

Press Release

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The Language Teacher of the Year Award 2015 and the Student Language Ambassador of the Year Award 2015

Many of us know a very special language teacher who inspires pupils through superb teaching and supports colleagues by sharing their expertise and ideas. Or we know a student language ambassador who motivates young learners, showing them that learning languages is exciting, cool and contributes to their future success.

We are therefore delighted to announce the launch of three awards to recognise this talent:

- the Primary Language Teacher of the Award 2015
- the Secondary Language Teacher of the Year Award 2015
- the Student Language Ambassador of the Year Award 2015.

The Association for Language Learning (ALL) is delighted to be working in partnership with Routes into Languages to launch the awards scheme. Grateful thanks are also extended to the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) for their support for the scheme.

The aim of the teacher award scheme is to support and promote language teaching and to raise the profile of language teaching as a career. The teacher awards will recognise exciting, motivating practice among language teachers, celebrating imaginative teaching which inspires language learning in pupils.

Additionally they will recognise language teachers who make an exemplary contribution to the profession by inspiring colleagues to develop their practice to provide a stimulating languages curriculum.

The aim of the Student Language Ambassador of the Year Award is to recognise the creativity, commitment and initiative of student language ambassadors who have encouraged, enthused and inspired language learners, as part of a Routes into Languages Programme.

ALL's President, René Koglbauer, commented: "What a fantastic initiative to celebrate examples of good practice across the languages community in English schools. With Routes into Languages and the Association for Language Learning, two renowned organisations are coming together to highlight to the profession, as well as the wider

community, the dedication of language teachers and Routes Student Language Ambassadors to inspire our future generation. I urge all school leaders, colleagues and pupils to join in by nominating their language teacher and/or Routes Student Language Ambassador.”

Professor Michael Kelly OBE, Director of Routes into Languages commented: “I am delighted that this award will recognise the outstanding work of teachers and student language ambassadors in languages. I know that there will be some exceptional nominations and I don’t envy the panel having to choose between them.”

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Notes to Editors:

1. **The Association for Language Learning (ALL):** is the UK’s major professional association for teachers of foreign languages, with around 5,000 members in all educational sectors. www.all-languages.org.uk
2. **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