
Secondary Language Teacher of the year
Student Language Ambassador of the Year

The aim of the award scheme is:

- To support and promote language teaching
- To recognise the efforts and achievements of language teachers
- To encourage and disseminate exciting, motivating practice among language teachers
- To raise the profile of language teaching as a career

The awards recognise:

- Imaginative teaching which inspires language learning in students
- Exceptional commitment to the teaching and learning of foreign languages
- Exemplary contribution to the profession
- Work which inspires, informs and is shared with colleagues

Winners will receive:

- A £250 cash prize
- A one year group membership of ALL (to support you & your colleagues: for teacher award winners) or a one year student membership of ALL (for the Student Language Ambassador award winner)
- One day's attendance at [Language World Conference](#): 11-12 March 2016, Dunchurch Park, Rugby (conference attendance, standard class travel and accommodation will be paid).

Winners will be expected to:

- Attend the Awards Ceremony at Language World 2016, where they will give a 5 minute talk on their aspirations about the benefit of the award to their practice and their institution
- Complete a short case study outlining why it has been beneficial to them and their school to enter the awards and raise the profile of languages (Teacher Awards only)
- Submit one article for [Languages Today](#) magazine (theme and format to be agreed with the editor, but likely to be 'A Day in the Life')
- Attend and present at least one [Routes into Languages dissemination event](#) or at an ALL member network event local to your institution
- Present a 'Show & Tell' workshop or take part in a Q&A session at the [Language World](#) conference in 2017 (Teacher Awards only)

Nominations:

The scheme is open to all language teachers and student language ambassadors working in institutions in England.

- **For the secondary teacher awards**, secondary languages teachers may be nominated by their Head teacher, or by their Head of Department /Faculty.
- **For the primary teacher awards**, primary languages teachers may be nominated by their Head Teacher, or by a secondary colleague (who should be a languages specialist), or an ALL Primary Hub leader.
- **For the student language ambassador awards**, candidates may be nominated by a university or a Routes into Languages Regional Consortium, a school or a teacher.

All nominations must be made on the **official nomination forms:**

[Nomination form for Student Language Ambassador of the Year 2016](#)

[Nomination form for Primary Language Teacher of the Year 2016](#)

[Nomination form for Secondary Language Teacher of the Year 2016](#)

Submission of the nomination form indicates consent has been given by the nominee to put them forward. It is the responsibility of the nominator to seek this first.

Judging criteria:

Nominees for the teacher awards will be judged on the following:

Measure	Information	Evidenced by
Commitment to imaginative and high quality language teaching	Concrete examples from colleagues and learners	Nomination form Candidate's entry form Skype interview (for shortlisted candidates)
Sound progress and high levels of achievement and interest among students	Concrete examples from colleagues and learners, appropriate to the school phase in question	Nomination form Candidate's entry form Skype interview (for shortlisted candidates)
Role or initiative in developing a stimulating languages curriculum	Concrete examples from colleagues / senior leaders – could be a module, a scheme of work, other initiatives	Nomination form Candidate's entry form Skype interview (for shortlisted candidates)
Role in extra-curricular activities related to the teaching / promotion of language and culture in your institution / in your local community	Duration of activity over time (e.g. this exchange has run for the last four years...) Numbers involved	Nomination form Candidate's entry form Skype interview (for shortlisted candidates)

<p>Inspiring colleagues to develop their practice / significant contribution to development of other language teachers</p>	<p>Details of involvement in CPD activities (these could be within a department, a locality, regional or national)</p> <p>Number, variety of activity</p>	<p>Nomination form (CPD activity, dates etc.)</p> <p>Candidate's entry form (exemplification e.g. links to shared resources)</p> <p>Membership of professional groups and organisations</p> <p>Skype interview (for shortlisted candidates)</p>
<p>Excellent subject knowledge appropriate for the school phase at which the applicant is teaching</p>		<p>Nomination form</p> <p>Candidate's entry form</p> <p>Skype interview (for shortlisted candidates)</p>

Nominees for the Student Language Ambassador awards will be judged on the following:

Measure	Information	Evidenced by
<p>Quality and level of commitment to the student language ambassador role</p>	<p>Level of activity</p> <p>Imaginative and engaging ideas</p>	<p>Nomination form</p> <p>Candidate's entry form</p>
<p>Initiative shown in the role</p>	<p>Personal involvement in the conception and planning of activities</p>	<p>Nomination form</p> <p>Candidate's entry form</p>
<p>Esteem of colleagues in their university or consortium</p>		<p>Nomination form</p>
<p>High level of interest among the young people involved in Routes activity</p>		<p>Nomination form</p> <p>Candidate's entry form</p> <p>Skype interview (for shortlisted candidates)</p>
<p>Impact that the role has made on their own future plans</p>		<p>Candidate's entry form</p> <p>Skype interview (for shortlisted candidates)</p>

Judging:

A panel of experienced judges will assess entries against the awards criteria. Shortlisted candidates for each category will be interviewed by Skype.

ALL and Routes retain the right to long-list and short-list candidates. Judges reserve the right to request additional information electronically should this be required.

Winners of each category will be expected to attend Language World 2016 for a day (conference attendance, standard class travel and accommodation will be paid).

Eligibility Criteria:

Teacher awards

- Nominees for the primary language teacher category must currently teach in a primary (state or independent) in England
- Nominees for the secondary language teacher category must currently teach in a secondary (state or independent) in England
- Nominees must have been teaching for at least two full years at the time of their nomination
- Nominees must be able to demonstrate that they currently spend over 70% of their time teaching in the classroom
- Teachers of all modern languages (except English) are eligible
- Nominees are not required to be members of ALL

Student Language Ambassador Award

- Nominees (from a university in England) must be involved in student language ambassador activity to support and promote the teaching of languages.
- Nominees should have been involved in activity in the academic year 2014-2015.

All awards

- All nominations must be made on the [official nomination forms](#)
- All nominations must be received by the appropriate deadline
- Candidate entry forms completed by nominees must be received by the appropriate deadline.

Timetable:

- Launch: **Thursday 01 October 2015**
- Closing date for nominations: **Monday 30 October 2015**
- Closing date for full applications / collection of information from nominees: **Monday 01 December 2015**
- Shortlisted nominees will have been interviewed by Skype by **Monday 01 February 2016** and unsuccessful candidates notified thereafter
- Awards ceremony at Language World **11- 12 March 2016** at Dunchurch Park, Rugby

For further details please contact the Awards team by email at award@all-languages.org.uk.